

Kid Ease Parent Board Meeting  
 General Session Minutes  
 April 4, 2007

Attendees:

Board Members	Parents and Members	Discovery Tree
Andrew Hurst	Pam Biggins	Rebecca
Charlotte Clarke		
Analisa Bevan		
Michelle Martin		
Desa Donahue		

Agenda:

I. Introductions

II. Review and Approval of Minutes  
 March 7, 2007 minutes were approved.

III. Open Forum

- Kid Ease Website– Items can be sent to Meirve for posting. General information was deleted on the home page of the website and was replaced with the learning themes. Andrew is working on adding the photographer exhibit.
- Parent Concerns– Several parents brought up concerns.
  - 1) Gummy Bear given as rewards
  - 2) Watching videos – the parent recalls it could have been when many teachers were sick and staffing was low. (This issue was addressed and DT policy is one (1) educational video per month as it pertains to current class projects.)
- One parent said the Infant/Toddler Room has been very negative lately. She hears staff speaking loudly and often hears “Stop That!” instead of positive reinforcement. (The teachers often speak in a louder firm voice and using the term “Stop That” is an acceptable reprimand.)
- Plumbing Problem– the sink was clogged on the preschool side. It took Thomas Properties (TPG) a long time to fix it. TPG said that in the future they will charge for malicious damages. Kid Ease would like formal documented communication in the future, if TPG is going to bill for malicious damages. (Any work that takes over an hour to fix is the responsibility of DT and they will be billed, according to TPG. Michael Laufer will look into the contract regarding fix-it issues.)

IV. Action Items

- One of the dishwashers in the DT kitchen was not functioning so a motion to solicit funds in the amount of \$250 was approved.

V. Fundraising Report

- Preschool supplies will be ordered with the voted and approved funds. Becca is working on the list for the toddler and infant rooms.

Silent Auction-

Charlotte researched several storage unit locations and prices. The cheapest was found on Franklin Blvd. The Board would still like to consider other options but for now, we will use the unit on Franklin Blvd for \$65 per month.

VI. Budget Report

Andrew said “we’re good!”

VII. Julie Kuhn Scholarship Program Report

Andrew has provided the documents to the Board Members.

VIII. Google Groups for Parents

Information will be given in the next newsletter and also posted on the Kid Ease Website.

IX. Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 1, 2007 at 12:00 p.m. in Training Room 2 E&W, at the Cal/EPA Headquarters Building.