

MINUTES
Deep Cove PAC
Annual General Meeting
February 19, 2014

Present: President: Lisa Makar
Treasurer: Monica Copeland
Secretary: Susan Adam
Christmas Fair: Lesley MacLaughlin
Volunteer Coordinator: Stacey Rees
Special Events Coordinator: Shealyn Jackson
Newsletter Editor: Mary MacKay
Website Coordinator: Annilee Armstrong
COPACS: Melissa Drolet
Principal Erika Moser
Vice Principal Steve Mac Gregor
4 parents

Absent: Parent Education: Kim Bull-Chambers
CPF: Susan Fidyk

1. Call To Order:

- President Lisa Makar called the meeting to order.

2. Additions to Agenda:

- May School Dance. Under new business.

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting:

- Melissa Drolet approved the minutes. Stacey Rees seconded.

4. Business from previous meeting:

a) Deep Cove School Facebook Page

- up and running!
- Needs to be useful or parents won't follow it.
- we'll share community events and not-for-profits that benefit parents and students.
- No businesses.
- See other school's events that are relevant.
- 6 month trial.
- **we invite feedback!**
- like us!

5. New Business:

a) School Dance in May

- Susan Adam is helping Rebekah Hunter plan a school wide family dance for May 9/14.

Susan Adam made a motion that the PAC allocate \$250 in school clothing to give away as door prizes at the dance (2 adult hoodies, 6 kids shirts); Seconded by Shealyn Jackson and passed.

- The PAC can approve up to \$250 in spending without a general vote.
- Spirit Committee is splitting dolphin mascot expense.

b) Annual 2014 Budget Review

Item	Proposed	Passed	Notes
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Agendas – Gr4/5	\$1000	Yes	\$657.21 spent last year
Classroom Funds	\$4600	Yes	approx. \$270/class
Games Day	\$100	Yes	Coffee, muffins, freezies Spent \$74.18 last year
Grade 5 Memory Books	\$700	Yes	Spent \$584.16 last year
Grade 5 Luncheon	\$300	Yes	Spent \$373.77 last year
Guest Speakers	\$200	Yes	Erika/Steve’s discretion
Magnets	\$600	Yes	Spent \$ 427.84 last year
Service Fees	\$100	Yes	BCCPAC membership
Miscellaneous & single items	\$300	Yes	Unforeseen items that need replacing, etc.
Monks School Supplies	\$500	Yes	For students in need
Parent Library	\$100	Yes	Books & resources
PAC Admin. Expenses	\$200	Yes	Supplies and materials
Spirit Committee	\$500	Yes	School dances, movie nights, family BBQ – school spirit promotion
Staff Acknowledgement	\$1000	Yes	Retirements, teacher farewell, April staff appreciation, June last day brunch rentals
Earthquake/Emergency Supplies	\$500	Yes	Annual replacement of goods
Hospitality Fund	\$250	Yes	Coffee and goodies for Oct SFR and Feb AGM meetings
Special Funding Requests	\$25,000	Yes	Continue from last year

Discussion re: budget:

- Some of these amounts fluctuate depending on the number of students registered which changes annually.
- Parent Education isn’t just speakers, but books and online resources for parents.
 - Many of our parent library books are dated.
 - With dwindling attendance at our speaker nights, perhaps more emphasis on parent resources in our library and on-line.
 - Purchase books written by our speakers.
 - Webinars and podcasts of popular speakers.
 - French education for our Deep Cove parents.
- COPACS has a BCCPAC membership and key benefit is having a vote in key issues that may influence the Ministry of Education.
- COPACS has donated \$100 for paper and toner.
- Next Executive Meeting: officially change Annilee’s title from Website Coordinator to Communication Coordinator.

Lisa Makar made a motion to remove the Newsletter Editor position because it is redundant. Seconded by Melissa Drolet. Passed with Mary’s blessing ☺.

Lesley MacLaughlin made a motion to approve the budget as written above. Seconded by Rebekah Hunter. Passed.

c) PAC Executive Election

President – Lisa Makar by acclamation*

Treasurer – Brandy Drummond replaces Monica Copeland stepping down

Secretary – Mary MacKay replaces Susan Adam stepping down

Christmas Fair Coordinator – Bridget Anderson replaces Lesley MacLaughlin stepping down

Parent Education – Kim Bull-Chambers reappointed by the PAC Executive*

Volunteer Coordinator – Co-Coordinators Melissa Drolet & Christina Smith replace Stacey Rees stepping down

Special Events Coordinator – Rebekah Hunter replaces Shealyn Jackson stepping down

Website Editor – Annilee Armstrong*

COPACS Representative – Melissa Drolet continuing*

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) Representative – Nicole Lee/Susan Fidyk continuing*

* The PAC Executive cannot exist without a President, Treasurer, plus one other member; Lisa Makar has served her 3 year term, but no one else was nominated or stepped forward, so the Executive can reappoint her for another year.

* Kim Bull-Chambers has served her 3 year term; however no one else was nominated or stepped forward so the Executive can reappoint her for another year.

*Annilee Armstrong has only served 2 years of her 3 year term as Website Editor.

