

**Comox Valley Montessori Society
Monthly Meeting, Nov 17th , 2010**

Present: Sherry Turnbull Kristina Jespersen Ocean Varney
Kathy Roberts Lisa Wilcox LeighAnn Vaughan
Shelley Schorno Kyle Timms Sky Hill
April Brosko Erin Walsh Jenn Johnson
Tammy Clark Michelle Hawkins Caroline Guay
Kellie Sagadore Amanda MacNeil Sharene Popiel
Sarah Ritchie

1. Call to Order – 7:38

2. Introductions

3. Adoption of the Agenda

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

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4. Minutes

It was regularly motioned and seconded that the minutes be adopted from 2010.

As Amended

5. Reports

Administrator’s Report: Andrea Rowland (absent) in place Kyle Timms

5.1 Introduction and overview of teaching history. 21 century learning introduced- Timms states Schools are heading this direction and Montessori and this system are similar. Thanks for handing out the info sheet to learn more. “personal learning/pathways” As a district there are some big changes coming to the traditional curriculum.

President’s Report: Shelley Schorno

5.2 Shelley Thanks everyone for doing such a great job, working together, communication is great.

Treasurer’s Report: Michelle Burry, Michelle is absent Ocean reports;

5.3 Bank-approximately \$8,500. Donations since June 1st-approx \$10,000
Post dated donations- \$3,300. Non-cash donations – \$296
Expenses sine June 1st – approx \$2,400. Inventory purchases – approx \$6,800

Correspondence: Sherry Turnbull

5.4 New members added to database, a few unsubscribed, No correspondence to report

Inventory: Lisa Wilcox

5.5 Been busy spending money-wish list from Directresses, cross referencing suppliers to get best deal. All orders are put in- but major price discrepancies-and asking some companies to lower prices or we will order elsewhere. Spend \$4000 since last report. Some things only available from the US, trying to save us money on shipping by networking.

VP/Fundraising: LeighAnn Vaughan

- 5.6** Introduction of the Liaison concepts- every classroom has 2. They are available for communication between Directresses and Parent's, it is not in place of Parental communication, just for support. Main focus is for fundraising support.
- 5.7** Michelle's Class Erin Walsh and April Brosko, Stephani's class Heather and Kellie. Annes Class Jenn and Tammy. Nicole's Class, Caroline and LeighAnne
- 5.8** Introducing fundscrip-thanks for handing out the info sheets Erin Walsh- can be used online as well. Our sheet contains all the stores available in BC- Thriftys may be on the list we will find out more info later. LeighAnne states this fundscrip is a very simple was to turn your everyday spending into money for Montessori-We have a coach to reach our benchmark which is \$600 per classroom in orders LeighAnne says will be easy to reach, our shipping costs will be eliminated if we reach the benchmark-Hoping to move forward to make the card shopping online. LeighAnne will be posting contact to liaisons to help spread the word. It will also all be posted on the website. It was mentioned to have the use of cc- we get charged a fee for cc usage- It was decided to have the order forms in to the teacher by the deadline and Erin Walsh will collect and take care of all the ordering. Our unanimous goal is to keep in simple and similar to the scholastic book orders. Caroline states that we need to ask the teachers to collect these. Michelle Hawkins is not concerned- there is an issue where the money has to be collected everyday so the teachers are not accountable, Michelle suggests we attached an envelope to the sheet with a class list containing the liaison contact info.

Trustee Report: Danny White *Absent

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Leigh Anne Vaughan; Member Handbook, will be up on the website, fundraising, donations, possibilities, just general overview. Basic contact info and introduction. It will be a great resource for new Parents into the program and for Parents that would like to consider our program. Look for it on the website. Paper copies will be available.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Erin Walsh: Class liaison's, met on Sunday and came up with a plan, Erin mentions Santa's workshop and how it helped her family when she needed it. They wanted to do something in a generous way but also get the name out there and help. She would like to get together and send a notice to collect toy, book and stuffies -set a date and donate the items to Santa's workshop, Erin has a list of things they need more than others ages 3-5 for girls is needed.

Thanks Erin great idea. Kyle agrees we can find a spot somewhere in the school to hold all the items as they come in. All the details will be worked out.

7.1 Anne is wondering if there was a Grace and Courtesy fund for Thank-You cards and small gifts.

Lisa states it is \$150 in total but it does have to come to the board in case there is overlap. For things like cards and flowers etc. check in and board votes.

It was decided after the meeting that the Parents of Anne's class would donate the items she needed to stock the Grace and Courtesy part of the curriculum.

Meeting adjourned 8:35