



# **The Family Partnership Group *at the* Argonne Child Development Center**



ACDC Family Partnership Group Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 12:00pm  
951 – School Age Room

## **1. Recent Activities**

- a. Monthly Activity Calendar – No comments were given regarding November's activity calendar.
- b. Community of Cultures Week – We had fewer families sign up to participate this year than the previous two years. We will look at the timing and see if we can do something different in 2019. Two parents commented that their kids talk about the other parents coming into the classroom and doing activities with them.

## **2. Upcoming Activities**

- a. December Activities – Gayle passed around the calendars for the next quarter.
- b. Pajama Drive with Hessed House – Gayle will get information out to everyone this week about doing a pajama drive. Natalie had been the teacher who was the contact person for Hessed House. With her departure, Gayle will try to find another teacher to take on that role going forward. Look for an email this week!

## **3. Upcoming Holidays – Center Closures, please sign up for when you will be at the center over the holiday shutdown so we can plan for staffing and give as many teachers time off as possible.**

## **4. Faculty Appreciation**

- a. Birthday cards for the month will be completed and sent out to faculty.
- b. Holiday Luncheon, December 13, Omelet Bar by the Guest House is scheduled.
- c. Bin suggested getting the Faculty Favorite Lists out in mid-November next year so that families have the lists for Black Friday shopping deals and Target's 10% gift card purchases program they have around Black Friday. Gayle said she would put a reminder in the calendar for next year!

## **5. Parent Survey Results**

- a. My child's growth and development have been nurtured by participation in this program (3.79).
  - i. What are doing well on?
    1. Melissa said that Max comes home and knows something that she didn't know that he knew often.
    2. Anne Marie said she has been surprised at what they learn at school that they didn't think about doing at home, ie: toddlers drinking out of open cup, flip method for putting on coats.
    3. Melissa said she likes to see what they do at school so she can have them do it at home too.
    4. Kendra made a similar comment and also discussed the obstacle course.
  - ii. What do we need to improve on? No comments were offered.
- b. I feel my child is being prepared for future success in school (3.78).
  - i. What are doing well on?

1. Kendra likes that there is an expectation of responsibility even at the toddler age group, someone spills milk, the teacher asks them to get paper towels to clean it up. They have consequences for behaviors and they are handled appropriately by the teachers.
2. Bin said that she likes that the kids are taught to do things by themselves and that they then do the things for themselves after being taught. She also commented that there are differences between schools here and in China about reading readiness. She likes hearing from teachers what the expectations are here so she is prepared.
3. Pingping commented that she likes that we moved to two groups in Kindergarten Prep to help kids stay on track since we had so many stay for a second year.
  - ii. What do we need to improve on? No comments were offered.
- c. I am comfortable with the approach to limit setting for children (positive guidance and discipline) (3.76).
  - i. What are doing well on?
    1. Melissa commented that she just had her two parent teacher conferences and that the teacher share comments on what the kids are doing here and asking how do you want to handle this situation (like stealing toys from other kids). She likes that she can offer her opinion and then see what is going work here.
    - ii. What do we need to improve on? No comments were offered.
6. Treasurer's Report: \$1480.26.
7. Other:
  - a. Bright Horizons is rebranding their logo. We ask for your patience as we go through the center and rebrand all items that contain a logo. The new company website should be out sometime in January. Our center website has been updated but we are anticipating additional changes once the company one is launched.
  - b. Melissa Malaniuk discussed foster families needing car seats and other items. If you are getting rid of a car seat that isn't expired, please contact Melissa who is willing to drop it off so that a family who fosters kids can have them. Melissa will get Gayle the information for the update.
  - c. Bin wanted to know if we could have a facebook page for parents to sell things. Gayle talked about a family who left in August who sent Gayle a Google doc of information and Gayle put it in the update for families to contact the departing family directly.
  - d. Anne Marie has made the observation that some kids in her child's class including her own child seem to spend time in their cubbies when they are upset or needing alone time. She is wondering if there can be another area set up in the classroom for children who need this alone time space. Gayle said she would discuss with the teachers and see what they can come up with.
8. Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 8, 2019 as we are closed on January 1.

Attendance: Bin Liu, Kendra Kennedy, Pingping Sun (phone), Anne Marie March (phone), Gilles Doumy (phone), Melissa Malaniuk (phone), Gayle Burgher

**Conference Line Option:** If it is more convenient for you to call into our meeting, please use the following line: 888-886-4283, PIN 331-223-7774#.

**Current Room Representatives:** We have added the children's names next to parent names to help parents who do not attend a way to identify those parents who are Room Representatives.

Infants – Melissa Malaniuk (Madison Infants/Max PS)

Toddlers – Open Position

Twos – Jessica McChesney (Isaac), Janet Ford (Mabel Twos/Ruby SA), Yun Ji (Ethan)

Preschool – Qi Guo (Emily), Bin Liu (Chris), Cory Flowers (Michael), Anne Marie March (Elodie PS/Adele KPrep), Pingping Sun (Liz PS/Sophie KPrep)

Kindergarten Prep – Laura Lodewyck (Ella KPrep/Jack SA), Wenli Bi (Evan KPrep/Emily SA), Gilles Doumy (Elodie PS/Adele KPrep), Cassie Rubly (Ada), Fanny Simoes (Micah PS/Owen SA)