Moss Street Children’s Center
Parent Council Notes
April 23rd, 6-7:15 2015

Attendance:

Staff; Becky, Jackie

Parents; Jeffrey, Brittany, Amber, Kristi, Patrick Amanda

Topics:

The new resident hall: Updated information about the project. The new resident hall will be across the street from Moss Street and it will house 500 students. Moss Street staff is participating in campus planning meetings. Parent’s excitement and concern were voiced. Things to share with the planning group
identified were, parking, dust, noise, traffic, future student behavior and trespassing on Moss Street after hours and on weekends, the location of students window. Suggestions for partnerships included children’s art to be included in the one percent for art, access to common rooms like at spencer view, the elimination of family student housing. These points will be shared future planning meetings.

Moss Street Hiring: four hires are currently being conducted in the Littles, Middles and Preschool and Mentor teacher. Jen Ditmar will retire this summer after 30 year of service at Moss Street. The long work of hiring her replacement has begun.

Fund raising dollars: Discussion of proposed uses funds. Parents reviewed staff suggestions for the use of these funds that included toys, equipment, shade structures, early sprouts, teacher appreciation projects, food for student staff meetings, strength quest training. Parents suggest using funds for long lasting things that would last for many children, things that could not be purchased through other budget categories.

Summer and fall scheduling: Presentation and discussion of the summer term offering. Please see summer applications and calendars.
Fall full day Kinder: Elementary schools in Eugene and Springfield going to full day. We talked about the impact this district change may have on busing capacity at Moss Street. We currently bus from 7 different elementary schools. Next fall our ability to bus from all current schools may not be possible because of the demand for transportation from all schools and all ages at once. We are optimistic and making plans to have multiple buses running at the same time.

New holiday payment procedure for 6 days in 2015-16: Our goal is always to keep child care at Moss Street affordable for our families. As part of the University’s on-going efforts to keep fees in check for students, we have been asked to look at ways to reduce our dependence on incidental fees. When we reviewed all possibilities for accomplishing this, a decision to bill the same amount for months where there is a holiday as we do for months with no holidays was determined to be the best option. This is consistent with the practice at other day care centers in the area (that bill a set fee each month) and is the least onerous option in terms of financial impact on our families.

Electing our new council chair: Jeffrey Garman is our new parent council chair