ECE Committee Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2012

1. Introductions
2. Director's Update:
    a. Pictures went well—organized, quick, inexpensive
    b. Enrichment classes are filled
    c. NAYCE: Mary and Janel will be attending their conference in Atlanta from November 6-11, and will be attending High Scope workshops.
    d. Considering purchasing The High Scope Curriculum: a research-based preschool curriculum. Lots of freedom for teachers and creativity for students. Very differentiated, child-centered, parent friendly and play based. One concern is that there is not a lot of local use of the curriculum, which is difficult for local support. High Scope is coming to present to teachers the day before Thanksgiving. The board has approved its purchase.
3. Committee Reports:
    a. Parent Education and Jewish Connections Committee (Co-Chairs: Michal Herzfeld and Moire Madden)
        i. Rabbis are scheduled to visit Shabbat once a month through December
        ii. Math Night: Mark Rich and Michelle Goldman will lead the planning, with support from Moire, Rebecca, and Janel. Erin will create an amazing flyer!
    b. Fundraising Committee (Chair: Mercedes Vance)
        i. Discussed goals and vision for this year's auction. Will set up a separate meeting for the Fundraising committee. Janel will email previous years documents to Mercedes.
        ii. Other fundraising ideas:
            1. Challah sales: Rebecca will follow up
            2. T-shirts? Leah will investigate
            3. Montessori Small Funds
    c. Social Committee (Co-Chairs: Ana Jacobs and Sabrina Novick)
        i. Romy Weiss is organizing the Parents' Night Out event at Bayside Bowl. Need more parents to sign up. Mary will resend email to whole school. Room parents will email their classroom parents.
    d. Room Parents:
        i. Toddler Room: Michelle Goldman and Katie Brunelle
        ii. Nursery Room: Shannon Auritt and Whitney River
        iii. Pre-K Room: Erin McAllister and Moire Madden
        iv. Discussed Room Parent ideas:
            1. Facilitate projects
            2. Organize guests with special skills to teach students (Pre-k only)
            3. Make playdough and laminate books

4. Coordinate Scholastic Book Club
5. Coordinate Mitzvah Meals
6. Plan a social event for families in the classroom

4. Upcoming Events:
    a. NOVEMBER ECE MEETING: Friday, November 2nd, 8-9 am in the JCA Conference Room.
    b. FAMILY MATH NIGHT: Monday, November 5, 5-7
    c. THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON: Tuesday, November 20, 11:30 am
    d. TOY SHOPPING FUNDRAISER AT RAINBOW TOYS: Sunday, December 2, 9-11 am

Next Meeting: Friday, November 2nd, 8-9 AM in the JCA Conference Room.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our meeting!