

Ashwood Parent Community (APC) Agenda

Monday December 2, 2019

8:30-10 PM

Buttercup Room, Rosewood Early Childhood Center

MINUTES

Present: Audrey, Jody, Kari, Melissa, Rachel

Note taker: Melissa

Start time: 8.40a

[→Action items in blue]

8:30 Introductions & Choosing Meeting Roles – Timekeeper and Notetaker (All)

Moderator: Kari; Notetaker: Melissa.

8:45 The Waldorf Way - Reading (Kari)

From *Beyond the Rainbow Bridge: Nurturing Our Children from Birth to Seven* by Barbara J.

Patterson and Pamela Bradley, p.73 - “Developing the 12 Senses”

Jody mentioned another relevant book: *The Twelve Senses* by Albert Soesman

8:50 Purpose and Mission Statement – proposed update (all)

Chose to table this until next meeting as Margo has new proposed statement but is not in attendance.

9:00 Ski Program – (Rachel Bickham)

1. Details:

- Starting Thursday January 9, 2020, weekly on Thursdays 1p – closing
- Open to all Ashwood families and friends – want to get this out to all
- \$15 lift tickets, \$15 rental, \$15 lessons (ages 7 and above group lesson), private lesson \$25 per half hour (for ages 6 and under, to be set up in advance by parent with Snow Bowl)

2. Would like to include more EC families – how to do this?

- → Have table set up in first week of school in January with sign-up
- → Rachel to create informative one-sheeter and Melissa will set out for parents

3. Getting payment has been an issue in the past

- Rachel pays upfront, then sometimes parents forget to pay, then child is sick or can't make it and she is out the money – we need to avoid this

i. Pre-pay suggested - for 4 weeks at a time – per month

1. In January, send out email, then set up table at dropoff in EC and pickup for Grades to collect money; Jan 30th for Feb and Feb 27 for March (Rachel working with Laura)

2. Set up sandwich board as reminder Jan 2nd – Melissa to create before break

9:10 Upcoming APC Gatherings and Future Activities

UPDATES FROM JODY

· End-of-Year/Holiday break Routine

1. Jody mentioned this year is a bit different:

TUESDAY: Revels

WEDNESDAY:

- Shepherds Play Wednesday 9.30a– only 30 guests allowed, get free tickets in advance from Sarah in office
- Early Dismissal and Cocoa – parents invited to have cookies and cocoa at noon in Community Room before dismissal at 12.30p

· Kim John Payne as speaker at Ashwood

Administration is working on possibly getting him to come do faculty work and lecture in January 2020, but cost may be prohibitive (\$2,000 workshop + \$900 lecture). He has said that the faculty really doesn't get much out of just one session so he recommends 3 years of work with faculty, each session costing \$2,000 and follow-up calls each \$200... plus all travel and board expenses. School would look to APC for help. Jody to keep us informed.

• **Restorative Justice speaker/workshop**

Jody also speaking to Sarah Metari ([sp? Jody to confirm name? Can't find her on their website](#)) from Restorative Justice Institute of Maine (RJIM). This is not in place of KJP, and not specifically Waldorf, but just another idea in the works.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Waldorf Winter Wednesdays - workshop series with some Ashwood veterans – geared toward early childhood parents (Kari) -- And talk about ways to connect to the anthroposophical society**
 - Series of classes meant to engage parents to deepen understanding of Anthroposophy and shed light on works of Steiner and the Waldorf way. Many agreed it is important to have mentors once you embark on the journey of discovering Steiner's teachings and Waldorf lifestyle, as well as address misconceptions any new parents may have.
 - Ideas: can target age groups, so one geared more towards EC, another towards young grades, another towards adolescence
 - Suggested speakers (elders, experienced, holders of wisdom to share, founders of Ashwood, etc): Sarah Baldwin, Sarah McBrien, Bridget Qualey, Susan Silverio, Cherry, Lee Chisolm, Laina Cluggston, Lynn Thurow
 - Kari to speak with Morgan and Marianne
 - Needs a form completed but considered a 'Parent Event', does not have to go through Board Side note: Michealmas Library on Ashwood Campus. Anthroposophical Society rents this space to house donated library of Anthroposophical-related books
→ Put a piece in The Leaflet about it? That it exists and is open to all, hours, etc
2. **Parent feedback for APC, e.g., suggestion box or survey (need volunteers)**
Not covered → move to next meeting (Kari)
3. **Venue/approach for "ask Jody" questions on policy or practice (all)**
Not covered → move to next meeting (Kari)
4. **Other ideas for this school year (all)**
 - a. **Book fair (Toni?)**

Kari has looked into a Steiner Bookfair, as suggested by Toni. Everyone loved this idea but concern was raised that it wouldn't make much money. All agreed that this would be ok as the goal is not to fundraise, but more to enrich.

 - APC buys books at 40% discount, sells inventory and can sell back any unpurchased books.
 - Though it would not be an Ashwood fundraiser, it would have to be approved at annual April fundraising meeting that approves and schedules for following year. (It would be an APC event and would not use word "fundraiser".) Need to fill out form.
 - Discussed possible times and dates where we would be able to engage parents easily: Parent-teacher conferences in November, early December, May Fair, Screen Free Week (end of April)
 - We could send out inventory and title list in advance
 - → Kari to see if it includes only titles published by then or any sold by them. (Ashwood currently gets library allowance with AWSNA dues, but only includes books published by Steiner Press)
 - b. **January Gathering for new parents (Margo)** – Margo can organize a potluck with new families and their mentors as she sees appropriate
→ put on agenda for next meeting (Kari)

- c. **DEI events/trainings – committee needed? (Margo)** - Not covered
→ move to next meeting (Kari)
- d. **Future Speakers? Eurythmy Offering (2020) (all)**

5. **Special APC Coffee at the 12/6 assembly – volunteers needed – cookie and eggnog for 75 (Madrona/Kari)**

- This was discussed and decided it will be regular Coffee Break because it is too similar to the 18th Cookies and Cocoa event (and no one liked the idea of kids having cookies and eggnog at 9a)

OTHER:

- **Winter Warmer Party hosted by Julia**
Should this be rescheduled? Most in room were not sure they could make it, citing multiple events on that day.
→ Jody to get a pulse from Julia and have Julia reach out to Kari
- **Mornings of APC Meetings – put out sandwich board inviting ALL parents?**

9:45 Closing/Reflection (all)

10:00 Goodbyes

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020, 6 pm