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Deep Cove PAC General Meeting
November 16, 2011

Present: Co-President: Lisa Makar
Co-President: Monica Copeland
Treasurer: Carol Nelson
Secretary: Susan Adam
Christmas Fair: Lesley MacLaughlin
Parent Education: Kim Bull-Chambers
COPACS: Monica Copeland
CPF: Susan Fidyk
Special Events: Louise Boutin
Volunteer Coordinator: Stacy Rees
Volunteer Coordinator: Shealyn Jackson
Principal Erika Moser
17 parents

Absent: Vice Principal Warren Hamm
Website: Janice Mosher
Newsletter: Suzanne Demers

1. Call To Order:
Co-President Lisa Makar called the meeting to order.

2. Additions To Agenda:
a) Tara Houle to discuss Toast Club
b) Barb Menzies introduced herself to PAC as running for School District Trustee along with our own Co-President Monica Copeland in Nov 19/11 Municipal Election

3. Approval Of Minutes From Previous Meeting:
- Monica Copeland approved
- Shealyn Jackson seconded

4. Reports:
a) Co-Presidents – Lisa Makar & Monica Copeland
- Monica Copeland: PAC Executive is running smoothly and is very approachable
- Lisa Makar: we are the PAC Executive, but the parents are all members of the PAC

b) COPAC - Monica Copeland
- regarding job action, STA and District Executive working well to respect both sides
- February Parent Ed Night will bring together both sides to discuss job action to parents
- Science Fair coming up
- READ Society programs
- job action info on COPAC website

c) CPF - Susan Fidyk
- meeting just last night
- “Bonjour Bonnuit” hopefully coming to Deep Cove School soon where Grade 12 and Grade 1 FI students read together
- Christmas Fair Candy Cane Tree
- more info at Canadian Parents For French – Saanich on Facebook

d) Parent Education – Kim Bull-Chambers
- Emergency Preparedness tonight
- Job Action in February 2012

e) Volunteer Coordinators – Stacey Rees & Shealyn Jackson
- Hot Lunch Coordinator needed for September 2012

f) Christmas Fair – Lesley MacLaughlin
- in need of stuffies for prize room and emporium goodies
- need coordinators for Snack Shack, Café Noel, Book Sale, Big Games
- sign up sheets are posted outside the staffroom
- poinsettia sales are down
- paper take home handouts are more difficult to distribute this year due to job action
- raffle tickets went home in envelopes Friday

g) Treasurer – Carol Nelson
- all is good

h) Administration – Principal Erika Moser
- Deep Cove's first year of full day Kindergarten
- some issues with tired K students in p.m.
- New fenced "K-Safe Zone" behind Mme. Chouinard's classroom
- grade 5 students have been volunteering to teach the K kids games during recess breaks
- FI parents and teacers are noticing the positives
- new programs:
    - i) Barb Menzies: teaching virtues with 9 themes
    - ii) Louise Beaudry: workshop Wednesdays in class; encouraging "wasteless lunches"; turn off lights; turn off computer monitors
    - iii) soccer finishing with Hamm, Niedjalski & Irwin
    - iv) swim club starting with Hayes & Hamm – new skills at Panorama on Sundays
    - vi) dance club – 64 students involved; 6 boys; invitation going home with schedule of when to watch
- report cards: administration has been mandated to send them home with attendance only
- contact your child's teacher for informal progress report

5. PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
Speaker: Chief Gary Wilton from North Saanich Fire Department

a) In the event of an emergency:
- Priority #1: Home Safety
- Initially take care of yourself at home
- Here on the Saanich Peninsula, we have PEMO: Peninsula Emergency Measures Program – Central Saanich, North Saanich & Sidney Chiefs working together

b) North Saanich Emergency Response Plan covers:

- atmospheric	- tsunami
- earthquake	- utility failure
- diseases	- storm surge
- urban fire	- wildland fire
- Haz Mat	- structural collapse
- terrorism	- transportation

c) Risk Asessment for each above
d) Disaster Response Route: Pat Bay Hwy – accessible to emergency vehicles only
e) **anyone can contact the NSFD for personal home assessments and emergency route assessments**
f) NSFD is required by law to organize and maintain plans
g) developing their social media ie. Twitter for emergency info access
h) At Home:
- family emergency plan?
- designated meeting place?
- home, car, office earthquake kits?
- supplies to survive for 72 hours?

- out of province contact?
- first aid training?
- consideration for special needs or elderly?
- provisions for your pets?

i) outbuilding is the best place for your home earthquake kit
j) more detailed info at:
http://www.pep.bc.ca/hazard_preparedness/personal_preparedness.html

Principal Erika Moser discussed the School's Emergency Plan:

- classroom backpacks
- fully-equipped supply container
- team of staff
- dig latrines
- coordinator for dismissals
- kids stay here
- tarp tent for backstop

Co-President Lisa Makar addressed our need for new Emergency Preparedness Coordinator:

1) Lisa Thorne-Griffin
2) Megan Soellner
3) Henry Howell

Thank you to Gary Wilton, NSFD

6. Additions:

- Toast Club Coordinator Tara Houle spoke about how Toast Club was inspired by her daughter with great intentions of bring kids together before school for fun snack
- not all Deep Cove kids come to school having eaten breakfast
- 9 volunteers; student-run program, parents supervise
- offered to all the students from window of southeast corner office
- PAC funding for jam, margarine, nut-free PB, and cheez whiz & bread
- Sidney Food Bank insists they provide these to us at no expense as part of their mandate to feed hungry kids
- Tara Houle made a motion to send $300 PAC funds for Toast Club back to Sidney Food Bank at the end of the year; Lisa Makar seconded; Passed unanimously

7. Adjournment

_ Lisa Makar & Monica Copeland adjourned meeting

Next General Meeting:

January 19/12