

Meeting Minutes

April 16 and 17, 2009

Presenter: Deb Hughes

Topic: IAEYC Conference Review

Attendance: Carrie, Meg, Chris, Griselda, Kezia, Deb S., Susan, Darla, Janelle, Angelica, Lisa, Jean, Tonya, Ashley, Karen, Katie, Jill, Donita, Cheryl, Amanda, Amy, Nicole, Denise, Erika, Jeremy, Joy, Ryan, Laura, Janelle, Melanie and Cindy

Not In Attendance: Colin and Esther

TOPICS COVERED

☸ **Review of Conference:** The conference was held in Indianapolis on April 2-4. The KPS group met on Friday in Indianapolis and stayed together for a short time praying. Deb led an hour of prayer which helped the team feel unity, comfort, love and fellowship. Many expressed today that it was one of the best evenings the KPS team has had together.

Highlights of the Conference:

1. The Keynote Speaker: The animation of the speaker held everyone's attention. Teachers expressed they learned they can be animated as well to keep the attention of the children.
2. Cindy mentioned it was overwhelming to see 3000+ people at the conference, learning how to take better care of the children in their facilities. 3000+ caregivers means at least 3000+ families in daycare.
3. The Science Workshop: There were handouts that were received and will be emailed to the staff or posted on the website in the near future.
4. Hip Hop Speaker: The main idea was that if you respect the children, you will receive respect back.
5. Laughing Yoga: It was enjoyable to see everyone laughing and enjoying themselves. The team learned when using laughter in the curriculum, the children and the teachers stay lifted and light-hearted. Deb said the staff will be doing a training on this type of curriculum. The staff that attended this conference is urged to practice what they learned in order to teach the rest of the KPS facility.
6. Zoo Phonics: This was great fun. It is something not only beneficial to kindergarten but also useful with the quadrooms to help them better prepare for kindergarten in the year to come. The concept is simply using sounds with movements. It is catchy and fun for the children.
7. Sign Language: The teachers who attended this class said they found that using sign language is good imagery for the children.
8. Rock, Rythem and Read: Carrie and Meg attended this conference on Thursday. It was an all day session and full of information. Carrie demonstrated several things that they learned. They reviewed a lot of crafty projects and amazing curriculum ideas. The crafts included several neat "make your own books". Some of the curriculum ideas they talked about were "supervisor caps" with the letter of the week on top of it. The idea is to have one child wear the visor each week. The rest of the children have to say the letter and it's sound everytime they pass by the "supervisor". The session involved several cheers throughout the day keeping Carrie and Meg alert and able to retain most information. They picked up email addresses, packets of material and fun curriculum to try in the classroom. Melanie will be posting the informaiton on the website.