

## Deep Cove PAC General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 15th 2015 7 pm

### Present:

Julie Lobb and Deborah Rogers - Co-Presidents

Colette Hopkins - Volunteer Coordinator

Rebekah Hunter - Spirit Committee Coordinator

Mary MacKay - Secretary

Melissa Drolet - COPACS

Bridget Anderson - Christmas Fair Coordinator

Kim Bull-Chambers - Parent Education Coordinator

Carly Scholze - Communications Coordinator

Parents/Class Reps: Sue Adam, Tiki Butcher, Michelle Law, Reziah <sup>\*\*\*</sup>, Nicole Eyre, Heather Kopcock,

Erika Moser - Principal

### Missing:

Jazz Harding - Treasurer

Mikiala Christie - Co-Parent Education Coordinator ( at Sexual Health talk)

**1. Call to Order** : 7:10 - Introductions around the table of all in attendance

### **2. Additions to Agenda:**

- Reziah - would like to speak about an idea for a Dance fundraiser - will go in under New business

- Rebekah & Sue will comment under reports for Year End BBQ

### **3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting**

Colette motioned to approve, Rebekah seconded

### **4. Reports:**

#### **Administration**

Erika - Welcome to all and thank you for all that you do & communicating to parents that can't come

News: Budget; hope many will use school site to link up with District level ex. look at budget process; would like your input and give feedback; due to declining enrolment we have a \$2 million deficit - no decisions made on what to cut so feedback is important

Staffing - continuing process for next year; Diane Sarty, long standing teacher here at Deep Cove will be retiring this year; others that are temporary will be leaving, Erin Hill will return from her Mat Leave next year.

K Orientation - numbers not certain at moment - many parents wait to reenroll; Orientation is happening on May 7; PAC exec will be joining admin/teachers to speak - 12:30-1:40 on May 7

Growth plan - every April it happens; Tess Town, Lisa Makar and Melissa Drolet are the committee members and will be reviewing goals and setting new ones; looking at self-regulation and either a Literacy or Numeracy goal then setting strategies & assessment goals; may put in SFR to PAC to go with the goals to support if resources are needed

Arts: sometimes it may look like there isn't much going on as it's dispersed over school year but there is a LOT going on. ex Art Gallery in the school, Carnaval/ Maple Man thanks to CPF - can only happen if we have the CPF rep and we NEED a new one; Have had 2 Multi-cultural performances, Victoria Symphony trip for gr. 4/5 classes, upcoming Artists in Residence, Dance Club and Choir - both initiated by teachers. Erika gave a reminder that parents are always welcome to come to performances;

April - FN Arts: April 27 - May 1; 10 artists to rotate through the classes to do lessons ex. bannock bread, bone games, story teller, dream catcher, paddles, felt

design, knitting etc. - it will be a busy week!

Earth week - April 22-26; notice home on Friday before to outline events; Salmon release on Tuesday - parents can join to walk down;

**Spirit Committee** - Rebekah - June 25th Games Day, June 26th Breakfast - looking at having the year end BBQ on June 17th; will be potluck style, bring BBQ's and kids hang out and do bubbles, face painting etc. Trying to do something a bit different this year - doing something that allows the students to showcase their talents - often the hobbies/talents go unnoticed so would be nice for them to be able to showcase their talents - students could do a baking table, necklaces they make, paint, give lessons etc. Any child can have a table and sell what they make, or to share their talent/hobby. Rebekah to touch base with the teachers and send info home so kids can have time to prepare; will report more as she and Sue Adam finalize plans for this event

### **Christmas Fair**

Bridget - will put out a letter in May - has 10 - venues without a coordinator for next year; letter to explain what needs to be done and put call out for those venues; Melissa - suggested that there could be a Christmas Fair Coordinator to assist Bridget and perhaps description to break it down better on the Volunteer sheet at beginning of year or making it separate just for the Fair; expectation will be given for what the "family" will do/contribute - hope is that it will stand out more and get more involvement from all families.

-Rebekah suggested to send it out with September package and that it must be returned so that it is more likely to get a better involvement.

### **5. New Business**

Parent Speaker - Nicole Eyre, employment services:

- Community Coordinator for Beacon Community Services; 9 departments, many services like home support, counselling services etc. Wants PAC to know about this and that they are an employment center for back to work assistance and many parents may need to access these services; here to help anybody that is new to the community, may have to change careers for a variety of reasons, caretakers who may need to re-enter the job market; here to help the community and the

employers as well to have job fairs etc. Wage subsidy programs as well as help with EI, work BC etc.

- Marketing for Beacon Community Services is usually by word of mouth to spread the word about services; we can post a blurb to our Parent page, Nicole to send something to Kim and will post on PAC page and FB page

**School Supplies** - Lisa Norden-Enfente - Colette read email re: question re: buying supplies and getting a discount for the school; will follow up with Lisa for more information to go home to parents re: process

**Dance Fundraiser** - Reziah - spoke about an idea she has for fundraising; holding a multi-cultural dance show involving all the students in the school and performing it in a public venue like Mary Winspear center. Reziah shared that she has had a lot of experience in this area and is thinking that it could raise \$6000 for the PAC; the idea would be for next year, take a team of parents to work with Mary Winspear technicians, working with many different styles of multi-cultural dances and she would teach the choreography to the teachers and/or parents who volunteer their time. Group discussion followed.

- Deb - personal feeling is that we don't need another fundraiser but a cultural event would be amazing.

- Reziah - see if need is there for extra funds or put it out there as an enriching activity.

- Deb - maybe good to put in touch with Dance Club sponsors and/or put forward for Artist in Residence;

- Melissa - understanding is that the Fair is the major fundraiser and can be hard to have two major fundraisers; however, pointed out that when the Dance at North Saanich happened years ago it was a major success

- Next step - connect Reziah with Erika in May and see what the possibilities are and Reziah will report back to the group

**Dolphin and School Clothing** - Sue Adam spoke to group

- Name the dolphin - will come up with a colouring contest and then we will pick the name

- Clothing - would like to suggest that we try to give away as much of the remaining clothing and then present a new line of clothing to work on over the

- Mary - made motion that Sue is authorized to disperse the remaining clothing as she sees fit by the end of the year; Melissa seconded - all in favour - passed.

## **6. Upcoming Events**

Earth Day - Melissa - activities planned - ex. students from Stelly's will present to Gr 4 & 5 classes, Melissa's husband who is a marine biologist will come with a colleague and give a presentation for younger kids; theme is 'cleaning up the neighbourhood; one hiccup was there was no request for \$\$ so no budget for this but has suggested that a SFR is put in for next year in September

Games Day - discussion tabled till next meeting

## **7. Next Meeting**

Executive Meeting - May 20th 6:30 pm

General Meeting - May 20th 7:00 pm

Any other questions?: Melissa - COPACS - Pac 101, a webinar - Melissa will send links to Carly and she will post on pages. BCCPAC - Deep Cove didn't renew their membership - Melissa's personal belief is that we should be a part of it to at least engage in the process and have a vote; Deb - can you put it together and present what it would cost, entail etc. Melissa will. FACE - upcoming protest for the budget cuts; watch for more info on PAC page.

Rebekah - where are things at with the WIFI issue? - Erika - going through the process, two families have come forward against, but teachers have approved it, and it will be going forward for approval

## **8. Adjournment: 8:25**