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**HARTLAND COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
May 2108

*"Disappointments are to the soul what thunderstorms are to the air."*  
-Johann C. F. von Schiller in ExchangeEveryDay

**THANK YOU**

The HCNS teachers appreciate all the generous Teacher Appreciation Week gifts and good wishes!

**Heather White** – for organizing and running the HCNS Annual Fun Run, and to all who contributed in any way

**Nikki Raney** – for compiling the results of the recent HCNS program survey, and presenting them at the May board meeting

**CHANGE IN SCHEDULED PLANS**

\*The afternoon classes' hiking trip to Mt. Tom was canceled because there was no school bus available. Scheduled instead:

\***Friday May 25** – Miss Tiffany & Miss Michelle's morning class and both afternoon classes will walk to Hartland Elementary School to visit their outdoor classroom and have a brief walk through of the school

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Hartland Cooperative Nursery School Board Meeting**  
**May 9th, 5:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Britt Metivier, Meggan Wehmeyer, Nikki Raney, Heather White, Val Raney, Katelyn Holloway, Harriet Dumas, Bethany LaHaye

**Caregiver Feedback**

- Greta Marchese interested in being on the board
- Having pizza at board meetings might encourage more parents to come to board meetings - Board decided to rotate bringing pizza - Val will bring for June meeting
- Would it be easier to have board meetings downstairs (at full-sized tables)? Might be conflicts with other events. To be discussed further in the future.

**Approve March Minutes** - approved

**Treasurer's Report**

- Checking = \$7,868.62, savings = \$19,122.51, investment account (original was \$50,000) = 49,388.67
- Currently at a loss of \$3,000, but payments from school districts still due
- Bus company for 4C transport - First Student: \$300-400 a week
- Heather will talk to Hartland ES bus driver
- Possible to have Hartland "employ" someone to drive 10-passenger vans owned by Rec Center? (Val will look into)

- Shuttle services?

### **Admissions Report**

- Adjustments to website, including took off participation record
  - consolidated forms
- 38 enrolled (3 classrooms? 2 morning, 1 afternoon); Val will look into numbers for having 4 classes with only 38 students
- Val gave paperwork to 4C's overlapping students
- Paperwork is coming in

### **Director's Report**

- Trip to Lebanon Opera House went well
- Teachers will meet with district kindergarten teachers
- Fun Run - Harriet and Tiffany won't be here - at conference
- Tie-dying of Fun Run shirts went well
- Storage space in rec center should work - Harriet will take care of this this summer; will look into storage shed downstairs
- End of the year activities - includes trip to Hartland Elementary School outdoor classroom and Paradise Park (where Windsor has their Forest Friday).
- AM class going to Cobb Hill on 31st
- Last day of school is Thursday, June 7th

### **Operations Report**

- ~1/3 of families have gone above and beyond participation requirements
- Some families had a hard time completing requirements
- Binders work well - some benefits to online tracking, but not worth the logistical mess

### **Fun Run**

- Heather and Val to get hot dogs and condiments
- Harriet will resend SignUp Genius link
- Girl Scouts will man the grill and help serve - they'll be there at 11:00

### **Hiring Committee**

- we need to post on Schoolspring - Val, Nikki, and Harriet will post general postings (with an emphasis on a Special Ed endorsement)
- Harriet - to have AM class only, with lower number of enrollments and her move toward retirement
- FT head teacher hire - AM & PM classes
- Bonnie - AM w Harriet, PM with New Hire
- Assistant Hire - AM aide
- Discussed the possibility of having just a teacher, no teacher's aide - max is 10 students and it would be really challenging for the head teacher
- A hire as "floating aide"?
- Final decision for enrollment with 3 classroom model: Can accept 7 more students - 15 students for 3 classrooms; 45 cap
- Katelyn interested in joining committee

### **Survey Results**

- Pick-up & drop-off - will remain the same. Some good suggestions, but not practical (teachers need a lunch between classes to prepare for afternoon classes)
  - Some parents said the afternoon pick-up time conflicted with their older kids' bus drop-off.
  - We'll let parents know that buses can drop off at Rec Center
- Aiding: some parents unhappy with requirement
  - Stress aiding responsibility at Open Houses - it's an integral part of the school and there are other preschools in the area without the requirement that might be a better fit
- Aiding schedule
  - Some parents said it would be easier to sign up online
    - The board decided to keep the paper calendar. Teachers are fine with parents emailing them to check on schedule (can email photo of paper calendar and sign up for them)
  - Some caregivers were disappointed that the aiding calendar was full - we can let caregivers know that having 2 aides is always an option
  - Open House - tell them to come with available dates to aide
- Facebook - 7 spots left, let people know that they don't have to live in Hartland
  - "Serving Hartland and Beyond"
- Blog - Harriet will add option to subscribe next year so that caregivers will receive email when there are new posts
  - Sheet to have caregivers write email to subscribe at Open House?
- Board Meetings: difficult time (dinner will help)
- Testimonials for website and Facebook page?
- Snack - don't accept junk food, Harriet will make sure appropriate snacks are in both classrooms

#### **Board Positions**

- Secretary - Greta Marchese interested?
- Operations - Heather
- Fundraising - Katelyn
- Admissions - taken off Val's plate for a different board member?
- Social Media -?
- Curriculum/Co-President - Nikki
- Co-President/Personnel – Bethany

#### **Next Board Meeting**

June 13, 2018 5:30 p.m.

Babysitting and pizza provided