

Turlock Nursery School Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 6:00pm
Location: The Perkins' Home, 1438 Sycamore Street, Turlock
1st Regular Meeting of 2021-2022 School Year

1. Meeting called to order: 6:17 pm
2. Attendees: Lauren Bettencourt (President), Jaime Dunn (Director), Mike Abram (Tuition Coordinator), Cassie Abram (Secretary), Breanne Perkins (VP), Tori Morgan (Work Party Coordinator), Julianne Silva (Scheduling), Emily Ruiz (Historian), Emilee Shakelford, Tiffany Singh
3. Financial/budget update
 - a. (New Agenda Item) Reimbursement request: Jaime Dunn for annual school supplies (birthday bags, new books and items for classroom themes) totaling \$529.37
 - i. Emily moves to approve the reimbursement for Jaime, Lauren seconds the motion. Vote: Motion approved unanimously
 - b. Awaiting Official Profit and loss statement from CPA
 - c. Current bank account balance \$21498.79 in checking, Emergency fund CD \$9467.15
4. School business
 - a. BrightWheel - new platform for collecting tuition, parent work day scheduling, signing in and out, parent communication groups. Set-up is still ongoing and the platform will be described more at orientation once Jaime gets all families in the system.
 - i. Cost to school \$60 per month - Jaime to seek reimbursement once she is sure it will work for our needs
 - b. Mask/COVID policies updates
 - i. Multiple sources (CDPH, CDC, etc) state all people working in classroom (adults) need masks. Children enrolled do fall under mask mandates as over age 2
 - ii. CDPH requires employee vaccination status be documented in employee files; parent volunteers not required by CDPH
 - iii. Last school year, children did not wear masks as it was decided it did not align with the social-emotional focus of the school.
 - iv. Cassie moved to discuss children wearing masks in the classroom, Lauren seconds. Reasons for no student masks thus far:
 1. Uncertainty about if it is truly licensing requirement vs recommendation

2. Mask downsides are difficulties with taking verbal and facial cues between adults and each other. Hinders social and emotional development?
 3. Issues with kids keeping them off or trading masks or spread of germs with touching masks
 4. Concerns about enrollment (will parents pull kids if masks are required?)
 5. At this time, majority position is no mask wear will be required for children indoors
- v. Lauren moves to set up an informational survey about parent COVID policy preferences, Emily seconds. Vote: Tiffany abstains, all others vote in the affirmative for the survey
 1. Survey questions: Do you want masks on kids? Will masks change family decisions to be enrolled? Are parents willing to provide vaccine status if it becomes required?
 2. Survey to be sent before orientation
 - vi. Plans to revisit topic later in the year
- c. Carpet cleaning - Jaime requesting funding for carpet and tile cleaning, expected costs \$200 for the carpet, \$250 for the tile
 - i. Lauren moves to budget maximum \$500 for floor clearing, Breanne seconds. Vote: Unanimously approved.
 - ii. To discuss later: issue of monthly deep clean, with professional cleaner vs teachers may be able to clean in end of work day hours
 - d. Play date in lieu of warm up week - Parent & Child Playdate on Wednesday August 11 from 10 - 12 pm for children to come to school and get comfortable, meet the teachers
 - i. Lauren moves to approve cost for teacher pay for Parent & Child Playdate day, Tori seconds, Vote: unanimously approved
 - e. Orientation outline - Jaime shared agenda for orientation. There will be time for families to meet with board members about tuition payments, work parties, etc.
5. Board business
- Fundraisers: Historically 2 big fundraisers with expected profits \$5-10K per event expected. Netos fundraiser in Spring 2021 made \$6K
- a. Upcoming fundraisers
 - i. Kids Art Night vs Silent Auction
 - ii. Apple Chick - selling caramel apples orders starting September 13, turn in October 4th
 - iii. Others? Ideas: Multiple food drive ups (fall and early winter), Poinsettia sales for Christmas
 - iv. Plan to do Neto's food drive through, early November, selling 3wks before. Consider Art Night event with silent auction in Spring 2022
 - b. Orientation preparation: Work party prior to orientation for Board members? (See part C)

- c. Maintenance needs pre-opening: Sprinkler repair, ensure safety of outdoor equipment, tree trimming, general cleaning of property
 - i. Mon 8/9 & Tues 8/10 (9 am onward) board members will clean and do necessary maintenance items. Kids can come, but may need to stay outside and be monitored by their own parent.
 - ii. Pest control coming Monday 8/2 for indoor and outdoor treatment - do not come to school property on that day.
 - iii. Fire extinguishers up to date.
 - d. List of Costco items needed: Lauren to seek donations from Costco, Jaime to get back to us with needed items. Most likely (paper towels, TP, Dixie cups).
 - e. Interest in Parent Cooperative Preschools International membership?
 - i. National organization for parent co-op schools. Costs \$75 a year (best to start at the beginning of the calendar year). Benefits include eligibility for grants for teacher professional development, parent retreats.
 - ii. To be discussed further at future board meetings.
6. Housekeeping
- a. Newsletter items - Jaime will send newsletter before orientation. Postcard to come with invitation to orientation and Parent & Child Day.
 - b. Current enrollment is 13 in TTH and 12 in MWF. Jaime recommends maximum enrollment 20 per classroom.
 - i. Continue to promote enrollment - Yes
 - ii. What platforms? Facebook groups, library when it opens
 - c. (New Agenda Item) Board Resolution for licensing office: updated contact information for current board of directors - Board members to sign for filing to state
 - d. (New Agenda Item) Board member emails: VP and Work Party Coordinators need access
7. New business/open forum
- a. Future goal of school publicity in 209 magazine/ Turlock Living
8. Next regular meeting Thursday August 26th at 6 pm, location TBD
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm