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## HARTLAND COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January 2018

*"To understand is hard. Once one understands, action is easy." Sun Yat-sen in ExchangeEveryDay*

### THANK YOU

**Heather White** – for providing and or arranging food and drink for the Read With Me Now program participants

**Nikki Raney** – for providing child care during the Read With Me Now sessions

**White River Dentists** – for donating the toothbrushes and toothpaste that the children received in their HCNS Christmas stockings

### WEEKEND CLEANING

There are a number of weekend cleaning “opportunities” available in the classrooms. Remember that extra (more than the one time required) weekend cleaning counts towards the “other” requirement of family participation. If you need participation options, please consider signing up for an additional weekend. There are more weekends in the school year than families to cover the weekends. **We will assign the weekends that are not signed up for by the next HCNS board meeting to families that have already cleaned once, or are scheduled to clean once for the year, by using a lottery system (draw names).**

### SAVE THE DATE – SPRING CONCERT SCHEDULE

We have received permission to use additional space in the Recreation Center for some of our spring concerts. Here are the dates and locations (More information will come to you in May):

**Mrs. Harriet’s and Mrs. Bonnie’s Morning Class** – In the classroom Tuesday May 22

**Mrs. Harriet’s and Mrs. Bonnie’s Afternoon Class** – Downstairs under the classroom Tuesday May 22

**Miss Tiffany’s and Miss Michelle’s Morning Class** – Downstairs Wednesday May 23

**Miss Tiffany’s and Miss Michelle’s Afternoon Class** – Downstairs Thursday May 24

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2018

**Present:** Tiffany Tucker, Heather White, Harriet Dumas, Val Raney, Britt Metivier, Meggan Wehmeyer, Liz Frederick

**Approve December minutes:** approved

**Sam Drazin from Changing Perspectives** discussed his curriculum

- They already have programs in place in elementary schools (including Hartland Elementary School)
- The pre-K program would be a pilot program, which means the curriculum would be provided free of charge for the first year.
- 5 learning units provided: Understanding Empathy, Using Kind Language, Being a Good Friend and Community Member, Learning About Others, and Interacting With Others
- They provide a rotating lending library
- Fees would be charged the second year, if HCNS opted to continue with them. Fees are flexible according to ability to pay.
- A staff member would come visit the classroom to observe how the curriculum is being

used

- Online planner
- There's some overlap with Second Step, which we already use. Some programs are using them side-by-side successfully
- The board agreed it was a good idea to pursue.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Savings \$38,118
- Val still planning to connect with American Funds to start investment fund
- Checking \$51,049
- Net Gain: \$10,039
- The board agrees that we authorize Mascoma Savings Bank to remove Sarah Taylor Dunne and Kristin Fauci from the signature card.
- HCNS would like to add Meggan Wehmeyer & Heather White to the sig
- Board approved spending \$600 on QuickBooks
- Brainstormed spending ideas:
- Dinners provided (especially for kids with Mrs. Bonnie) at board meetings
- Several caregivers have mentioned paying someone to clean on weekends
- the board thought this would take away from the school's cooperative ideals
- Val motioned to keep the 3 aiding days per semester and weekend cleaning as requirements for caregivers
- decided to have a cleaning service deep clean (including cleaning windows) in August and at February break
- Liz will contact someone for quotes at the next meeting
- Transportation to and from 4 Corners. With higher enrollment, it's getting harder for 4C's staff to transport so many kids.
- Val will research prices

### **Admissions**

- Val sent an email to current families on 1/1 that registration is open for returning families
- 10 registrations received so far (including 3 new students)
- 1/18: Open House @ 5:30-7:00
- food will be provided
- After Open House, the board will discuss whether to continue with 4 classrooms
- Will also table conversation re Harriet's retirement until after Open House and we have an idea of enrollment numbers
- Val will write herself a check for bookkeeping as previously discussed (\$100/month)

### **Director's Report**

- Harriet's working on Year 3 of the Stars application, which means it's a shortened version; deadline is 2/7
- Fitness program at Hartland Wellness Center went really well: will separate 3- and 4-year olds for future outings, since the different age groups' skill levels differed. Board okayed additional cost this would bring
- Harriet plans to continue going once a month

### **Operations**

- Some families have only aided once
- Liz will make sure families who were here last year know that aiding has increased to 6 from 4
- Liz will send an email to each caregiver letting them know their status of aiding
- Britt will include a note when she emails the agenda reminding parents to update their aiding/activity page so that it's current for the next board meeting

### **Other Business**

- Tiffany would like to schedule a trip to a fish hatchery in the spring

- she will research locations and regulations regarding how far away students can be transported

February 14, 2018

Quotes for cleaning (windows, carpet shampooing)

March 14, 2018

Theater trip bus

April 11, 2018

May 9, 2018

June 13, 2018

October, 2018

Discuss Christmas gift options

### **Songs and Finger Plays**

#### **Fish Finger Play**

*(From Miss Tiffany's classroom)*

Have you ever been fishing on a bright and sunny day,  
And seen the little fishies swimming up and down the bay,  
With their hands in their pockets,  
And their pockets in their pants,  
And all the little fishies doin' the hootchie-cootchie dance?

#### **Five Little Snowmen**

*(Mrs. Harriet's classes have been acting this out, using laminated snowmen and sun puppets, and numeral cards)*

Five little snowmen all in a row, five little snowmen made out of snow.

Out came the sun and it shone all day.

And one little snowman melted away.

*(Continue for 4, 3, 2 and 1 snowman)*