* Melissa Drolet has only served 2 years of her 3 year term as COPACS Rep.

* Susan Fidyk has only served 2 years of her 3 year term as CPF Rep.

Susan Adam made a motion to accept the new PAC Executive as listed above; Lesley MacLaughlin seconded; Passed.

- A long discussion followed about what is involved in each of the Executive positions, PAC meeting attendance, and how our PAC compares to other schools
- Mary and Mme. Moser pointed out that most PAC's they have worked with are smaller and have little to know parent volunteers or input to work with.
- A parent expressed that several other parents are under the impression that our PAC Executive is an exclusive group and that our school is perceived by others to be very divided between French and English.
- We have another long discussion about how to change that perception that our PAC is unapproachable; what other efforts could be made?
 - We had a few tense meetings during the job action year, which turned a lot of parents away from attending afterwards, and word spread.
 - What about bringing back class reps? In this new time of emails and Facebook, we seem to be losing that face of a PAC representative who will act as a conduit of PAC information – giving and receiving.
 - Some parents miss class reps because the communication was better in class.
 - Lisa made the point that if parents have an issue with communication in their class then they should be speaking to their teacher about it, and Mme. Moser.
- The Constitution states that the PAC is required to hold a minimum of 4 general meetings a year. We currently hold 6: Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, Apr, May.
 - Next Executive meeting: further discussion on reducing the number of meetings to 3 or 4 year (seasonal: Oct, Jan, April)
 - offer incentives (1 hour parent ed, giveaways, refreshments)
 - the PAC Executive can always call another general meeting at any time if it is warranted.

d) School Planning Council Appointment

- Principal Moser spoke about what is involved

- uses the school growth plan to review school needs and makes recommendations.
- requires 3 members annually; one from PAC Executive + 2 parents.
- meets twice/year
- Rebekah Hunter, Annilee Armstrong and Melissa Drolet stepped forward.
Lisa Makar made a motion to accept the new SPC as written above: Lesley MacLaughlin seconded; Passed.

6. Reports

a) Principal Erika Moser

- thank you to Lesley, Monica, Stacey, Shealyn and Susan for your work on the PAC Executive.
- Min. of Education Fassbender will be at our school for a Planet Protectors presentation on Monday, Feb 24 at 8:45 in the library and will discuss our seismic upgrade expenses.
- the deadline to vote on next year's school calendar options has been extended. One of the options involves a week off in November! Go to:
<https://www.sd63.bc.ca/news/2014/01/201415-calendar-options-consideration-staff-and-parents>
- Mme. Burke and Mr. MacGregor attended an anti-bullying ERASE workshop and will make a presentation to staff.
- Grade 4 FSA results will go home after Spring Break.
- Grade 1 will receive early literacy support.
- Our current K registration is at 55 total: 44 French, 11 English.
- Thank you to Mme. Beaudry for planning another successful Carnival Week.
- Our school has purchased a new Bonhomme mascot costume; CPF contributed.
- Also, splitting the cost with the Spirit Committee for a new Dolphin mascot costume.
- Our Naturescape now has 3 picnic tables and a bench for outdoor classroom.

b) Vice Principal Steve MacGregor

- basketball and Dance Club are underway.
- Swim fast meets focus on personal achievement as opposed to winning.
- Jump Rope for Heart completed.
- Milton Randall drumming workshop went extremely well; great feedback from students of all grades; can see having him return every other year like the Maple Man.
- grand unveiling of our new spiffy school jerseys; 120 total; for all sporting events and all grades in various sizes; basketball style to go over student's shirts.

c) COPACS Rep Melissa Drolet

- be sure to exercise your vote online about the school calendar options
- interestingly, so far, more parents than teachers like the week off in November option.
- a new curriculum is in the works for BC.
- SD63 may be changing elementary school report cards for Fall 2014
 - o Mme. Moser added that they are also looking at changes to HOW reporting is done to parents; a possible online component
 - o Contact Assist Superintendent Scott Stinson at SD63 for input @ sstinson@sd63.bc.ca.
- Reflex Math online program is widely used now and popular amongst students.
- COPACS has formed a Math Committee to investigate and research math curriculum options since it has recently been called into question.
 - o A parent in our District has started a petition to have our current math curriculum reviewed.
 - o She is recommended that students have mastered basic math facts by entering Grade 6 – quick & easy recount of up to 10x tables, add, sub, division using algorithms and math sense.
 - o This parent was seen on CBC and Global, see <http://wisemath.org/>.
 - o Lisa suggested we post her interview on our PAC page.
 - o BCCPAC has put a motion forward to have the Ministry of Education respond.
- some parents commented that understanding of math largely depends on how each student learns, and how teachers present it.

6. Upcoming Events

Feb 24-28 – Book Fair

Feb 26 – Walk To School

Feb 27 – Early Dismissal

Feb 28 – Hot Lunch

Mar 10 – 24 – Spring Break

7. Next Meetings

Mar 5 – PAC Executive Meeting

Apr 16 – PAC General Meeting

8. Adjournment

- Lisa called for adjournment.