Minutes
Deep Cove PAC
General Meeting
October 18th, 2017

Present:

Co-Presidents: Lisa Makar & Lisa Tonken
Secretary: Heather Kopčok
Parent Education: Mikiala Christie
Spirit Committee Coordinator: Elissa Kember
Communications Coordinator: Brandi Hunter
Canadian Parents for French; Marc Laperriere

Parents: Jodi, Trish, Jen, Lara, Sue, Elise

Absent:

Volunteer Coordinator: Anne Gardam
Treasurer: Shelley McCliggott
COPACS: Melissa Drolet
Christmas Fair Coordinator: Kara Westgate

Administration Present:

Principal: Steve MacGregor
Vice Principal: Nicole McCron

Meeting

1. Introduction

- Call to order 7:03 pm. Co-Presidents Lisa Makar and Lisa Tonken co-chaired the meeting.
- Additions to the agenda: Silent Auction
- Elissa Kember approved the minutes of the last meeting and seconded by Lara Gladych.

2. Discussion Topics

- Volunteer positions: Kelly has stepped down as volunteer co-coordinator and we're looking for support for Anne. Mme. Launer and Von Schuckman are still looking for class reps. The class reps are a liaison between PAC and parents. Elise offered to step up for Launer's class during the meeting.

The silent auction needs a coordinator or 4. Discussion on getting the descriptions of Christmas Fair positions out to parents so the jobs are better understood. These descriptions would include jobs that can be done either before during and/or after the Christmas Fair. These summaries are to be sent to Brandi so she can post the information on the website.

We still need coordinators for the Year End Breakfast and Fun Day but the feeling is that there is still time to find someone so it can wait for now. No one has stepped up as the School Supply coordinator but in the discussion it was decided that the position is no longer necessary as the new method of organizing school supplies doesn't require a parent volunteer.

The Way to Go position is also vacant. It started as a Canada Wide Green School initiative (walking Wednesday) and turned more into a school spirit event. The new coordinator has free reign to make it whatever they like.

Recycling needs help as it is a big job and we need more than one person to do it. It is a weekly duty of sorting and setting the recyclables up for disposal.

It was suggested that a PAC handbook be compiled for the volunteer positions and survey sign ups used going forward.

- **School Clothing:** The clothing has been intentionally close to sold out to purge inventories so the new coordinator can start fresh. The previous clothing was too expensive and unpopular in colour and style. In order to top up what we have the prices have gone up since the original order. We don't make any money on school clothing and we are breaking even. A request for spending more than $250 would be necessary and would have to be posted for 2 weeks making the deadline for Christmas Fair delivery unlikely. Sue Adam will go with a new model of preordering the clothing instead of keeping an inventory. We can test this at the Christmas Fair.

- **Parent Education**: Mikiala Christie spoke on the parent Education position. She maintains a space near the library and sends emails with info and plans events. She's looking for recommendations or requests for books for the library, recipes, health and wellness including mental health resources. Previously in Mikiala's experience guest speakers have not had a good turn out. UVIC has speakers available to us. A group first aid course for parents organized via parent education was suggested (at a cost to parents). There is money left in the budget for parent ed. And there was discussion of possibly using the money towards webinars and memberships where parents could access these resources on their own time. And could do from home. Steve Macgregor used Julie Anne Richards as an example of a professional counselor who likely would have resources relevant to our parent group. This at home access seems like a better use of resources as even at COPACS events few people show up.

- Communications: Discussion around posting photos on Facebook. Steve MacGregor spoke to how there is a bit of a grey area and unless it is a public community event no one should likely be posting pictures of other people's children. Unless the photo is of your child on your personal page perhaps ask if the photo even needs to be taken in the first place.

The question was asked of the PAC's Facebook page: What do we want that page to look like? Should it be a forum for parents to post and have two-way communication and sharing of resources and info or PAC only posts more like the PAC webpage?

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- Poinsettias: Coordinator Lara Gladych explained how families usually preorder the plants. In 2016, 91 units were ordered for a total of $750. Mme. Johanne suggested selling plants at the Christmas fair like in previous years. Lara wants to test selling them at the fair as people often are too late and often have regrets not pre-ordering. She was thinking to pre-order 30 plants at a cost of $226 and we would double that money. Parents would be charged an additional dollar per plants for the cash and carry at the fair. Preordered plants will be delivered the week of the fair. This year we will try a hybrid test. Lara will order 30 plants in addition to the pre-order that's already gone out. Lara made a request for $250 for the cost of the 30 plants to be sold as cash and carry at the Christmas Fair. It was moved to approve $250 towards buying the plants. Susan Adam seconded this and the motion was passed by voice vote.

-**Canadian Parents for French (CPF):** Marc Laperriere is our new Canadian Parents for French representative. Marc informed us the last website newsletter was posted in 2014 because no one knows the password. Marc would like to link to Facebook page. Marc spoke to how the Maple Man is very popular initiative and do we want to spend the money for Maple Man again or change things up. Marc let us know that CPF is having a membership drive. Once signed up new members are eligible for prizes and bursaries and the funds go back to the district. Marc encourages parents to join CPF. Details are on the CPF website. Marc is looking for suggestions for events. CPF benefits all kids in the school in both streams of English and French.

3. Administration Reports: From Principal Steve MacGregor: We are looking forward to the English Book Fair next week. Thank you to Lisa Tonken and her amazing team. The kids and staff are excited for the event.
Staffing is now complete, including EA positions and our new secretary. Simone

Whyte, Stacey Rees and Dana Uhl-Griffiths are the EA team. Christine Marshall will be our secretary beginning in mid November. She has experience in elementary school.
LED lights are now installed throughout the building and are wonderful. We no longer have fluorescent lighting at our school. The light is similar to old lighting but there's no flicker. It is an instant on and a huge cost savings for the district.
The belief assemblies continue to be a nice start to our week. We enjoy aerobics, a mindful moment and a short presentation from various classes on Monday mornings.
FSAs are underway. This is the first year for these assessments to take place in October. They typically take place in February.
School wide mindfulness sessions will begin tomorrow. Classes will have time with Tara Logan every second week similar to last year. These sessions are tailored to class needs.
There is a grant application in for Holly Arntzen and with Kevin Wright. They will be coming whether we get the grant or not thanks to PAC funding. Award of the grant would allow us to have an added component in the program. There is a possible conflict with Earth Week so were thinking to have them complement each other. This would mean possibly paring down Earth Week activities. This would be a good tie in with Earth Week, April 16-19, 2018. Give back from former students to come back out when the schedule fits for track and Sara Jim for arts.

From Vice Principal Nicole McCron: Soccer for the grade fours and fives, there are 4 full teams, and swim club grades 3,4 and 5 are underway or soon will be. The SFR helps offset the cost of these programs.
Remembrance Day assembly is on Friday, November 10 at 10:15 AM and classes are to do presentations.
The Terry Fox run was hugely successful raising nearly $3000 well exceeding our goal of $750.
Drop everything and read is on Monday led by M. Lussier. This will take place after aerobics.

4. Adjournment and dates of note:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Next PAC meeting November 15th , 7pm

Prepared by:

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PAC Secretary