

Date: February 18, 2016  
Time: 6:45pm  
Location: ICNS in Irvine

Start Time 7:06pm  
Members Present – see sign in sheets

Presenter – Sandy Avzaradel, Assistant Principal, ECLC. Kindergarten Readiness. Recommends no electronic screen time until age 2. Screen time after age 2 should be monitored. Screen time can affect brain and eye development. When adults talk too frequently, kids begin to tune out.

Kindergarten teachers appreciate kids who have self-regulation. The expectations for students entering transitional kindergarten and kindergarten are different. Many kids need more social and emotional development at the start of kindergarten.

90% of brain development occurs between birth and age 8. Different parts of a child's brain develop at different rates. December is a magical month of development. Many students enter kindergarten with the end-of-kindergarten academic skills mastered.

Students who turn 5 between 9/2 and 12/2 are eligible for transitional kindergarten. Kindergarten is not legally required. Many countries do not start formal school until age 7.

Parents' perceived expectations and kindergarten teachers' expectations often have differences. Expectations include: self-regulation, self-help skills – asking for needed items, separation from parents, initiate and engage in conversation with peers, problem solving, flexibility, self-direction, pay attention to non-preferred activities, awareness of others, write first name, use a functional grasp, recite some numbers, and use scissors.

Transitional kindergarten and kindergarten both last 200 minutes per day. Class size is capped at 31 students. Online enrollment starts on March 4.

Break at 8:19pm

Resumed at 8:34pm

### **Kristin**

Secretary board position is still open. Need 2 day parents to observe the 3 day class on Monday, 2/22. Need 3 day parents to observe the 2 day class on Tuesday, 3/1. Monday, 2/29, 9-10am, is the Bylaws Committee Meeting.

### **Jennifer**

Registration packets are available. 3/22 is the registration deadline. 3/23 is the day when registration opens up to the general public.

**Christine**

Trike-a-thon at Echo Park in Woodbridge. Pre-order pizza lunch is available. Other refreshments will be available for sale. Raffle will be held for various prizes which include Disneyland tickets, Orange Theory Fitness classes, night at the Hyatt in Newport Beach, and Giant Wheel Ride tickets at the Spectrum. A special raffle is available for families who donate more than \$100. Volunteers are needed for the event. Tables and a face painter is needed.

**Asako**

2/20 is cleaning day, 8am – 12pm.

**Braxton**

4/7 and 4/8 are the class photo and individual student photo days.

**Rachel**

3/7 is the Legoland field trip day. Cost is \$27 per person. Parking is \$15 per car. Ralph's grocery store field trip will occur on April 5.

**Rui**

Earth Day Carnival on 4/22 from 10am – 12pm. Siblings are welcome to attend. Recyclable materials are requested.

**Michelle**

Make-a-Plate. A flyer has been made distributed. Suggests practicing the drawing. Plates and bowls can be ordered. Plate is \$8 and bowl is \$8.

**Ms. Donna**

UCI – will have a form about parental consent of students to be part of a research project. The project is about food preferences. Consent form is due 3/1.

Requests that adults stay quiet in the lobby while waiting. Children should not stand on the furniture in the lobby. Out on jury duty on 2/23.

Kristin makes a motion to approve the minutes. Lindsey seconds.

Meeting ends at 9:06pm.