

# Parent Connection Meeting Minutes



**GUMC Preschool**  
*learn, play, love*

**September 29, 2021 9:30-10:30**  
**Our first outdoor meeting!**

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**In Attendance:** Nicole Oxenham, Christin Hinrichsen, Emily Rushing, Diana Warring, Amy Comberiate, Philip Cyza, Kelsey Griffin, Dave Gibson, Ryan Powers, Lily Gahan, Kathryn Painter, Emily Herzing, Kim Wissman

### Welcome and Celebrations:

- Welcome to GUMC Preschool and to our first outdoor Parent Connections meeting!
- Welcome to our new staff members at GUMC Preschool, Emily Herzing in the office, Miss Maureen- Classroom E teacher, and Miss Karen- Classroom B assistant!
- GUMC Preschool is open at full capacity!
- Classrooms all have Room Coordinators to support their teachers!
- The new treehouse and playground picnic tables look fantastic!
- The new Procure app has been useful for many reasons!
- GUMC has a new intercom system in the front office and classrooms!

### From the Director:

#### Director's Report

**9/27/21**

#### Information: Enrollment

|                                     |           |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Classroom A - M-Th Pre-K</b>     | <b>16</b> | <b>Michelle and Mary Ann</b>    |
| <b>Classroom B – MWF Pre-K</b>      | <b>11</b> | <b>Val and Karen (new asst)</b> |
| <b>Classroom B – T/Th 3's</b>       | <b>11</b> | <b>Val and Karen (new asst)</b> |
| <b>Classroom C – MWF 3's</b>        | <b>11</b> | <b>Emily and Julie</b>          |
| <b>Classroom C - TuTh 2's</b>       | <b>11</b> | <b>Emily and Julie</b>          |
| <b>Classroom D – M-Th Pre-K</b>     | <b>16</b> | <b>Cindy and Mary</b>           |
| <b>Classroom E - MWF 3's</b>        | <b>9</b>  | <b>Maureen (new teacher)</b>    |
| <b>and Pam</b>                      |           |                                 |
| <b>Classroom E - TuTh young 2's</b> | <b>8</b>  | <b>Maureen (new teacher)</b>    |
| <b>and Pam</b>                      |           |                                 |

**Enrollment is at 92. We are full!**

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### Information: Upcoming Dates

- 10/7 All-school field trip to Gaver Farm is scheduled
- 10/15 Teacher Professional Day, no school, but in-house 6-hr Medication Administration Training for staff.
- 10/28 and 10/29 *outdoor* Halloween parades for 3's and Pre-K classes are planned if weather permits. Classroom Celebrations.

### Information: Trustee-related

- MANY, MANY THANKS TO CHUCK NIEMI for organizing the trustees and preschool parents in reconstruction of the playground treehouse and picnic tables!!!!!!
- Tom Eyre stops by regularly to check-in with any preschool-related needs. Tom Eyre has received a quote for repairing windows in some of the classrooms. Gary Beall was in last week to meet with another contractor. We are working with what we have to keep windows open for ventilation purposes.
- Don Cornwell is looking into the church and preschool wi-fi systems to see what can be done to improve our connection for signing-in and out. The several different systems are competing and so connections are unstable. He was able to turn off one system that does not seem to be in use.
- Each classroom is getting an air purifier and HEPA filter from a PPE grant.

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**2021-2022 Room Coordinators:** Thank you to these wonderful volunteers! All of the Room Coordinators have received the staff members' All About Me papers and have sent them onto their respective classes.

**Classroom A:** Nicole Oxenham

**Classroom B (MWF):** Megan Craig

**Classroom B (T/Th):** Sheridan Severt, Candice Collins

**Classroom C (MWF):** Lauryn Warring

**Classroom C (T/Th):** Jenn Ivester

**Classroom D:** Krista McCracken

**Classroom E (MWF):** Lily Gahan

**Classroom E (T/Th):** Kathryn Painter

**Usborne Books & More Book Fair:** Kathryn Painter, Usborne Books & More Consultant, will be hosting a book fair in the Rainy Day room on 11/15 and 11/16 during Parent/Teacher Conferences

### GUMC Christmas Shop

- One of our favorite preschool traditions is BACK!
- Paperwork about this in-school event will be sent home in early November