



Pekin/Green Valley Parent Committee Minutes

Date November 19, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 9:15

Members in Attendance:

Pekin: Kim Rybolt, Brittany Butcher

Green Valley: Maya Brewster

Staff in Attendance: Kimberly Severns, Lindsey Markle

Breakfast: Spudnut Donuts, Dunkin Donut Coffee

Minutes: Each parent was given a packet that included the following: Agenda, variety of recipes to help with fine motor skills, benefits of stress balls for children fact sheet, supplies to make 5 stress balls.

Kim went over the upcoming events that are happening in Nov. and Dec. since we have short months. She promoted the Eat, Play and Grow Webinar that is happening through the U of I extension program. She talked about Ready Rosie and that as families watch them make sure to comment to get entered into a drawing for a free tablet. She talked about how Santa will be visiting the kids via Zoom this year. The Pekin Lion's Club will bring hats, gloves, and a candy cane for the children that will be handed out by staff members.

The parents brought their ideas for Christmas presents for the kids to the meeting. Everyone voted and decided that the Parent Committee would like to fill a stocking for each child. They will spend approximately 6-7 dollars per child. Ms. Kim will order everything online and have it shipped to her house. She will fill the stockings and we will pass them out the last day of school Dec. 18th.

The parents decided we would do a parent activity in March.

Classroom Updates:

Pekin:

Lynel/Cheryl-We are learning about manners for the upcoming holiday. We hope all the children use some good manners at home as well as at school. At the end of our study we will have a tea party to show off these manners we have learned. We will be doing activities about the gingerbread man soon and we will be making one to eat. They are doing great with their manners so far!

Peggy/Christina-

We are talking about who and what we are thankful for. Along with being thankful we are discussing and learning ways to be helpful at home and school. The children are also learning about how and what we will need to cook a turkey.

Tammy/Becky-

We are working on a Thanksgiving, things we are thankful for and counting with nuts. We will soon be learning what maps are and how to use a map. We will use this new knowledge and a map to help the classroom find the Gingerbread man!

Green Valley:

Debbie/Dawn-We have been learning about nocturnal animals and turkeys. We've been focusing on math skills, rhyming and letter sounds.

Make It Take It: Ms. Kim introduced Stress Balls to our parents. She explained how we use it in the classroom and how the parents can use it at home. They made a set of Stress Balls for their home out of balloons and playdough. After they filled the balloons with play dough, they used a sharpie marker to draw different expressions on their balloons (happy, sad, angry, frustrated). She explained and showed them the methods of how and why we use them. For example: they can help a child that struggles sitting on the carpet during story time. They can use them if a child is upset to figure out how they are feeling. It also can be used to strengthen the muscles in their fingers which helps with fine motor. She printed out information as a reminder for parents when they are at home. She also printed out fun recipes that the parents can make at home with their children to help strengthen their fine motors which helps with their pencil grasps.

We voted for a Policy Council Rep: Kim Rybolt volunteered to be our Pekin Rep. for Policy Council.

Next Meeting Date: Wed. Jan 20, 2020

Door Prize Winner: Maya Brewster

Breakfast next month: Trefzger's

Meeting Adjourned: 10:13