Deep Cove Elementary

PAC General Meeting

February 22, 2017

Call to order 7:04

Deferral of minutes from previous meeting (December). Lisa Makar motioned, Kelli Emms seconded.

AGENDA:

-Review and vote on PAC budget

-PAC elections

-Reports

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Book Fairs- Coordinator Lisa Tonken reported that February's French Book Fair grossed approximately $2700. This was slightly less than last year's gross, presumably due to its shortened duration(4 days instead of 5), and perhaps because of its change of date(after Christmas instead of before). The English Book fair in October grossed approximately $6000.

Lisa is passing the coordinator position of the French fair to Jen Dahl, but will coordinate next year's English fair, before beginning her new chapter at Bayside.

Lisa wishes to thank her team of volunteers for helping to make the fairs such a success.

Huge kudos to Lisa for her tremendous efforts!

Toast Club- Setsuko Hennessey is stepping down as Coordinator, and reports difficulties in finding volunteers. This sparked a roundtable discussion about possible ways to engage more parents. Some ideas included:

-Expanding the volunteer drive from once per year to twice per year (Fall and Spring).

-Encouraging the concept of "co-positions" for the PAC, so responsibilities can be shared.

-An "Ask Me" kiosk with members of the PAC at the end-of-year party to encourage participation.

-Utilizing technology with an online sign-up program to make volunteering opportunities easier to update and navigate.

-Changes to volunteer sign-up sheet.

PAC BUDGET

The Operating Budget was approved with one change. The vote was to remove $100 from the Spirit Committee and add it to Parent Education resources. The administration has committed to helping identify appropriate resources, and spending the funds.

Motion to accept- Mikiala Christie. Seconded by Rebekah Hunter

ELECTIONS

Heather Kopcok was elected co-secretary.

Anne Gardam was elected co-volunteer coordinator.

COPACS position remains vacant.

Spirit Committee position remains vacant, although some interest has been expressed by Melissa Drolet, and Elissa Kember(who would step down as co-secretary).

All candidates were voted in unanimously.

REPORTS:

School in Need- Lisa Makar discussed possible ways to strengthen our connection, and add meaning to our involvement with our "sister school", Craigflower Elementary. Perhaps an "artist in residence" could serve as a liaison. She will talk with their PAC to achieve broader social benefit for both schools.

Parent Education- Coordinator Mikiala Christie reported her discovery a free forum offered by UVIC, with presentations on over 450 topics, including children& electronics, children& nature, etc. She will investigate, and hopes to arrange for speakers to come to our school for evening sessions.

A public health nurse will join us on April 19th to discuss healthy school initiatives.

Mikiala also reminded us of the ever-expanding parent resource library located at the entrance to the library.

Christmas Fair- Coordinator Kara Westgate expressed her ideas for re-organizing the management of the fair for next year. In the past, a few people have been saddled with an inordinate amount of work, causing undue stress, and prolonging tasks unnecessarily. Her solution is to create a committee of parents to share the workload. It would meet a few times before the fair, but the majority of the work would be done from home. She has drafted a letter to this effect, and it has been sent out through the school website, and class reps.

Administrative Report- (see attached)

Adjournment- motion to adjourn by Mikiala Christie, Seconded by Kelli Emms 8:57