

## Comox Valley Montessori Society Monthly Meeting, April 21, 2010

Present: Erin Walsh Heather Robertson Lisa Wilcox  
Ellie Grant Jenn Johnson Terri Fullerton  
Michelle Hawkins Mina Morehouse Erin Walsh  
Shelley Schorno LeighAnn Vaughan Jeanine Fukui  
April Brosko Carolyn Guay Stacey Fisher  
Pauline Rae Melissa Berrigan Cat Dextrase  
Ocean Varney

### 1. Call to Order – 7:37

### 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 March 2010.

CARRIED

### 5. Reports

#### Administrator's Report

- This week the school is having litter free lunch week
- Buying school supplies by the classroom is being discussed
- Montessori kindergarten registration – we have a full class with a waiting list. Mike would like to move the hours for kindergarten for next year to 11:15 to 2:30. He will be in touch with the affected parents
- The Montessori teachers and administrative staff are developing some guiding principles and a 3 year plan. They will be looking for feedback. It will include a parent education component
- April 28<sup>th</sup> has an early dismissal
- Welcome to Kindergarten is on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7
- Queneesh's grade 6 and 7s are having an entrepreneur fair on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be in the afternoon in the gym
- Ann Buchanan has been hired as the 0.5 FTE Kindergarten teacher. She will also work part time as a learning support teacher
- The numbers of students for next year are still fluid as small changes are bound to happen. However, at this time, next year's enrolment in Montessori classes looks like:
  1. Kindergarten class with 22 kindergarten kids
  2. K/1 split with 5 kindergarten kids and 17 grade 1s
  3. Grade 1/2 split with 8 grade 1s and 16 grade 2s
  4. Grade 3/4/5 split with 9 grade 3s, 9 grade 4s and 8 grade 5s. BUT, this class has a maximum of 24 students.

## **President's Report**

- Nothing to report

## **Treasurer's Report**

- The current Balance is : \$6477

## **Correspondence**

- The Board of Directors wrote a letter to Mike McComb asking what the numbers look like for next year to assist in our planning.
- We received an email from Ian Harvey updating his progress on the building of the new website.

## **Inventory**

- Some new materials arrived for the classes.
- Neinhouse Canada has apologized for their poor service and offered a \$100 gift certificate

## **Fundraising**

- A car 'boot' sale is being organized on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Selling food/coffee at the car boot sale was suggested. Mina, Erin, Shelley and Cat will help organize the sale.
- The spring welcome picnic will also occur and be a separate event.

## **6. Old Business**

- Earth Day Celebration at Simms Park is coming up. Enough bottles have been collected. Michelle, Shelley, Ocean and Heather volunteered to help fill the time slots that do not have volunteers yet.
- Music for Montessori - Cat & Stacey are organizing games and food (hotdogs, face painting, popcorn, crafts). They have tents & tables. Montessori materials and artwork will be put in the display. A commercial for Shaw cable has been made to invite the public. The event has been listed on Facebook. There has been a write up in the local paper. We are currently recruiting volunteers to man the games and food stations.
- Budget update: April has the last 3 year's numbers. A budget meeting will occur. April will send out an email to Board Members to set a date.
- Annual General Meeting – May 19, 2010 at 7:30

Next month's meeting is the CVMS Annual General Meeting. Secretary, Treasurer and Board Members-at-Large are available. Nomination boxes are in the hallways upstairs and downstairs outside of the classrooms. Nominations will also be taken at the AGM. Heather will be making a motion at the AGM to modify the constitution to read in Section 3: "President and Vice-President will be nominated and elected bi-annually, beginning in 2009. Secretary and Treasurer will be nominated and elected bi-annually, beginning in 2010." She suggests this nomination because it reflects what has been happening.

The meeting was adjourned 9:10