

Minutes for regular CVMS meeting on
 11OCT2006 at 7pm
 Glacier View School Library

Presided by: Britta Neumann

Attendees:

Britta Neumann	Gail Herman	Kathleen Murphy
Natalie Nickerson	Lisa Wilcox	Mina Morehouse
Leah Farkas	Lisa Pedersen-Skene	Jeanine Fukui
Jenna Fickes		

Called to order at 7:10:

- ♪ Called to Order by Britta
- ♪ Motion to accept Agenda put forward by Jeanine 2nd by Mina, all in favour
- ♪ Motion to accept Last minutes forward by Jeanine 2nd by Lisa P. all in favour.

Members' Reports

- ♪ **Britta-** Britta and Jeanine had dialogue with Al Pullin, Anne Buchanan & Allan Douglas re:
 - Improving next year's registration. It was suggested by Britta that 2007 registration be for kindergarten children only and have the grades 1 & 2 on a waiting list. Separate waiting lists for each grade.
 - A teacher on call is needed in case Anne is sick or needs time off. Nothing has been done by the SD to address this so far. It was suggested that registration be in February at Glacier View. The new superintendent might want to see a centralized registration but that is not decided yet.
 - Discussion about parent and student preparedness for being part of the program. Board will be brainstorming next week to prepare an information package to help make informed choices. Parents will be allowed to observe the class in action one at a time, by appointment only and without interaction during the session. Questions can be answered at a later date. Al Pullin is okay with this as long as Anne is in agreement. Allan Douglas is still thinking about it. Expectations of the CVMS the Directress will be outlined in the package. Recommended that in addition to the regular questions we would like to know who has Montessori experience and what previous preschool experience, acceptance to become and participate as members. This should help to iron out the kinks before they happen next year.
 - Britta went to COW's meeting last night – the best SD meeting she has seen so far and board was working nicely together. At this meeting Allan Douglas told Britta that he has not found a TOC. Britta told the Superintendent. that this is unacceptable to which he replied – talk to human resources. Britta left message with Lynda Marie Handfield who has not replied. She will stay on top of that – Karen Langemeyer from the union was there and Britta asked her what she could do to help. She is looking into it for us. We can advertise in the BCMA so Gail will draft one up and send it up to the board.
- ♪ **Gail** has nothing to report as no one has joined or quit this month. Membership is at 60.
- ♪ **Mina** has nothing to report
- ♪ **Jo** (presented by Gail) – Balance is \$4,166.50 with 2 cheques outstanding of \$309.56 & \$89.01

- ♪ **Natalie** – Montessori Newsletter to inform and get ads – Nat has a draft and we will brainstorm it so she can take charge and run with it. Ruth at Benino Gelato will consider letting us do story time in her shop but not until it slows down a little bit.
- ♪ **Lisa**- Picked up the last of the Point Roberts stuff and is expecting one last delivery from the US. She suggests that we discontinue using Montessori Outlet in the future due to the sheer inconvenience of it. Cabdev in Ontario and Montessori Equipment in Langley have all that we need with only slightly higher prices. Gail will stop by to help Lisa with the inventory to get caught up. Lisa also recommends giving each new teacher a yearly budget for non-Montessori materials.
- ♪ **Jeanine** – volunteerism has had a short hiatus as we fundraised independently. Jeanine has requested volunteers for Craftopia and has phoned everyone- and left messages. In-class volunteers are getting more abundant so we have had a bit of success with that. We will continue to support parent education in this department with continued emails, handouts in kids' backpacks and phone calls.

Unfinished Business

- ♪ Mina has delivered the Wal-Mart letter to Priscilla who will get back to us at a later date.
- ♪ We have a booth for Tye-dying that will be manned and supplied (except for t-shirt cost and table free that we will reimburse her) by Erin. She will continue to do various events until the t-shirts are gone, donating all the proceeds to us!
- ♪ Jeanine recapped Craftopia – We man the concession, do the above-mentioned t-shirt booth and an info table and can participate in the Craftopia parade event. We will brainstorm about this at Britta's next week.
- ♪ Even though we don't have a PR person right now we should still try to be in the paper at least once a month, Nat and Mina will draft a press release and Gail can supply a picture of the classroom.

New Business

- ♪ It seems that some members are still unaware of the \$500 donation request so time was spent discussing why we need these family donations and that we might need to enforce it a little more strongly – without demanding it 😊 Jeanine suggests labelling the materials with their replacement value. As this might be distracting to the children Gail suggests we feature items outside the classroom with the prices and “where your money is going”. Gail will work on this (a catalogue and poster for outside of the classroom).
- ♪ Anne has a list of things to do outside the classroom so that volunteers can sign up. Britta has donated a laminator to the Society to be used by these volunteers.
- ♪ New fundraising coordinators needed in Scott and Stacey's absence. That job entails putting packages together, collecting \$\$ and having Al Pullin okay all fundraisers. Gail will send email out to general membership
- ♪ Lisa motions for Sunrype stuff to be donated to Glacier View 2nd by Gail, All in favour.
- ♪ Jeanine moves to put together 150\$ slush fund for Montessori related materials and storage for Anne. Second by Natalie, all in favour.

Adjourned at 8:55