

Draft KidEase Parent Board Meeting
General Session Minutes
December 9, 2008

Attendees:

Board Members:

Stephanie Lee
Andrew Hurst
Isabel Baer
Desa Donahue
Leanne Kringer
Analisa Bevan

Parents and Members:

Tammy Silva

Discovery Tree:

Rebecca Foster

Agenda:

I. Introductions

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

III. Director's Report

- a. The school will have the following holiday schedule. Open full day 12/24, closed 12/25, closed 12/26, open half day 12/31 with no lunch being served on that day, and closed 1/1. The school will be open 1/2/2009.
- b. Please make sure your children are coming to school with shoes. Children without shoes will not be allowed to be dropped off.

IV. Tuition Increases

- a. The board approved a tuition increase of 5%. Becca will notify the parents that this tuition increase will be effective 1/12/2009.
- b. The breakfast club increase was discussed. The following questions were answered by Becca.
 - i. Do teachers eat breakfast? Yes, but only to model behavior to encourage kids to eat. If teachers are eating a lot, Becca will ask them to pay.
 - ii. Is there much excess food at the end of meals? No.
 - iii. How many families participate? The majority.
 - iv. Does Becca think families will drop out with the increase? No.
 - v. Are kids turned away from the table if they are not Breakfast Club participants? If its occasional, no, they are allowed to eat.
- c. The board did not vote on the breakfast club increase. The board will continue to discuss over email.
- d. The late fee increase was discussed. The following comments were made.
 - i. Becca explained that at \$10, parents don't take the late charge seriously enough to pay their tuition ontime.

- ii. Board Member comments
 - 1. The increase is potentially very serious especially in the face of the tuition increase and weekly payment schedule.
 - 2. It adds up fast if a parent has a particularly bad month.
 - 3. Since it's a fee assessed only if the tuition is late, its an increase that can be avoided by parents if they pay ontime.
- e. The board did not vote on the late fee increase. The board will continue to discuss over email.

V. Budget Report

VI. Parent Participation and Fundraising

- a. The silent auction was generally thought to be successful. There was some concern that the baskets went for less than the parents who donated spent on the contents. Becca suggested that there was actually too many kids projects.
- b. The board discussed possible ways the school could spend the proceeds from the silent auction. They include
 - i. Improvements or new tables for outside
 - ii. New computers, kid-friendly keyboards, and computer furniture. The board discussed the opportunity to get PC2Go computers from Intel at about half (\$365) the going rate for the latest model. They come with educational software and kid protective operating system.
 - iii. Becca stated that if the dishwashers continues to need bailing, she will want a new one.

VII. Fund Raising Report

VIII. Open Forum

- a. On elections for next year's board, we asked who wanted to run again and discussed who would continue their 2 year positions.
 - i. President – Analisa will be stepping down.
 - ii. Vice President – Leanne stated that she would run again.
 - iii. Secretary – Stephanie stated that she would run again.
 - iv. Treasurer – Lisa stated she would run again.
 - v. Parent Participation Director – Desa will continue her 2 year term.
 - vi. Back – up Secretary –
 - vii. Fundraising Director – Isabel will continue her 2 year term.
 - viii. Assistant Fundraising Director – Tammy Silva offered to run for this position.
 - ix. It was suggested to create an additional board member position. It would be a non-voting, assistant parent participation director.

- b. Teacher appreciation and Holiday gifts for the Teachers. Isabel will coordinate donations from parents for gift cards from Target for the teachers.

IX. Next Meeting

- a. January 13, noon to 1:00pm, Conference Room 110, Cal EPA headquarters.

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