Children’s Center Committee

Annual Report
April 28, 2010

This document summarizes the Children’s Center Committee’s activities during the 2009-2010 academic year:

- Established a PROWL site for the Committee, thanks to Steve Lawson. On it, members are able to view background readings, reports, minutes, etc.

- Submitted recommendations or fundamentals for a new Children’s Center, as requested by President Celeste.

- Participated in the new Building Committee’s activities. Alistaire Tallent and Beth Dovenspike are co-chairs; Jeannie Wellmann and Charlotte Mendoza were also appointed to serve.

- Reviewed and edited the job description for the Center’s director, as requested by Barbara Wilson. A search committee was established. However, due to budget constraints, the search was not conducted.

- Updated the Center’s directory.

- Discussed and clarified for parents the three ways that future payments/billing will occur re: tuition. Beth Dovenspike and Jeannie Wellmann shared concerns with Barbara Wilson about related issues.

- Discussed staff changes; as of April 1st, Beth Dovenspike is the interim director of the Children’s Center.

- Heard report of the new location for Fun Quest in Taylor Theater for summer 2010.

- Conducted a fundraiser in January with proceeds going to ongoing staff development opportunities.

- Developed a letter to go to Robert Moore related to issues that arise for parents when the campus is closed early.

- Discussed development of a parent survey on the quality of care, cost, and food; Jeannie Wellmann and Beth Dovenspike are working on a Survey Monkey approach.

- Met with Steve Elder re: the established gift fund for the Center; contributors will be able to designate gifts specifically for the Center which would be tax deductible and which would roll over in coming years.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Mendoza, Chair; Beth Dovenspike, Secretary; Jeannie Wellmann; Barbara Wilson (Ex Officio); Donna Bezliou; Steve Lawson; Jane Murphy; Brenda Soto; Chris Starr; Sarah Schwartz; Laurie Danenberg