MINUTES
Deep Cove PAC General Meeting
January 16, 2013
Executive Meeting Postponed Until Feb/13

Present:
President: Lisa Makar
Secretary: Susan Adam
Christmas Fair: Lesley MacLaughlin
COPACS: Melissa Drolet
Vice Principal Warren Hamm
3 parents

Absent:
Treasurer: Monica Copeland
Parent Education: Kim Bull-Chambers
Special Events Coordinator: Shealyn Jackson
Volunteer Coordinator: Stacey Rees
Website Coordinator:
CPF: Susan Fidyk
Newsletter: Deborah Rogers
Principal Erika Moser

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

2. Additions to Agenda:
- Parkland Secondary teacher, Phil Ohl to speak about new programs at Parkland.

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting:
- Lesley MacLaughlin approved the minutes.
- Melissa Drolet seconded.

4. Business from previous meeting:
No.

5. New Business:
a) <u>Speaker : Phil Ohl, Parkland Secondary Teacher</u>

- His arrival was a surprise to us but was arranged between Parkland Principal and Principal Moser.
- He is visiting neighbourhood schools to discuss the perception of Parkland in the community and promote new programs Parkland has to offer.
- Their goal is to enroll students from each catchment area at Parkland.
- Phil is also the District Coordinator for the International Program.
    - That office for the District is in Parkland.
- Their goal is to educate every elementary family in the District by Grade 5, primarily for those who are on the fence of staying in the District or moving to private school in Grade 6.
- Parkland currently offers an Ice Hockey Academy, and Musical Theatre.
- Growing interest in going off-campus for specialty courses and programs.
- New in Sept ’13: Parkland Marine Institute

    - Sailing Academy
    - Marine Biology
    - Marine Restoration
- Also, new in Sept'12 is their Judo Academy in lieu of PE
- Parkland offers evening cooking classes for student credit and adult community drop-in.
- Our discussion led to group conversations about what is important from a middle school? High school?
- Moving towards a curriculum of offering certifications by graduation (ie. First Aid, Power Squadron) so students can leave high school with certifications to get a job right away.
    - Also, eventually Stelly's FI students will be bussed to Parkland for certain courses not offered at Stelly's, and vica versa.
- We thought Phil should be a Parent Ed speaker next year, once Marine Program is in place..
- Parkland Open House in March on their website.
    - Should be in our newsletter.

b) <u>Vote on proposed change to constitution, Article IV(2)</u>
- Lisa Makar made a motion to amend Article IV(2) in the PAC constitution from "Parents and/or guardians of students registered at Deep Cove Elementary School shall be eligible to hold office except those employed by School District No. 63 or the Ministry of Education" to read that "All parents and/or guardians of students registered at Deep Cove Elementary School shall be eligible to hold office."
- PASSED unanimously.

6. Reports
a) <u>Vice Principal Warren Hamm</u>
- Virtue this month: Patience
    - M. Makuch/Mme. Sarty's class
-Thank you to Maple Man and CPF Rep Susan Fidyk for organizing.
- Jan '13 bottle drive raised $1,229 + Sept bottle drive $800 (+$2000 SFR) = $4000 approx. for Grade 4/5 Leadership Fieldtrips
- Basketball Jamboree
- Pro-D Day Feb 15 topic: Play Is The Way
- SAFE Kids Presentations: parents invited to attend; contact your teacher for the date and time.
- Jan 23: Ready, Set, Learn
    - Kindergarten tours/Grade 5 Leadership
-Kindergarten Info Night: Keating School Jan 30 @ 7pm
- Kindergarten Registration: Feb 4-8/13.
- other dates:
    - Jan 28-Feb 1: Carnaval
    - Jan 22-Feb 5: Foundation Skills Assessment for Gr 4
    - Feb 4: Storybook Theatre
    - Feb 14: Jump Rope For Heart
    - Mar 6: Early Dismissal
    - Mar 7: Term 2 Report Cards

b) <u>President Lisa Makar</u>
- Christmas Fair total to date $26,772.08!!
- AGM next month to review and vote on annual budget; Monica & Lisa to review ahead of time.

c) <u>COPACS Rep Melissa Drolet</u>

- Feb 20/13 COPACS AGM.
- Van Isle Parent Conference at Spectrum School Feb 23/13.
    - Poster should go in our newsletter.
    - COPACS is funding $3000 towards reimbursing SD63 parents who buy tickets.
    - Visit www.vipc.ca

-COPACS wants PARENT feedback re: 2 week Spring Break; most feedback so far has been from District teachers.
- NEW RESOURCE: The Force – Society for Kids with Mental Health Issues (ie. anxiety).
    - Resource for parents.
    - www.forcesociety.com
    - Should be in our newsletter.

-approval for toner & paper - $150/school/PAC.

d) Christmas Fair Coordinator Lesley MacLaughlin
- more sorting on stage and mezzanine to be done in the next week or so.
- wanting mezzanine shelves, and venue labeled storage bins organized neatly on the shelves.
- locked gate on mezzanine entrance necessary.
- group discussion with parents attending about motivating Class Reps and parents to attend PAC meetings.

-this led to a discussion about fairly distributing volunteerism for the Christmas Fair because for the most part, the same parents run it every year.
    - One parent suggested randomly assigning each class avenue at the Fair.
    - The 3 Kindergarten classes would together run the Silent Auction, which requires the most volunteers.
    - The jobs rotate every year.
    - If volunteer shifts are not filled, then the venue is closed.
    - Further input & discussion needed.

7. Upcoming Events
Jan 25 – Hot Lunch Day
Feb 11 – Family Day (No School)
Feb 14 – Jump Rope For Heart
Feb 15 – Pro-D Day (No School)

8. Next Meeting
Feb 6 – PAC Executive Meeting
Feb 20 – PAC AGM Meeting

9. Adjournment
- Lisa called for adjournment; Melissa seconded.