

ICNS January General Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

Speaker, Donna- Talking with Children (Handout Given)

- The three Cs
 - Communication
 - Connection
 - Capability Building (teaching)- Must have the other 2 Cs before you can do this
- **Starting Conversations-** to build a connection with a child, you must get on their physical level, listen to them, and build their trust
 - Comment on what you see- non-judgmental observations
 - Ask questions that cannot be answered with yes or no
 - What are some things you have said to start a conversation with a child?
 - What are you making?
 - Tell me about your game
 - How was your day? (could be a one word answer though!)
 - What story did you hear today?
 - How did you build that tower?
 - Where is that train track going?
 - What are the three rules of school?
 - What can you say to enter into their play?
 - Can I join you?
 - What are you playing?
 - Observe and redirect if needed
 - I noticed you seem frustrated by the glue. What can we do?
 - How do you get a child involved in an activity?
 - Do you want to join?
 - Can you help me?
 - Look how much fun I'm having!
 - Have you ever done this?

- Market the activity and sell it!

- **Introduce Vocabulary and Ideas-**

- Children understand a lot more than they can verbally express
- They will understand new vocabulary in the context of what they are reading or hearing
- Don't dumb down the conversation
- Dramatic play is a good opportunity to introduce new terms

- ***Break into small groups to discuss vocabulary of different dramatic play centers***

- **Airport:** X-ray, security, flight attendant, cockpit, control tower, turbulence, passport, ID, luggage carousel, pilot, gate, boarding pass, take-off, vouchers, international, overhead compartments, layovers, weather delay, how to be considerate of others on a flight
- **Camping:** campfire, rustic, wilderness, lantern, flashlights, wildlife, sleeping bags, going on a hike, fishing, exploring, stargazing
- **Doctor:** co-pay, pharmacy, otoscope, tongue depressor, stethoscope, names of bones, taking care of your body, being healthy, staying safe, where is your heart?
- **Post office:** stamps, postage, measurement, dimensions, distance, mail trucks, letter carriers, coins, currency, money, sorting, bag, hat, badge, uniform, mailbox, address, P.O. box, ZIP codes, U.S. government, pony express
- **Space:** astronaut, rotate, gravity, telescope, orbit, solar system, stars, light years, galaxy, sun, oxygen, eclipse, space shuttles, Mars rover, atmosphere, meteor, comets, aliens, sunset and sunrise, light pollution, travel guided by the stars, what do you see in the night sky, planets and types
- Think about how you can connect by introducing concepts and vocabulary

- **Supporting Their Thoughts and Providing Feedback-**

- By describing and validating what the children know, you are showing respect and building self-confidence. Self-confidence is needed to act and speak out independently in the future.

- **Building listening skills-**

- Children are more apt to listen to a person if they are being listened to

- ***Break out into pairs to discuss and converse with other parents using conversation starters***

Break 8:03- 8:12

Donna, Director

- Holiday party THANKS!!
- International day was a success, the costumes and foods were fantastic
- IUSD health screening to test for vision or hearing problems. There will be a permission slip in your child's file. Fill it out and return to Donna. The nurse will come February 19 and 20.
- Field trip on January 31 from 10-12 to the Irvine Regional Park zoo and to ride the little train. When we are there, you will pay Miss Donna and she will pay for the group.
- Miss Donna will be in Connecticut from February 27- March 5.
- We need newspapers to cover the tables for art
- Heritage Park is going to be renovated and this school building will be torn down in 4-5 years. There will be stakeholder meetings held to determine how valuable this program is to the city of Irvine. The first one will be held on February 6, at 6:00pm at ICNS. We want to let the city know how valuable the school is to the community. We invite alumni and current families to come and talk about the importance and value of the school. This school is unique as an affordable co-op.
- Hop-To-It Awards! Given to Carey for caring for our outdoor area, and Karen for her laundry services. Thanks!

Melissa, President

- Preview day will be held February 26. We invite people to take a look at the school, and pre-enroll.
- Enrollment packets will be given at next month's general meeting for returning families
- General meeting attendance and fines reminder
- Next board meeting will be February 7th, not January 31 as stated on the calendar

Serena, Fundraising

- Miss Bushra's birthday dinner will be held February 5, at 5:00pm at Square One Pizza in the Oak Creek Shopping Center
- We are still selling Jamba Juice cards

Melissa (on behalf of Katy), OCCPPNS

- Convention will be held March 9. Tickets are for sale on the convention website. You can use the discount code: 4UOC
- Keep an eye out for an email from Katy this weekend

Ashley, Secretary

- Vote to approve the October and November general meeting minutes. Melissa makes motion to approve the October and November general meeting minutes, Brooke seconds the motion, the motion passes.

Elham, Daddy pancake breakfast

- Dads, children, and siblings all are invited to the school for a pancake breakfast on Saturday, February 2, from 8:00-10:00. Volunteers need to arrive at about 7:30
- Sign-up sheet passed around

Brooke, Trike-a-thon

- The whole family is invited to join at Echo Run Park on Friday, March 22, from 10:00-12:00
- This is a mandatory fundraiser. All families must donate \$125, due by Friday March 15. You can collect these donations from families, friends, neighbors, and coworkers.
- All children will race, there will be lunch, pastries, face painting
- We are accepting donations for raffle baskets
- Brooke welcomes any and all help on the day of- manning booths, picking up pizza, set up and clean up
- Flier handed out

Meeting adjourned at 8:50