

Irvine Community Nursery School
March General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 20th, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

1st VP-Selena: Introduce Guest Speaker

- Peter Chang, Owner of The Child Creativity Lab (see notes at the end)

BREAK

President-Lindsey

- Vote in 2017-2018 Board of Director Nominees:

President- Priscilla Cottone	1st VP- Selena Marshall
2nd VP- Amy Harris	Membership VP- Melissa Stoldt
Ways and Means- Wende Hernandez	Treasurer- Jennifer Hsieh
Secretary- Ashley Sarmiento	OCCPPNS- Katy Johnson
Newsletter- OPEN	

- Nicole motions to approve board, Jen Hsieh seconds.

1st VP-Selena

- Vote on changes in By-Laws and Standing Rules
 - Tracy motions to approve, Nicole seconds

Ms. Tanya

- summer school – 4 days a week for 2 weeks
 - June 12-15, June 19-22

Ways and Means-Wende

- Lamppost Pizza Cards/MakIt Plates
 - pizza cards – sales end tomorrow; child who sells most pizza gets free pizza for a year
 - makeit plate – must turn in by next Friday
 - use one standard template; some products can choose background color
 - fundraising survey – only half the people have completed; please do it so we can gauge interest

Philanthropy-Brooke

- Introduce our next project: Bedtime Bags for the Orangewood Children's Shelter
 - items to include – stuffed animals, books, travel sized toothpaste, brush, NO blankets
 - will start collecting after camp out – 5/8 – 5/26
 - canvas bag etc. – used bag ok, no size restrictions
 - goal = one bag per family; can also donate money

Earth Day Carnival-Jennifer

- Friday, April 21st from 10am-12pm

Cleaning Scheduler-Yonna

- Saturday, April 22nd cleaning crew

Teacher Appreciation Week-Chelsea

- Information for the week of May 1st to May 5th
 - flyer included in child's folder & also email
 - still some teacher meal slots available
 - Mon. – bring a flower; tues/wed – handmade cards; thurs/fri – bring something for pamper bags

ICNS Campout-Virginia

- Saturday, May 6th to Sunday, May 7th at O'Neil Regional Park/2pm sat – noon Sunday
 - don't forget to RSVP
 - also submit your checks in the folder
 - per family - \$25 for overnight stay, \$15 just be there that evening
 - supply your own tent, firewood; food: potluck – more info to come

Dad's Dessert Night

- Friday, May 12th from 6:00pm-7:30pm
 - no siblings
 - storytime, scavenger hunt
 - need signups for ice cream, syrup; signup sheet to be circulated
 - bring <\$5 toy in paper bag & flashlight
 - bag will be included w/ invitation in child's folder

Field Trip Coordinator-Priti

- Upcoming field trips
 - if you still owe money, pls submit to jaden/2-day folder
 - wed 5/10 – OC zoo & Irvine regional park
 - zoo tickets \$2, <2 y.o. free
 - train tickets \$3, <12 months free
 - children's loop trail 2-mile
 - fri 6/2 beach field trip – save the date
 - take metro train to san clemente; train leaves ~8am, comes back 3pm
 - bring your own food
 - please note: school will not be in session during either of these field trip days

General Meeting Host-Ricardo

- Sign up for potluck general meeting in May/Prizes for best dishes in each category
 - main dish, dessert, appetizers
 - international variety welcomed
- When we bring snacks, notes to keep in mind
 - grapes – cut in ½ the long way
 - carrots – should cut lengthwise, not big disks
 - make sure everything is small enough to not be choking hazard
 - remind them to work on: take what you will eat & take no more

Selena motioned to approve minutes from March mtg, Chelsea seconds.

meeting adjourned at 8:43pm

Peter Chang/Child Creativity Lab

reason founded creativity lab

- read report re: study that creativity having been declining since the 90's
- creativity – something children need every single day, ie. critical thinking, problem solving
- reason for decline – testing, technology, screen time, budget cuts due to standardized testing
 - culture: we love our kids & give them so many programs & over-stimulate them
 - ironically, boredom is something that helps w/ our creativity
- IBM interviewed 1,500 CEO's – found that creativity was the one most important trait in leaders
- adobe education same study w/ employees – employees felt creativity was among top 3 qualities they needed to succeed & yet 83% felt they weren't creative enough
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business philosophy

- focus on fostering creativity in children
- go to schools, libraries, do hands on workshops
- incorporate engineering & art-based activities
- building blocks/raw materials are reclaimed materials from local businesses & individuals
 - ex. from medical device companies
- 70% of our programs are collaborative – kids work in pairs
 - everytime, end result is a different creation for each child
- allow the kids to learn through their mistakes
 - try never to tell them what to do. let them fail & get used to that
 - instead, probe w/ questions to help them through process
 - not about the end product but about the process
- 4-step process developed by Stanford design school
 - explore
 - imagine – plan out, visualize, sketch
 - creation
 - reflection – present creation & what liked & didn't like. what learnt

Q&A

- Q: how to encourage a child who's afraid of failure
 - A: build their confidence little by little
 - go w/ something easier & shower them w/ praise
 - hi five kids all day long

Ms. Donna's Input

- children coming out of college – lots of knowledge but little creativity
 - questions to ask: did you tinker w/ stuff, did you play outside often
- failure is so important, we can't protect our kids from failure
 - failure when young much less damaging than when older
 - let them learn how to deal w/ failure
 - b/c their feelings are not up to us, let the children learn about all the emotions

