

**Comox Valley Montessori Society**  
**Sept 21, 2011**

<b>Present:</b> Sherry Turnbull	Michelle Burry	Ian Harvey
Sean Burkholder	Danielle Ennis	Kim Hall
Karen Rocque	Skye Myrbo-Hill	Amanda MacNeil
Kristina Jespersen	Sharene Popiel	Jenn Johnson
Trish McPhail	Tammy Clark	Megan Haut
Erin Walsh	LeighAnn Vaughan	April Brosko
Carmen Constantino	Melissa McGuire	Rainbow McBryan
Keith Bennett	Nicole Grant	Ocean Varney
Diana Waite	David Ogilvie	Stephanie Custer
Tiffany Campbell	Anne Buchanan	Kristi Walker
Michelle Hawkins	Lisa Wilcox	

**1. Call to Order – 7:40pm**

**2. Introductions**

**3. Adoption of the Agenda**

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

**4. Minutes**

June's minutes will be brought to meeting and adopted for November meeting, due to computer malfunction.

**5. Reports**

**Administrator's Report:** Dan Costain: Glad to welcome Tiffany Campbell we have learned from last year's late posting and have already posted a job for next year for K/1 early primary.

Materials are still arriving. PAC are willing and would like to support our events, we can contact Elaine Sutter PAC

**Christine VanderRee:** Sharing efforts in trying to connect kids to Montessori kids, typically a "buddy math" but now paired Mrs C's class with another 2/3 class, trying to encourage relationships and eliminate the "us and them" hoping the mixing will be a very positive thing. Questions from parents regarding recess outside time protocol and safety with the number of children playing in one area. She thinks mixing of the students and ages is the right thing. With job action there are extra help including school board staff and admin. States there is plenty of supervision.

**Trustee Report:**Danny White: absent

**Presidents Report:** Ocean Varney: Sends thanks and Welcomes Tiffany Campbell, and

would like to make everyone feel welcome to ask any questions. Has completed the new welcome and donations letter and copy of the budget, to be sent home next week. Thanks to Dan Costain for finding us a Teacher. Reminder that the PAC meetings are at 630 before Montessori meeting and all are welcome to attend, there are fundraising opportunities that benefit's the entire School.

**Treasurer's Report: Michelle Burry:** Bank account \$18,000. Parent donations since June 1<sup>st</sup> - \$275 Fundraising from Fundscrip \$616

**Correspondence: Sherry Turnbull:** Most emails were regarding Kindergarten registrations, and Keith Bennett's plan to open a new Montessori Preschool in the Valley in January.

**Inventory: Lisa Wilcox:** Still waiting on Tiffany's order as she gets to know her class and what she needs, we also need to wait for some donations in to see what amount we can spend, its is also in our interest to consolidate the order in a lump to save on shipping. Lisa would like to sell off and replace some of the original lower quality materials and use the money to purchase current items of higher quality.

**New Business:** VP position- executive position and needs a vote. Motion on the floor by LeighAnn to have a vote tonight-motion on the floor to elect Erin Walsh as new cvms Vice President, All in favour, motion passed.

- Feedback regarding the information night, it was decided to have a potluck meet and great, Sharene Popiel and a small committee will take on this project.
- Sherry and Lisa are proposing a more traditional classroom configuration and only allowing a straight K, which will impact the buying decisions now. Assuming directresses are in favour we would then face administration with a proposal. Continue the conversation later in the fall.
- Class liaisons are in the process of being determined, LeighAnne briefly explains to the members on what the job of a liaison is, basically extra communication between parents and teachers.

**Erin walsh:** shares a description of what fundscrip fundraising is for the new parents in the room. We decided it is in our best interest to offer fundscrip again.

**Keith Bennet:** from Four Seasons Montessori, Nanaimo: Montessori Preschool in Courtenay opening Jan 2012: Thanks to the board for inviting him, and loves our public program and the fundraising we do. Owner of a 40 seat preschool, the smallest one in Nanaimo offers full day classes with more than 50 children registered with 5 directresses. He will keep us up to date on how his plans for a School are coming along.

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:00pm**