



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



ACDC Family Partnership Group Meeting Minutes Monday, July 2, 2018 at 12:00pm 951 – School Age Room

1. Recent Activities

- a. June Activity Calendar – We reviewed June activities. Corn on the Cob Day was a new one for us this year and was popular with the kids. In addition to eating the corn, they got to see and explore corn as a whole. The first Karen's Nature Tales went really well and Stories by Dot was lots of fun!
- b. Dance Recital – The event was fun and very entertaining. Anne Marie asked if we could get a bigger stage next year as they seemed crunched up with the stage was full. Gayle will inquire. Fanny asked if the Trail Family would be willing to share their video of the performance via BOX. Gayle will inquire.
- c. Father's Day Breakfast – Food was good, donuts were a hit. Less people than mother's day. Gayle & Sodexo will be doing one parent breakfast next year so that people don't feel they have to go to both.

2. Upcoming Activities

- a. July Activity Calendar – We reviewed the July activity calendar. No one had any questions.
- b. July Argonne Picnic – We will have an activity and marketing table at the employee picnic. We hope to see families there.
- c. August Center Picnic – Our center picnic will be August 3 at the Park Pavilion. Families can bring a dish to share and the center will have the main entrée. We will get a potluck sign-up sheet up and posted soon. The same face painter, Tamar, will be there as well.

3. Faculty Appreciation - Birthday cards for the month will be completed and sent out to faculty.

4. Parent Survey Results: We reviewed a few items from the parent survey. If other families have items they wish to add to these comments, please email Gayle directly. Thank you.

- a. Teachers responding to needs (3.69).
 - i. What is working?
 1. Flexible with children bring books and stuffed animals from home that they want to share
 2. Teachers make compromises to gain children's cooperation.
 3. Good job of having individual relationships with each child and know what is going on in each child's life so they can anticipate family needs.
 - ii. What needs to be improved?
 1. Reminders to go potty throughout the day for less accidents.
- b. Teachers supporting the family (3.66).
 - i. What is working?
 1. Two teachers anticipate our needs before we even know to ask. Recent week on beam and grandmother using train to pick up kids. They thought of diapering, snacks, blanket for the ride. It was super helpful.
 2. Teachers help child go potty and be ready for quick pick ups when I am running behind schedule.
 3. We like that our schedule can be flexible, coming in late, picking up early as our job demands without push back from staff.
 - ii. What needs to be improved? No comments at this time.
- c. Teachers listen to questions and concerns regarding my child (3.76).
 - i. What is working?
 1. Teachers are so supportive during potty training process. They have suggestions.
 2. Teachers supportive with other things like how should we deal with potty talk from our 4 year old. Tips from teachers are working.
 - ii. What needs to be improved? No comments at this time.

5. Menu Revisions – Gayle submitted the menu draft to the café. They are going through their corporate menus post getting the new contract so they are quite busy. We are hoping to have the new menus start soon.

6. Treasurer's Report: \$1743.03

7. Other:

- a. Anne Marie noted that Ms. Mikkell (music teacher) is leaving and are wondering if a new teacher will be hired as the enrichment has been really meaningful to her family. Gayle said that Amanda Foege hired a new teacher for the Skokie area but so far not one to work at the centers near here. Gayle is unsure if Amanda will continue to look for one here or if the new Regional Manager will be doing that. Gayle will keep everyone updated.
 - b. Fanny has a schedule change for Gayle to work on.
8. Next meeting will be Monday, August 6, 2018.

Attendance: Fanny Simoes, Anne Marie March, Gilles Doumy, 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 – Open Position

Toddlers – Janet Ford (Mabel Tods/Ruby School Age)

Twos – Pingping Sun (Liz Toddlers/Sophie KPrep), Anne Marie March (Elodie Toddlers/Adele K Prep), Bin Liu (Chris), Jessica McChesney (Isaac)

Preschool – Fanny Simoes (Micah Preschool/Owen School Age), Qi Guo (Emily), Cory Flowers (Michael)

Kindergarten Prep – Laura Lodewyck (Ella K Prep/Jack School Age), Wenli Bi (Evan K Prep/Emily School Age), Gilles Doumy (Adele K Prep/Elodie Twos), Cassie Rubly (Ada)

School Age – Natalie Evans (Alison)