

International Preschools - Morningside  
IPP Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2011

### 1. Announcements

**Lunch Brigade** – if you're interested in being a part of this for next school year, please speak with Ande or Kate. There will be an open forum some time after the auction to discuss the brigade and future volunteers will be trained. All volunteers will receive a discount on their Lunch Brigade dues.

**Dine Out** – No results from Doc Chey's at this time. Next Dine Out will be some time in March.

### 2. Committee Updates

**Facilities/Technologies** – Playground continues to be a priority. Interior stencil painting will be done week of 2/14. Next meeting is 2/16 at 7:30pm at IPS-MS. Next Spruce Day is Saturday, 3/12 – projects will be determined closer to the date.

### **Fundraising**

*Auction* - is Sat., 2/26, from 7pm-11pm. The Auction committee will have a conference call every Tuesday night until the Auction from 8:30-9:30pm. Tickets are now \$25.00 and will be sold Mon-Thur from 8:45am-9:15am at the school during the week of 2/14 and every day during that time the week before the Auction. Raffle tickets will be sold at the school for \$5.00 the week prior to the Auction – Volunteers are still needed for this. Donations are still needed – we currently have 138 items equaling ~\$22,500. The poor economy seems to have reduced the amount of donors that have given in years prior. Parent volunteers are still needed for the night of the auction! Please use the link in the newsletter to sign up on the Writeboard – password: auction2011. Not only do we need volunteers for the night of, but we need WINE donations! Sign up on the Writeboard to bring it, or drop it off at the school in your free time. Still need volunteers prior to the night of for item management (morning times will increase). There will be another big advertising push in the neighborhood groups prior to the auction. If folks cannot attend, but want to purchase a ticket and bid #, someone else can bid on items for you. Teachers receive 2 free tickets to the auction. Children's art projects are underway.

*Coasters by Hazel* - raised ~ \$50.00

*Spring Flower Power* - fundraiser will take place in March/April

*Amazon Link* – raised ~ \$85.00 with a current referral fee of 4%. This percentage is based on sales. We need 6 more items purchased to raise our percentage for this month.

*Upcoming Events – May event? Possible consignment sale?*

### **Teacher Appreciation**

Next event will be in March. February's Theme = HEARTS. All teachers with summer birthdays will be celebrate in May.

### **Special Events/Community Outreach**

*Valentine's Day Parties – 2/14 at 12 noon. All children are invited. IPS will provide pizza for the kids.*

*Smile Train – will be discussed further after the auction. Discussed the possibility of a future fundraiser where a portion of the proceeds would go to Smile Train.*

*No new board member was chosen to fill this position for this year.*

### 3. Administrative Announcements

**Drop –off/Pick-up** – continued concern of parents dropping children off after 9:15am and picking children up after 1:00pm. Teachers are concerned of the classroom discussion being disrupted with children entering late. Discussed consequences for these parents – teachers are keeping track of late drop-offs. \$1.50/minute charge should be paid directly to the teacher after 1:00pm.

**Carpool** – questioned whether it would be better to keep drop-off/pick-up at the front of the school vs. the back. With Urban Body opening, there has been increased congestion in the turn-around.

**Parent Education Seminar** – went very well, with a great turn out. Link to the seminar will be in the newsletter.

**Substitute Teachers** – Sub list has dwindled. Ande is currently interviewing new subs.

**2011-2012 Teacher Assignments** – take place late May and early June

**Summer Camp** – sessions are monthly; sanity days can be used during summer camp as long as there is space.

**Where do kids go after they graduate?** – Ande has a list of which schools the IPS graduates feed in to. Future possibility to invite admission reps from schools to provide a parent education seminar.

**JAN. 21 – MAKE – UP SNOW DAY! THERE WILL BE SCHOOL!**  
**NEXT IPP-MS MEETING: MON, MARCH 7**