MINUTES
Deep Cove PAC General Meeting
November 20, 2013

Present:
Treasurer: Monica Copeland
Secretary: Susan Adam
Parent Education: Kim Bull-Chambers
Christmas Fair: Lesley MacLaughlin
Website Coordinator: Annilee Armstrong
Newsletter Editor: Mary MacKay
CPF: Susan Fidyk
Principal Erika Moser
Vice Principal Steve MacGregor
8 parents

Absent:
President: Lisa Makar
Volunteer Coordinator: Stacey Rees
Special Events Coordinator: Shealyn Jackson
COPACS: Melissa Drolet

1. Call To Order:
- President Lisa Makar was absent this meeting. Treasurer Monica Copeland chaired this meeting and called the meeting to order.

2. Additions to Agenda:
- Lice education for parents in lieu of head checks at school.
- Parent Sydney Miller was present to bring forward her concerns.
- Discussion after Reports.

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting:
- Mary MacKay approved the minutes.
- Annilee Armstrong seconded.

4. Business from previous meeting:
a) Special Funding Request Process:

- Principal Moser and VP MacGregor spoke on behalf of the staff that there is an understanding that we had less funding this year.
- New staff sees our PAC funding as a gift.
- Kim Bull-Chambers brought up prioritizing the staff's requests.
- VP MacGregor acknowledged there wasn't necessarily an order of priority in their requests, but they were presented as: first, previously funded SFR's that staff was hoping would continue to be funded, followed by new SFR's.
- Monica Copeland acknowledged an anonymous email sent to the PAC Executive after the Special Funding meeting and vote that voiced their disapproval of our funding of the Math Reflex program. However that person did not choose to voice their opinion at the meeting or participate in the vote. Because their email was anonymous, the PAC Executive could not respond.

5. New Business:

a) PAC Facebook Page

- Our website coordinator Annilee Armstrong has our Facebook page up and running.
- Our Christmas Fair coordinator Lesley MacLaughlin has been using it to communicate Christmas Fair information to parents.
    - Posting pictures of set-up progress
    - Online volunteer sign-up is available

-Monica suggested we have a joint page with the school.
- Generally, the people at the meeting thought a separate PAC page would be better.

b) Spring Dance

- Where did the idea come from?
- Lisa Makar sat with other PAC Presidents at a recent COPACS meeting and heard about the idea from them.
- We need more research to answer a lot of logistical questions:
    - Canned music? iPod? Parent DJ?
    - Age appropriate music for K-5?
    - Big gym dance? Small gym bouncy castle and refreshments?
    - Parents too?
    - Day? Night?

-Let's put this back on the agenda in January after we do more investigating of costs, etc.
- Mme. Moser will look into how Lochside has run theirs successfully.
- Also, another Family Movie Night in the New Year?
    - Spirit Committee Coor. Rebekah Hunter was present and she is on it.
    - She would like to put in a request for a bigger popcorn maker that could be used for other school venues other than movie nights (ie. bake sales).
    - If it's over $200, she needs to put in a SFR, we'll review it at next Exec meeting, post it for minimum 14 days, and vote at next General Meeting in January.

6. Reports

a) Principal Erika Moser

-Thank you from the staff for the SFR process and all the work that goes into the Christmas Fair.
- Seismic Upgrade: has had her final meeting with Unitech.
    - They have begun removing their equipment.
    - Makuch & Lanouette returned to their classrooms.
    - Kerr/VonSchuckmann's returning to their class this week; class furniture and resources were returned to class.
    - Under budget so we have new glass sliding doors in library so it can be closed off and used as a classroom; also, new basketball backboards in big gym. One has a broken hand crank on it so it has been blocking the gym stage for years. Now it will move by remote control.

-Virtue this month is: Courage, presented by M. Makuch's class.
- Report cards home between Nov 25-Dec 6. Interviews with some teachers.
- Goals for the year: social responsibility & numeracy.
- Successful "genius hour" sessions underway.
- Roots of Empathy in Ms. Challinor's class with baby Carter, her grandson.
- Green school initiative underway: planet protectors, Wasteless Wednesdays, turning lights off
- Healthy Living: PE every day in every class, walking Wednesdays, fruit & veg program.
- Naturescape: 1 bench & 3 picnic tables added for outdoor classroom.

- Numeracy: $2000 in resources added after Fall workshop.

b) Vice Principal Steve MacGregor
- New Deep Cove jerseys: “Out of the Blue” chosen to supply 120 jerseys
- New clubs underway:
    - K-5 choir: fantastic performance at Mary Winspear with Norman Foote; caroling started
    - Dance club: practices have started
    - Swim club: great response to new coaches and dedicated teachers Mme. Chouinard & Mme. Lister; amazing effort by Mme. Lister and the swim club bulletin board.
    - Soccer jamboree Nov 28 at Panorama
    - Lesotho leadership

-this led to a discussion about the possibility of having a Christmas concert at the school.
    - Teacher to coordinate?
    - Religious not for everyone?
    - Too much with the Fair?
    - Night vs. day concert?
    - Sing-a-long at our annual Christmas assembly.
    - On stage next year.

c) CPF Rep Susan Fidyk
- Susan is the new CPF President for Saanich.
- We have a new CPF Rep Nicole Lee, bilingual Kindergarten parent.
- Bonhomme is coming in New Year.
- Bonjour Bonnenuit is tomorrow night: Bayside students reading for our students here.
- Again in February.
- CPF provides for FI and Core French students as well.
- We are the only District in BC that provides Core French from Kindergarten.

d) Treasurer Monica Copeland
- Our PAC Executive needs a Treasurer for next school year. Monica’s daughter is moving onto Bayside. The New Year would be a good time to find a willing parent who could shadow Monica for a few months.
- Also Monica needs a second counter in the money room with her on the night of the Fair.

e) Parent Educator Kim Bull-Chambers
- working on getting some speakers in the New Year.
    - Sexual health for parents?
    - Restorative justice?
    - Darren Lauer: powerful speaker on social media education for parents
        - Booked at Parkland this month.
        - We should put date and time in our newsletter.
        - May ’14 for parents with Gr 5 moving onto Bayside?

f) Christmas Fair Coordinator Lesley MacLaughlin
- Lesley introduced Bridget Anderson, our incoming Christmas Fair Coordinator, and Terra Munro, our incoming Silent Auction Coordinator. Both were present.
- no longer using Parkland students for venue help as they no longer require volunteer credits to graduate.
- Grade 8 students needed.
- Primary Games needs a coordinator.

- secured 3 prizes for the raffle.
- secured Westjet tickets for the silent auction.
- New Emporium coordinator: New Best of Emporium section.
- raising tickets prices from current 2005 rate.
- Café Noel is for ADULTS ONLY!
- would like 6 school t-shirts for early bird sign-up prizes. Because it is under $200, Lesley made a motion to allocate 6 school t-shirts to Christmas Fair; Mary MacKay seconded: passed.
- New Dance Party Venue: Kristi Benwell Coordinator.
    - Using Wii for dance offs; 4 kids at a time: teacher vs. student dance offs.
    - Terra Munro has another Wii to use.

-50/50 ticket sellers needed; preferably 2 dueling teams.
- Silent auction donations needed.
- Parent Florie Waller has painted all the art around the front entrance and is making trees for the front hall.

7. Next Meetings
Dec 11 – PAC Executive Meeting
Jan 22 – PAC General Meeting

8. Adjournment
- Monica called for adjournment.