

## Parent Meeting Minutes – September 22, 2007

I would like to start off by thanking everyone who came out on a Saturday for the parent meeting. There were 22 parents in attendance.

1) Fundraising: We are just finishing up the Pie fundraiser. The Pies will arrive on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. Our next fundraiser is going to be the Sunsweet Greeting Cards. The order forms will be in the cubbies this week. There will be a display of the Hand made Christmas cards. We would like to have one fundraiser a month until we reach our goal. As mentioned in a previous email we are fundraising for a new play structure that is smaller for the toddlers. Some of the toddlers find the current play structure too big and they tend to stay away from it. It was suggested that we also do a bake sale or some other type of public fundraiser. We are going to look into doing this. 20% of funds raised will be donated to World Vision.

2) There has been some concern about the children not having access to drinking water when they are on the playground. Before the summer Trudy purchased water bottles for all the children. We will have the bottles filled and they will be available to the children at different intervals during outdoor play.

3) Please remember not to park in the little road way between the two driveways in the Church parking lot. You can park along the fence or either side of the church.

4) During drop off in the morning and at pick up in the afternoon, please do not send your preschool child upstairs to get ready or to get their things at the end of the day. It is just a safety issue. We wouldn't want them getting their fingers jammed in the door, fall down the stairs, or decide to walk out of the building.

5) Halloween – The classes will be having Halloween parties. Please do not send your child in with a super hero costume. The children tend to try and take on the super powers when they are in these costumes. Also, the Sr. Preschool room is doing a theme of Disney Characters for their party. There are lots of great ideas for costumes for Disney characters.

6) Christmas Closure – Christmas Eve is on a Monday this year. Rather than opening for a partial day on Christmas Eve the center will be closed. We will be closed Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday that week.

7) Music – parents in attendance were commenting on how much the children are enjoying the take home package. They are getting a lot out of the program. After hearing all the good comments and thinking about it we are going to make it mandatory for all children scheduled on music days to be enrolled with the take home package effective January.

8) Trudy has started the French program for the preschoolers. They enjoyed their first class. The children enjoy getting up in front of their peers and saying the French words. It

is a confidence builder and helps with self esteem. Trudy is going to do up sheets as to what they are learning so that parents can go over it with the children at home.

9) Naptime routine – there was a concern about what the Sr. Preschool children that do not sleep do during quiet time. Once they are settled on there beds one of the teachers reads from a chapter book for a half hour. Any of the children who are going to fall asleep do so at this time. For those who are still awake after this half hour they get puzzles, books, or quiet time toys for the remainder of quiet time.

10) Photos – the proofs are now in. The teachers will be passing them out. If you have a concern that a picture is not centered, or there is a runny nose, hair out of place, etc. but you would like that picture the photographer can fix the picture. You just have to make a note on the envelope as to what you want done.

11) Jr. Toddlers moving up to Sr. Toddler – We try to move the Jr. Toddlers according to age. However, there are times when a younger child is more emotionally, and cognitively ready to move up. In that case we move the younger child. Children can only move up into the next room when a space is available.

12) Big school – in the past if your child did not turn 5 on or before October 1<sup>st</sup> they had to wait until the next year to go to big school. They are changing the cut off date to Dec.31<sup>st</sup>. In order to prepare the children for school we are trying to get the children that fit this category into the Sr. Preschool room.