

Committee: Community Outreach

School year: 2019 to 2020

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Committee objectives (goals of the committee): To introduce the Bishkek Community to our school through different activities throughout the entire year.

Activities held:

#	Activity Description	How does the following activity sustain the school's Plan of Growth or the 12 Standards?	Dates
1	Every Wednesday from September to March (that we were at school) from 10:15 to 11:45 we held Play Academy and it was completely free. Play Academy was for children (2 to 5 years old) and their parents. These children could not be enrolled in our Preschool. This was a time for the parents to network with others and learn about what we do in Preschool. Each class had a theme and activities related to this theme! Play Academy has brought several new families into our Preschool since it started in 2016.	Standard 3, 8- Play Academy allowed parents and their children to explore what we do in Preschool. This resulted in several children joining our school community over the years.	Every Wednesday from September 2019 until March 2020 when we were at school.
2	Workshops for teachers within Kyrgyzstan – Our plan was to hold training workshops throughout the spring of 2020 on different themes for teachers. These workshops were being designed to help train teachers in Kyrgyzstan about our hands on curriculum and how they could do these type activities in their own classrooms.	Standard 8- Sharing some of our methods and ideas of teaching with the teaching community here in Kyrgyzstan. This is something that is dearly needed and lacking from the Kyrgyz educational system.	SPRING 2020 – but due to quarantine these workshops never occurred.

Describe any strategies and actions that were determined to be:

1. Effective: Play Academy was/is a very effective way for the Preschool to show off why our Preschool is the best in Kyrgyzstan. Each week we had new families join us and everyone always left with a smile. We also had 3 families from Play Academy join our school this school year. Total in the past 4 years we have had 10 families join our school from Play Academy!