

Comox Valley Montessori Society Monthly Meeting, January 20, 2010

Present:	April Brosko	Mina Morehouse	Lisa Wilcox
	Heather Robertson	Michelle Hawkins	Shelley Schorno
	Caroline Guay	Jenn Johnson	Gillian Strillets
	Mina Moorehouse	Danny White	Stephanie Custer
	Nancy Nixon	Serena Patterson	Shannon Lisch
	Corrine McNamee	Stacey Fisher	Andrea Kreeger
	Dale Kuzma	David Coates	

1. Call to Order – 7:40

2. Introductions

3. Adoption of the Agenda

It was regularly motioned and seconded that the agenda be accepted.

CARRIED

4. Minutes

It was regularly motioned and seconded that the minutes be adopted from November. The December meeting did not have a quorum so it did not go ahead.

CARRIED

5. Reports

Administrator's Report

- David Coates, VP, is taking a leave at the end of January to go to Jordan and Thailand for Habitat for Humanity.
- Basketball is up and running.
- Swimming lessons are up and running.
- Ready, Set Learn is for 3 year olds. It occurs January 25th (Monday) from 4 to 5.
- The annual school review is next week. Gillian Strillets, SPC and Montessori member, will be part of it.
- January 27th – Let's Sing Choir from 9:30 to 10 and assembly. It is also family literacy day.
- Thursday, January 28th, Queneesh will be having a Magic Show.
- Interim reports are going out on February 12th. Report cards are the 5th of March.
- Each class in the school will have skating on one day, either the February 5th, 11th and 12th.
- Candy grams are going to be sold for Haiti relief.
- Kindergarten registration for only Montessori will be on February 11th for siblings and the 12th is open registration.
- Posting for Montessori teachers will go out quickly.
- February 14th is Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day.
- The Isfeld band is coming to the school.

- General registration for Kindergarten (i.e. non-Montessori) starts on February 22nd.
- Mike and the Montessori teachers meet every second Tuesday
- Mike is retiring on July 31st, 2010

Trustee Report

- The Board is focused on next year's budget. There will be cuts. By January 26th, some decisions will be made.
- The budget committee has been meeting every Monday morning. Mina has been attending on behalf of the CVMS.

President's Report

- 20 copies of the Montessori Madness book have been ordered. They are to be available for purchase for about \$20 at the parent info night. Michelle Hawkins will be running a book club around this book. We will sell any extra copies to existing Montessori parents and then top up the number of desired books to existing Montessori parents by preorder.

It was regularly motioned and seconded to reimburse Pauline for the purchase of the Montessori Madness books, including shipping.

CARRIED

Treasurer's Report

- We still have 2 accounts because there are 3 outstanding cheques on the old account. The old account will be closed ASAP.
- Our current balance at both banks combined is \$7219.14.
- There are very few post-dated cheques for donations for the rest of the school year. Some attendees at the meeting requested that a request for more donations be sent out via email and paper send out as they did not know that more donations were needed.
- All the tax receipts for 2009 have been mailed out. If you have not received your receipt, please let us know.

Correspondence

- There have been lots of emails regarding kindergarten registration.

Inventory Report

- The CVMS has 26 new members. 5 members unsubscribed.
- We have a list of purchases to make when funds allow.
- There are lots of materials on back order.

Fundraising Report

- Names were gathered for a fundraising meeting.
- We need to write thank you about 70 letters and receipts for people that donated to the art auction. They need to be out soon. Andrea and Jenn will do it. April will need to sign the receipts.

6. Old Business

- The materials breakages policy: It will be discussed at our next meeting.
- Information night and registration planning. The date for the Parent Information night is Tuesday, February 2nd from 6 to 7:30. Jeanine will be speaking on behalf of the CVMS. It will be a similar format to past years. CVMS books and magazines need to come back for the evening of February 2nd.

7. New Business

- Community building. Shelley is going to organize a community building event.
- Pauline would like to write a Parent Handbook prior. Everyone agreed that this was a good idea.
- It was suggested that there be a joint parent and pro-development event re: appreciative inquiry. Mike his wife, who is also a principal, are trained in appreciative inquiry. It is a process of building on strengths rather than trying to fix problems. Mike and Serena will draw up a plan.

The meeting was adjourned 8:55.