

Deep_Cove_PAC_General_Meeting_Minutes
January 20, 2016

Present:

Deb Rogers - Co-President
Julie Lobb - Co-President
Mikiala Christie - Co- Parent Education Coordinator
Colette Hopkins - Volunteer Coordinator
Shelley McCliggott - Treasurer
Mary MacKay - Secretary
Parents : Sue Adam, Tess Town,

1. Call to order - 7:05

2. Additions to Agenda :

- Sue Adam - school clothing
- Mikiala Christie - playground equipment
- Tess Town - Christmas Concert

3. Approval of minutes from last General Meeting - Julie Lobb motioned to approve minutes from previous General Meeting - Colette Hopkins seconded

4. Reports: Deb read Admin's report:

Wonderful effort and community spirit felt around the Christmas Fair and Christmas Concert! Thanks to all the parents who put so much time and effort into both.

Clubs are starting up again. Basketball and Dance are now underway while Choir and Gymnastics club will be getting going soon too.

Grade 5 celebration planning is already underway. Kim Bull-Chambers is heading up this group this year.

Carnaval is the last week in January. Parent reps are able to contact each classroom parents to arrange the 'crepe luncheon' for each class. This can take place on any day of the Carnaval Week and the classroom teacher should be contacted to be sure which date is preferable for each class.

We have just begun the process of shaping a new code of conduct of the school. Students and staff will work together to draft a set of Deep Cove Beliefs that represent how we think we should treat one another, ourselves, our surroundings etc...This will be a very inclusive process that will likely take much of the rest of the year to complete fully.

Grade 5 Camp at Camp Pringle is booked for May 19th-20th. Anticipated cost to families is \$22 thanks to the contribution from the PAC. An information letter will go home to families in the coming weeks.

Slide and Naturescape natural play equipment updates - new slide will be ordered thanks to approval of funds from PAC as well as offer from District grounds crews to install. District staff will also be working on a new natural playscape - details to come.

Deb commented further to give an update on the Playground equipment:

- Playground equipment - last week the PAC exec voted to approve money to use for fixing the slide and for a new outdoor playscape. Voted to spend the money that was in a GIC to use for a replacement slide which is on order. District has been helpful in moving process forward and have agreed to provide free labour and any extra materials. We are just having to pay for the slide piece. While district people are here they have agreed to install a natural play area of circular wood pole stepping area plus a few wood stools - no charge for the labour - no higher than \$5000 for materials - likely about \$3500. It cannot go in the Kindergarten area. It will go over by the fence where the long jump area is at far end of the upper field - will be installed late spring...or next year. PAC involvement needed in order to vote on the funding - the vote we had for funds last week stands and will be used as we had said money to be spent will be to a maximum of \$12000 and any money that is left over will be re-invested.

Mikiala - who inspects the safety of the new equipment - how often does District staff inspect the equipment? What is the process? Deb/Julie will send a note to Grant to ask this question.

Christmas Fair - Mary read Bridget's report from last week

- Jazz's email reported \$21,600 was raised from the Christmas Fair; Auction and raffle were down from last year. Kids have counted raffle tickets and will report on any findings; Tess will be giving out the t-shirts that were won by the raffle winners. Bridget commented that she found it the easiest Fair to run in her time of doing so as there were volunteers to cover anything - Amy Houle's student volunteers helped immensely; also having the teachers volunteer really seemed to hit home with the parents to step up to volunteer - even when there were no-shows then others were happy to step in. Having both admin selling tickets at two different places helped keep the flow going.

- Melissa - theme baskets; a great idea but too much for one person to run both the baskets and the silent auction, only broke even and maybe location wasn't great? - ideas for next year were discussed including keep the value lower and have it as its own position to run; Rebekah - have it listed on volunteer sheet at the beginning of year to sign up for that job and have a meeting for all so it is clear what to do. May want to revisit the idea itself to see how to plan and improve if it is to be done again. Other, too many items in Silent auction and idea was to combine smaller items so less to bid on and worth more. Will look at other ideas

for next year

Kim - thank you cards - other years saw all Gr. 4-5 students do the cards and that was a lot of work for Kim to go through to 'proof' them afterwards. This year, Kim got a small group to do them and they have been working on them at lunch. She will give them a small reward at end (they don't know this yet) hoping they are done by Friday. Melissa will give Kim the labels for list of who to thank. Staff cards - one card to thank staff for volunteering - one card for Amy's girls who helped;

Christmas concert - Tess Town - reported that staff found that it was fun and manageable to do before the Christmas break as usually not introducing new curriculum; it was reported back that it was not overwhelming to do before the break - many practiced songs etc in their gym time. Maybe moving it into the Spring next year but other ideas like "Christmas around the world or celebrations around the world" are being discussed. Reziah, another parent, has talked to PAC about a multicultural dance exhibition perhaps next year or being Artist in Residence. Would be more tied to curriculum if it was Artist in Residence. Tess stated that she is game to do it all again!!!!!!

- Julie - how did you do money-wise with funds that were given? Tess commented that there were a lot of people who added things or donated materials that were not paid for out of the PAC donated funds. The wooden structures were expensive as well but all the material for costumes and the sewing was donated. So, the show was done for the \$500 that PAC donated. Would more \$ be needed to do it again? Discussion around this - perhaps but group can be creative in how to best use any funds. Tess will email Grant to see about storage of items such as the sets so they can be saved,

School Clothing - Sue Adam - when she ordered clothing, the adult neon shirts were sent in men sizes only and are large fitting...ex 'bat wings' instead of a more 'feminine' fit. Sue realized when she opened it that it was wrong, phoned salesman and complained and so they will be replaced for free.

- Will wind up with twice as many adult neon tech shirts but only being charged for half of them as will send new female shirts at no charge.

- Mary made motion to donate 15 of the adult male shirts to the school to have on hand for any occasion that needs it i.e. Pink Shirt day. Mikiala seconded. Motion passed.

Carnaval week - Colette - has been in talks with Mme Beaudry, class reps know what to bring, who needs to help etc. A few parents have complained that they hadn't heard anything so Colette sent a gentle reminder to all class reps to send something out, some teachers had not decided on the actual Crepe day yet so the rep and teachers were to talk.

- Ice blocks - Louise would like to do a 2 dimensional Bonhomme lying down with sash etc.

Colette - mentioned that growing up she had a Winter Fair during week of Carnaval where there would be a final night at end of week; Mikiala a winter festival would be fantastic. Discussion ensued about merits etc but discussion tabled for next year.

Annual General Meeting - February 17th, 7 pm

- Changeover of members - 4 vacant roles; Colette was approached last year by two ladies that are interested to volunteer and she will contact them to see if interest is still there

- Deb/Julie - will send a letter next week with all the roles and reminder that all roles are open to apply for and to come_to_the_Meeting_to_vote.

Next_meeting - budget needs to be ready for Feb 1 for potential meeting on Feb 3; if email discussion is minimal then we can move to approve and post to board & website for the 3rd.

Adjourned - 8:00 pm