

**Comox Valley Montessori Society**  
**October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Present:**            Ocean Varney    Carmen Costantino    Michelle Burry            April Brosko  
                         Lisa Wilcox        Laura Stewart        Shelley Schorno        Sharene Popeil  
                         Susie Klus         Nancy Guhl            Amy Valmorbida        Jocelyn Kinnear  
                         Nick Belanger    Derek Costantino    Melissa Berrigan        Skye Myrbo-Hill  
                         Manja Gangodage    Isadora DeBortoli        Erin Walsh

**1. Call To Order – 7:37 pm**

**2. Introductions**

**3. Adoption of the Agenda**

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

**4. Adoption of Last Month Minutes**

It was regularly motioned and seconded that the minutes be adopted from the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting. CARRIED.

**5. Reports**

**5.1 Trustee's Report – Carmen Costantino on behalf of Janice Caton**

- Facility Reviews are going to completed on the district schools. Looking for parents input for long term planning. This is important for Queneesh because we have open space for students and school is currently not being used to its capacity.
- Provincial government is beginning to assess and what their testing is like in comparison to what the requirements are for them in terms of entering universities, trade schools, etc. Looking at how to assess them to gain bursaries and scholarships.
- Provincial government is looking for parent input on the idea of having a 10 year contract for the teachers.
- These last two points can be researched and commented on at the Government of BC, Ministry of Education website, by any interested parents.

## **5.2 Administrator's Report – Carmen Costantino on behalf of Dan Costain**

- Queneesh has been chosen to be 1 of 3 schools to participate in a community school reading project, along with Courtenay and Puntledge Elementary Schools. The focus is to figure out reading strategies for those with struggling with reading.
- New district magazine coming out soon. This will be a tool to help promote the public school system.
- A \$9000 fence will be erected between the woods on the side of the school and the houses backing onto it. It will be a 6 foot chain link fence, a foot and a half away from the neighbor's fences.
- An additional \$2000 has been granted for the school's community garden.
- Queneesh received an additional \$1500 for home reading books for all ages.
- PAC wants CVMS parents to know that all money raised by Queneesh PAC also goes to support the kids in CVMS.
- Problems have again risen with parents chatting in the hallways before school is out, specifically besides Mrs. Buchanan's and Ms. Hawkin's classrooms. All parents that come early for reading rroup are to go to Mrs. Buchanan's class at 2:15pm til 2:30 pm. All other parents that come early are encouraged to wait in room 140.

## **5.3 President's Report – Ocean Varney**

- Ocean would like to extend thank you's to Susie K for taking over the hot lunch program, Lisa for helping with hot lunches, and Izzy and Carmen for helping with popsicle sales.
- Anyone interested in bringing up fundraising idas can bring them forth to the CVMS board meetings to present their ideas so that they may be voted on.
- Boot camp by Marc St. Jules – 3 weeks of boot camp has raised \$100 so far. \$50 for CVMS and \$50 for Queneesh PAC.

## **5.4 Vice President's Report – Erin Walsh**

- Erin has been busy working on Fundscrip
- Trying to solidify a date for Santa's Workshop, will let everyone know as soon as possible.

## **5.5 Treasurer's Report – Michelle Burry**

- \$20,000 (approx) currently in the bank account
- Parent donations to since June 1<sup>st</sup> - \$9,990
  - ❖ Plud post dated cheques to still come - \$2,550

### **Treasurer's Report Continued....**

- Fundraising - \$1,500
  - ❖ Fundscrip - \$382
  - ❖ Fall Bulbs - \$625
  - ❖ Boot Camp - \$50
- Expenses since June 1<sup>st</sup> approx \$4,000
- Available currently for materials \$7,000

### **5.6 Secretary's Report – Carmen Costantino**

- Other than a couple of new registrations generated through the website, the email box has been slow.

### **5.7 Inventory Report – Lisa Wilcox**

- \$15,000 worth of materials are on the wait list until we have the funds, some of it is backordered and will have to wait for it to come in. Will use the \$7000 that has come in that teachers are on the wait list for.

