



## **Pekin/Green Valley Parent Committee Minutes**

**Date 4/29/21**

**Meeting was called to order at 10:10 A.M.**

**Members in Attendance Virtually:**

**Pekin: Ashley Greving, Deb Rathmel, and Sarah Russell**

**Green Valley: Maya Brewster**

**Staff in Attendance: Kimberly Severns**

**Breakfast: Spudnut Donuts**

**Minutes:**

**Each parent was given a packet that included an Agenda, Information, and supplies on ways to learn colors and numbers. Which included ten different colored pipe cleaners. Tags with numbers and colors. Beads for each pipe cleaner to match the number and color.**

**We started out the meeting with Introductions and the results of the Spring Activities.**

**Kim explained what the \$2.00 per child campaign was. The committee voted unanimously Yes to give.**

**She went over upcoming events this month at school which included Memories with mom & Mother Figures, Policy Council, Last Day of School.**

**Classroom Updates:**

**Pekin:**

**Peggy/Christina- We will be working on the different kinds of weather. (Cloudy, rainy, windy, and stormy). We will make puffy clouds made from shaving cream and glue and make umbrellas to stay dry. We will be working on writing their names and writing numbers.**

**Lynel/Cheryl-** We are finishing up our Earth day theme this week. Our caterpillars are still growing and have not made cocoons yet. We are watching them closely. We made our own earth planets for our bulletin board, read books about taking care of our planet, and even planted some seeds. Our next unit will be, On the Farm. We will explore farm animals and some food that grows on the farm. We will continue to work on skills, the children going to kindergarten, need to succeed.

**Tammy/Becky-** The children in these few weeks have been exploring and growing plants, learning that worms can help the soil (just not the jumping worm, lol), and that we eat many parts of plants to keep us healthy. They were surprised that we also eat flowers(broccoli). Some friends who say they do not like broccoli tried it one more time because now they know they are flower buds. We are also learning that plants do not only grow in dirt. We have a science experiment of growing a romaine lettuce head in water.

**Johnnie/Chelsie-** We have started talking about spring and planting. We are enjoying watching our vegetable plants grow and change daily. Ask your child about which vegetable they chose to plant!

### **Green Valley:**

**Debbie/Dawn-** We are hatching butterflies. We will be learning about insects and working one Mother's Day gifts.

**Make It Take It:** Ms. Kim went over all the supplies. She explained how we teach through play at Head Start and this is a great example. You will be working on colors and numbers with this project. With your child match the tag color with the pipe cleaner. Wrap the tag around the pipe cleaner so that a number is on one side and a color is on the other side. Let your child find the bead that matches that color in the bag of beads provided for you then have them put it on the pipe cleaner and count the beads. This activity is used as a math activity as well as a fine motor activity. As your child places the beads on the pipe cleaners, they are also strengthening their fine motor muscles, hand-eye coordination, and pencil grasp. They are recognizing and learning colors and numbers.

**Last day of school:** Kim proposed the Teachers ideas to the board.

They decided that Parent Committee would a lot them up to 1500.00 to spend on the last day of school. They will be having a carnival themed party in each classroom. The committee will buy 4 games per-classroom. Some will be made by Ms. Kim and Parents. They would like for Ms. Reyna and Ms. Kim to do a Sundae Cart (they will decorate a food cart to look like an ice cream truck) and go around to each classroom, so every student gets a sundae made the way they want. The money for that will come out of the 1500.00. The committee voted

on sprinkles, toppings, spray whipped cream, cherries, and a variety of ice cream. They would like to order prizes for the children when they play the games in the classroom and voted on Tattoos. They also voted to buy Popcorn and a small drink for each child if the teachers decide to do a movie room with a carnival type cartoon. Head Start will provide the popcorn maker. At the end of the day, they would like to find someone that would be willing to dress as a clown and hand out cotton candy. Ms. Kim will check with staff members to see if she can find a volunteer.

The parent committee would like to give a gift to each child at the Pekin and Green Valley sites that will include: a bucket, bubbles, sidewalk chart, squirt guns, sunglasses, and a 5.00 gift card from McDonalds.

Ms. Kim will oversee ordering all the things needed for this day, Maya offered to help shop. The committee parents also offered to help at school if they would be allowed in.

Ms. Kim Thanked the Parents for being a part of Parent Committee this year. She let them know that being a part of Parent Committee made a difference in their child's life and all the children in our school and looked forward to some of them coming back next year.

**Door Prize Winner: Maya Brewster**

**Meeting Adjourned: 11:25**