At the Core of Co-ops: Parent Education

Parent education is at the foundation of cooperative education. To help fund parent education projects, PCPI members in US based schools and councils can apply for a mini-grant from the Becky Allen Fund. (Canadian members may apply for the Katherine Whiteside Taylor grant to support a parent education program in the spring of 2020).

Over the years many cooperative preschools have benefited from a range of parent education programs supported by the grant. Topics have included various aspects of child development, such as the social/emotional and dealing with challenging behaviors, speech and language, techniques to support play-based learning, nutrition and more. Schools have invited a variety of speakers including a psychologist, college teacher, occupational therapist, authors as well as their own expert staff to provide these programs.

Your school could be the next recipient of funds to support a parent education program that is just right for your school. The total grant amount is $500 to fund programs in one or more PCPI member schools in the U.S. are invited to submit grants up to **December 15, 2019**. Grant requests can be sent in letter or document form and should include the following information:

-School name and address
-Contact person's name, phone and email. -Your parent education goals
-Your program content
-Estimated number of participants
-Your program staff/presenters
-The length of your program and timelines
-Your program budget needs

In sum, your request should clearly describe a program that will be of value to your school/community with as many specifics as possible. Please send your requests to:

Lisa Meyer, Chairperson for the Becky Allen Fund, at BeckyAllenFund@preschools.coop (Expect confirmation of receipt within two business days, otherwise, resend or contact the Chair at 301-474-5570).

The Grant request deadline is December 15, 2019. The grant award decision will be made by January 15, 2019. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to enhance parent education at your school.