

Irvine Community Nursery School
March General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 16th, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1st VP- Selena

- Welcome Guest Speaker: Michael Shackelford (see notes taken at end of document)

BREAK

1st VP- Selena

- Present proposed changes to Standing-Rules, Membership will vote at next GM
- Surveys to be completed by members who missed last meeting
- SPRING RECESS APRIL 3rd-APRIL 7th- NO SCHOOL
- Teacher Conferences will be held on March 29th and March 30th, sign up on the door
- Board Member Nominees for 2017-2018 Board of Directors:

President- Priscilla Cottone

1st VP- Selena Marshall

2nd VP- Amy Harris

Membership VP- Melissa Stoldt

Ways and Means- Wende Hernandez

Treasurer- Jennifer Hsieh

Secretary- THIS COULD BE YOU???

OCCPPNS- Katy Johnson

Newsletter- THIS COULD BE YOU???

Nominees will be voted in during the April General Meeting!

Membership VP- Melissa

- Collect registration forms and deposits for summer school and fall

Ways and Means- Wende

- Lamppost Pizza Cards - \$20 each, \$10 goes to ICNS!
- Ms. Donna's birthday restaurant fundraiser at Stonefire Grill: Wednesday, March 29th

Field Trip Coordinator- Priti

- Legoland/Aquarium: Monday, April 3rd \$27/ticket for adult and \$27/child
- Irvine Regional Park: Wednesday, May 10th
- Beach Day: Friday, June 2nd

Team Trike: Melissa and Katy

- Friday, March 24th from 10:00am-12:00pm

- all \$\$ is due tomorrow
- shirts are here, make sure you take them home
- sign up sheet for support during that day – sell raffle tickets, manning lunch table, etc.
check sign up sheet on school door
- location: big wheel park.
 - each resident of woodbridge pls bring every member's key card
 - association will come around & check for key cards
- in need of easy ups & 2 mighty light tables
 - ricardo graciously offered to pick up from evelyn
 - selena will bring easy up & table
 - everyone pls bring your own blankets & chairs
- face painter (Sarah H.) – we request each child being painted to give \$3+ donation
- raffle tickets - \$1 each, arms' length for \$20 (put your addr labels on them first)
- rsvp form: # of ppl, prepay for lunch etc.
- pledge is \$100 minimum, lunch \$ is extra (welcome to BYOL)
- every child needs to wear a helmet & closed toe shoes; if your child doesn't have something to ride on let us know

Earth Day Carnival- Jennifer Baky

- 4/21 10am
- not drop off, parents must stay esp this year will have self-operating directions
- Collection of recyclables – start saving your trash! don't bring to school until thurs. (next gen mtg)
 - trash to treasures – bring clean trash
 - save a book that can be swapped for a new book
- carnival style kids play w/ games
- we need parents to help out w/ face painting station
- need help w/ food sign-ups

Teacher Appreciation- Chelsea

- Teacher Appreciation Week May 1st-May 5th
- will find info in your child's folder
- provide meals; each day give special gift
- keep eyes open for neat gifts for our teachers

ICNS Campout- Virginia

- O'Neill Regional Park: May 6th (Sat) -May7th (Sun) near Rancho Santa Marguerita
- \$25 per family overnight (BYOTent or RV); attend event only \$15
- watch for Evite to RSVP
- collect \$ at april general mtg (deadline to RSVP then)
- will arrange for volunteers via sign up genius
- if we don't fill capacity, will open up to alumni
- can invite grandparents etc.

MS. DONNA

- got a check from iGive
- instructions on cleaning kitchen
 - clean dirt off the table w/ micro fiber, then use Clorox disinfecting wipes & leave wet to dry
- make sure you wash the dishes before turning on dishwasher
 - don't put anything in dishwasher w/ food on it b/c will clog it up
 - make sure you turn dishwasher on
- when putting supplies away – often teachers can't find them!
 - put things in like areas, or just ask if in doubt
- working day tardiness
 - imperfect system but best we can do
 - at 8:45am mark late on blank space
 - if you're going to be late, call first & few minutes late no big deal
- problem-solving & critical thinking – ICNS makes heavy emphasis to prepare our children
 - keep up the when where how why questions
 - routines & schedules – important to carry that on at home
 - reading magic by memm(?) fox; can loan it from ms. donna if interested
 - don't worry about your child not learning how to read
 - want to prepare them for things, but also want them living in the now
 - want them to relish those experiences they'd only have in preschool
 - think about the kind of human beings you want your children to become
- missing some items – magnetic letters etc. if find them in buckets pls return them to school

katy Johnson makes motion to approve minutes; selena second
meeting adjourned 9:27pm

KINDERGARDEN READINESS

IRVINE

- Irvine = one of the least funded districts in CA
 - least funded but good support from parents & teachers
- Irvine originally designated as agricultural community thus less funding
 - took an act of congress to change designation. to date congress has not approve change
- is your child gifted? it's too early to tell @ kindergarten
 - every child is gifted to be going to school in Irvine!
- Irvine gets served w/ more frivolous lawsuits than most other school districts
- Tustin vs. Irvine – Irvine is de-centralized where school makes most decisions on its own (one of the few in socal); Tustin is centralized & actually makes it easier

HOW TO GET THEM READY FOR KINDERGARDEN

- read, sing, cook with, play with, interact w/ your child; guessing games (ex. change things in the room & have them identify after 10-second absence)
 - nowadays school don't offer much food b/c of all the allergies; same w/ bday parties
 - thus cooking at home is really important to learn those skills they no longer teach at school
 - do not make electronics your children's primary caregiver
 - they're children they need to play & explore the physical world not the virtual world
 - get your child outside, get them social
- they don't see outside of their bubble nor beyond five minutes
 - therefore the repetition is so important
 - children learns via memorization, patterns
- social problem-solver
 - most of the jobs our children will have haven't been invented yet
 - best thing you can do is teach them to be a critical thinker
 - problem solving – child doesn't know how to deal w/ their pencil breaking
 - rather than always giving to your child, ask them "how are we going to get that"
 - teach them to be self-sufficient individuals; teach them real life experiences
 - imagine your first 5 minutes of a new job; that's how kids feel during kindergarten all year
 - even if they're reading harry potter at age 5, they're still developmentally age 5
 - some children still won't be reading by end of kindergarten, and that's totally fine
 - the important task is teaching them to be critical thinkers
 - letter sounds are more important than letter names
- teach them simple 2, 3 step directions
 - get jacket, go to your cubbie & get your lunch box – in the exact sequence. generally 50% of the kids succeed
 - teach child to listen whole instruction before start action
- build routines & schedules for your children
- teach them independence
 - counter w/ question: "what can we do about that?"
 - give them full glass of water & have them carry across to kitchen

- teaches them self-regulation, ie. slow themselves down
- be involved in your child's education ie. volunteer in the classroom
- common core national standard vs. CA vs. Irvine standard
 - CA has some of the most vigorous standards
 - gate program in Irvine is only for elementary school
- tips for particularly emotional child
 - don't tell them not to cry b/c that's not human.
 - instead ask "what happened? why are you crying? is it worth tears? did you need to waste water?"
 - inquire – "did they take it out of your hand, or did you leave it on table?"
 - model for them what happens in the real world
 - answer to everything: wet paper towel!
- transitional kindergarten
 - put in place to appease communities; schools don't like it b/c exclusionary but now it's the law
 - children born between 9/2 and 12/2 who would be four that time.
 - if birthday is 9/1 – if parent is concerned child is not ready for kindergarten, school will conduct an assessment. or parent just holds child back & doesn't bring him to school
 - not encouraged b/c red-shirting makes child more advanced by the next year in his class
- stop counting at home! instead work w/ child to follow directions the 1st time it's given
 - teach your child "when I say come here, I mean come here"
 - otherwise it's not worth having them do the first time
 - go over there & say "I said stop"
 - I'm not going to call your name 3 times
 - be ahead of your child when they're on to you
 - let them know when an adult calls them, respond the 1st time
- when child interjects discussion w/ something irrelevant
 - "ok but is it on topic?"
- kindergarten size: state max is 31
 - TK is often overlap program. only overlap when enrollment is down
 - if you have 62 students then can't overlap
 - get creative w/ library time, playground time, etc. so classroom never double-booked
- IPSF – offer summer school pgms; not run by IUSD but hire IUSD teachers
 - teach child social skills to be ready for kindergarten
- how to get kids to start reading
 - anytime you're driving: teach them McD sign and letter M
 - newspaper, magazine – finding letters. letter hunts finding letter F as many as you can
 - when you read to your child, track your fingers as you're reading the words
 - label the rooms & cabinets etc. simple directions for brushing teeth
- if child's going to be absent, must call office & let them know ahead of time
 - if child is out of school for 30 days or more in a row, will be un-enrolled
 - if absent after 3 days, school will send letter to parent that you're now truant
 - if chronically absent, may require doctor notes on all future absences
- some smaller campus can't accommodate all kids in neighborhood
 - then first come first served – online enrollment beginning in february

