

**Comox Valley Montessori Society
Monthly Meeting March 9th, 2011**

Present: Sarah Ritchie	Jenn Johnson
Danny White	Sherry Turnbull
Shawn Buckle	Erin Walsh
Shelley Schorno	Pauline Rae
Ocean Varney	Caroline Guay
Dan Costain	

1. Call to Order – 7:41

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: Dan Costain

5.1 27 k registered in the program and 2 in the waitlist. Asked if we can squeeze in the waitlist kids but was told no, but the request is in. Funding will be in place for the full time k. Sherry asked if any chance of all Montessori classes on same floor. But it has been presented that it will be tricky dealing with square footage and liability; we really need student services to move out. Tuesday will be a meeting and this may be solved, as it will be mentioned there.

Mrs. VanderRee informs us, she is now teaching math 30 minutes a week to every student. She is trying to supplement the school and bring in stronger math skills. Shelley asks if she can see a difference between the programs, she states definitely sees the Montessori confidence.

Parents at the table thank her and says they are all glad she is here doing this.

President's Report: Shelley Schorno

5.2 She thanks everyone for their support and hard work. LeighAnn and her Son are in Assam, India until the end of the month. Would like to collect some input on fundraising ideas.

And has suggested her ideas on gathering entertainment for the Fall Music for Montessori by using donated airmiles. It was agreed this would be a great idea.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Burry(Absent, Sherry Presenting Info)

- 5.2 Is requesting a budget meeting soon
 - Bank Account Approx \$14,400
 - Parent donation(35 families)since June 1st \$15,335
 - Post dated \$875
 - Non cash donations \$296
 - Fundraising approx \$900
 - Fundscript was approx \$700 of that so far.
 - Expenses since June 1st approx \$13,200
 - Includes inventory purchases of approx \$9,000

Correspondence: Sherry Turnbull

5.4 Many emails regarding registration leading up to the date. About 4 from out of town and even out of Country.

Inventory: Lisa Wilcox(Absent)

5.5

VP/Fundraising: LeighAnn Vaughan(Absent)

5.6 Shelley asks the tables feedback on fundscript: not many local choices, harder to get outside parents to purchase. Ocean informs that the afternoon tea/auction would be cancelled. Due to lack of volunteers to take on the organization of the event. Sherry and Sarah suggest we bring this opportunity to fundraise back to the table. They will organize donations and help get people interested in volunteering for this event. Motion on the floor to go ahead with the Tea/Silent Auction fundraiser, all in favor, passed. Date to be determined but planning for early May. Ocean has already done some leg work on this with LeighAnn and is passing the information collected and formulated onto Sherry and Sarah.

Trustee Report: Danny White

5.7 Brooklyn School will be closing at end of year, Cape Lazo motion has been past and will be re-opening as one school, transportation committee is meeting next week to try and come up with report for busing and for French Immersion. Shelley asks about funding, and why we cannot have the same funding and French immersion. Working on the budget this year, looks like there won't be any cuts for next year. Pauline asks if there will ever be any surplus given to Montessori. Danny says next meeting is March 28th and we are welcome to submit a request.
dannywhite@shaw.ca.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Ocean/Donation letter:

Last call for donation letters from Parents, Ocean is stating that there are 35 donating family and there are 25 families that haven't donated, and in the last letter to come she suggest we give parents an idea of how many people donated which amount. Pauline states that some people might feel bad because there is no way they can donate. Shelley says we need to be very careful with tone in the letter. Ocean is going to write the letter and send it out to the board for review to vote.

Round table talk on teacher purchases Pauline asks why we are not spending the money, It was decided the question would be best suited to be answered by Lisa or Michelle.

7.2 Pauline/Fundraiser:

Litterless lunch information sheet was passed round-Motion on the floor to adopt the Litterless lunch fundraiser, all in favor-passed

7.2 Sherry/Montessori Blog:

She would like to initiate a community School blog. Open for any student, parent or teacher to contribute to. Great for sharing events, feedback, news and events.

Comments and posts will be moderated.

Motion on the floor to adopt Sherry's Blog, all in favor, passed.

Adjourned 9:00pm