### **6.0 Old Business**

#### **6.1 Fundraising – Erin Walsh**

- Erin explains to new parents what Fundscrip is and how beneficial it is for CVMS.
- Going to start hallway sales with \$500 worth of Superstore gift cards. CMVS will prebuy Superstore cards and sell them to parents and friends.

#### **6.2 Bulb Fundraiser – Sharene Popeil**

- We made 50% off of the sales of the bulb fundraiser, for a total of \$625. Only 15 families bought this year, however we got raised a lot from just those 15 families. Since it was so successful we will do another sale in the spring.
- Sharene will need parents to help sort the inventory once it comes in.

#### **6.3 Class Liaisons – April Brosko**

- Still waiting for the forms from Mrs. Campbell's class in order to their shutterfly account up and running and out to all the parents.

#### **6.4 Santa's Workshop – Erin Walsh**

- Queneesh PAC will be involved in Santa's Workshop this year, as it will be a school wide fundraiser. We will collect gently used toys and bring them to the Santa's Workshop, possibly Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>, for distribution.

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1 Epicure Fundraiser – Shelley Schorno**

- Shelley wants to do another Epicure fundraiser this year. Shelley suggest Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, Ocean suggest the first week of November to coincide with Christmas sales.
- It is suggested that in order to get more people out CVMS makes the event a potluck as well, making it a community event as well as a fundraiser.
- Shelley asks for volunteers to help.
- It was decided that each child will go home with a catalogue in order to let the families know about the fundraiser and gain more interest.
- Shelley will confirm a date with Carmen, so that PAC can be notified of the fundraiser as well.

### **7.2 Banner Ads – Derek Costantino**

- Derek is willing to donate 10% of his commission to any sale or referral that generates from a CVMS sale or purchase of a home. He is interested in marketing this as well and is inquiring about banner ads on the the CVMS website, emails and facebook page. As well, as marketing it on his own advertising as well (his website, newspaper print, etc.)
- It is suggested that the board talks to Pauling, a parent & lawyer in CVMS, where we need to go with this in terms of legalities and sponsorship.
- Isadora Be Bortoli is a mortgage broker and parent witin CMVS and is willing to offer 10% of her commission as well. She will put 50% of her commission to PAC and 50% to CVMS.

### **7.3 Coffee Fundraiser – Skye Myrbo-Hill**

- Skye is suggesting that we start a coffee fundraiser with Quadra Island Coffee. Each bag costs \$15.00 and \$6.00 from every bad goes back to the CVMS.
- Catalogues will go out Oct, 30<sup>th</sup>, orders need to be in by Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, and the orders will come in by Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Each order will come presorted by family name, will alleviate lot's of work for the CVMS. All we will need to do it hand it over to the family when it comes in.
- It is decided that the CVMS will combine this fundraiser with the Epicure Fundraiser and have coffee at the potluck night.

#### **7.4 Mr. Garland Relief Fund – Ocean Varney**

- Mr. Garland, a former teacher on call for CVMS, and his family were recently involved in a tragic house fire where they lost everything. CVMS would like to do something to help his family out of our grace and courtesy fund.
- It is suggested to raise money in each of the classrooms for the family.
- Sharene has offered to head this fundraiser and will talk to Mrs. Buchanan first to see if it is alright to publicize the family's story in order to raise funds.

#### **7.5 Teacher's Consumable Fund – Lisa Wilcox**

- Lisa has received lists from the teachers for required materials. She believes that some of the items on their lists should come out of the consumable funds instead of classroom materials funds.
- Michelle explains that "consumables" are deemed anything that the teachers needs for practical life and would only be used once (ie calendars, plants for the room, etc).
- It is decided that Lisa knows the lists well enough and is able to differentiate so well, that the decision should be left up to her to decided what the "material" will be deemed.

#### **8. Meeting Adjourned – 9:09 pm**