

Deep Cove PAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 30, 2018 630pm

Present

President: Heather Kopcok
Secretary: James Chaney
COPACS: Angela Verriour
Volunteer co co-ordinators: Anne Gardam, Nicole De Greef
Christmas fair co-ordinators: Jody Kary
Spirit committee co-cordinator: Elissa Kember
Parent education co-ordinator: Mikiala Christie
Communications co-ordinator: Brandi Jenkins

Regrets:

Spirit committee co-cordinator: Stephanie Gilmore
Treasurer: Shelley McCliggott

Administration Present:

Principal Steve MacGregor
Vice-Principal Nicole McCron

Parents Present:

Lisa Makar, Michelle Darling, Elizabeth Waterman, Lisa Gray, Jeff Butcher, Wendy Chapman, Karly Stones, Robert Kemshaw, Sarah Kerrigan, Karalee Tremblay, Kara Westgate.

Review of agenda/agenda additions

Approval of minutes of April 18, 2018

Motion to approve minutes: Anne Gardem, seconded by Lisa Makar. Motion carried.

Special Funding Requests

Primary purpose of todays meeting is to vote on the budgeted requests

Lisa Makar explained a collaborative effort by her with Shelley and Heather. They processed and prioritised all fund requests. Intent is to find the best balance and maximise benefit to the most students possible. More than \$43,000 in requests was reduced to \$25,000 to be approved and allocated.

Heather worked through the SFR list describing each item. There was brief discussion on most items as follows:

Dance club: Nicole M explained this program. A large part of the cost is borne by parents of the dancing children.

Artist-in-Residence: Nicole M and Steve explained the program. Stressed the actual cost is much higher and perhaps we could consider redirecting spare funds to that program.

Special art supplies: Nicole M said (on behalf of Mme Hogan) that this is good request as it helps avoid “nickel & diming” parents constantly. It has increased \$200 more than previous year due to two extra classes.

Butterfly larvae: Nicole M stated (on behalf of Mme Hogan) that this is a popular program.

Field trips: request is \$480 higher than last years \$4000. Nicole M stated (on behalf of Mme MacIntyre) that using buses is necessary given the schools distant location from the various

destinations. It is generally preferable to asking and organising parents to drive children on trips.

Bussing: In the same vein Nicole M described various destinations around the district like jamborees, extra curricular events, sports meets.

Swim club: Nicole M said the swim season is long and the request is subsidising an unknown but much greater cost.

Haunted house: Parent attendees queried whether this is important. Steve suggested that the haunted house fund could be moved to artist-in-residence as we continually accrue many 'scary themed' items.

Earth week transport: Steve explained this is to bus kids to Stellys.

Canada is for Kids: Nicole de Greef explained this is a local artist, popular with younger kids, benefits whole school. It's possible the artist could be brought back for more sessions.

Mindfulness: Steve assured all that this high value program has become engrained into the school culture. Although teachers know how to keep sharing the knowledge it is valuable to have the mindful experts teach this program. The submission was very brief/vague which caused the requested \$4000 to be reduced to \$2500.

Sign up Genius Membership: Heather mentioned this will require administration but will make for simpler organisation of school events (eg Christmas fair).

Sports Equipment: Steve stated old worn gear could be updated.

Maker space: Steve said (on behalf of librarian) they'd like to update library supplies.

Swan Lake: Steve stated this is for instructors on the field trips.

Indigenous Speaker: Steve explained the speakers are paid an honourarium.

Nature Scape: Steve acknowledged the nature-scape is already in progress at the back of the school.

Also that the school district is planning and funding some play area costs including recent new slides.

Toast club: Heather said this is a popular program people generally want to keep going.

Camp Pringle: Heather stated this is very popular with all grade 5 kids.

School in Need: Heather talked about how other schools and specifically other PACs raise very little funding. We historically want to share something with a PAC in need to support the greater community.

Discussion before voting and motions to amend budget.

Heather suggested we top-up either Mindfulness or Artist-in-Residence by shifting \$500 from the friendship bench

Heather proposed to move the friendship and/or buddy bench fund to mindfulness or to artist in residence, Steve agreed. He suggested there are other avenues to explore for bench funding including a local sponsor, volunteer builders and materials supplier like Sleggs.

Elissa Kember moved that \$500 be moved from the bench fund to Artist in Residence, seconded by Lisa Makar. Motion carried.

Steve suggested Haunted House fund be moved but there was no particular interest to do this.

Lisa Makar asked school admin if funds are available from school district for the Indigenous Speaker. Steve advised the real cost is much higher and implied this item fund is important to keep.

Lisa Makar motioned that the SFR budget be accepted. Angela Verriour seconded. The majority of parents present agreed to approve and accept the SFR budget. Motion carried.

Executive business:

Brief reports were heard from most PAC executives present.

Administration

Steve showed the new school beliefs designs.

Presidents report

Heather invited volunteers to consider the vacant CPF role. At this point (following earlier pre-meet conversation) Mikiala Christie nominated Angela Verriour for COPAC representative. Nicole DeGreef seconded.

COPAC

Angela had already attended a recent COPAC meeting. Highlights from that meeting shared were that the govt budget has not been reduced for the first time since 2002. Also that the remedy days – where large classes get extra help from TOC's - is an issue as there is a shortage of TOC's.

Secretary

James had nothing new to report as today is his first time in this role.

Christmas fair

Kara Westgate nominated Jody Kary to Christmas Fair Co- Coordinator, seconded by Mikiala Christie. Kara mentioned a few ideas about changing up Christmas fair. She proposed one central place for volunteers by using sign up genius for the Christmas fair. She suggested either we stop or simplify the emporium as it's a huge amount of work for a low return. She talked about the PAC or school purchasing a popcorn machine for the fair & various events. To be discussed more next meeting.

Volunteer co co-ordination

Anne described sign up genius to be used as a tool for volunteers, it's a work in progress. Further updates to follow.

Parent education

Mikiala invited ideas and topics for future presenters and book titles for parent library.

Communications

Brandi mentioned using facebook for sharing PAC information.

Heather Kopcok moved the meeting be ended. Elissa Kember seconded. Meeting closed 840pm