

**Comox Valley Montessori Society  
November 21st, 2012**

<b>Present:</b>	Michelle Burry	Sharene Popiel	Skye-Myrbo-Hill
	Nancy Guhl	Korina Rushton	Susie Klus
	Amy Valmorbida	Sarah Ritchie	Ocean Varney
	Michelle Hawkins	Erin Walsh	Lisa Wilcox
	Carmen Costantino		

**1. Call To Order – 7:35pm**

**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 on Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012. CARRIED

**5. Reports**

**5.1 Administrator's Report – Sharene Popiel (on behalf of Dan Costain)**

- Robotics club is starting after school for grades 4 and up. Stu Savard from the NIDES program has offered to run it.
- Completed report cards are due for teachers Nov 30<sup>th</sup> and will be handed out Dec 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The Director of Operations for VIHA toured the property for the new proposed hospital and the decision has been made to take down the forest. The focus is now on safety for the kids and the school. It has been decided that the path at the back end of the school will be gone as well.
- \$2000 Grant for the Pro Partnership project will benefit the kids and the school.

**5.2 President's Report – Ocean Varney**

- Thank you to Skye for doing the coffee fundraiser and Shelley for doing the Epicure Fundraiser.
- Korina is going to be taking a back seat as a board member for right now and may not be able to attend all meetings due to family illness.
- Thanks to Susie for doing the hot lunch program, she is looking for someone else to help and coordinate the hot lunch with her
- Marika is no longer going to be doing DPAC, and the school is looking for someone to attend. Looking for representatives for the school to attend the district PAC meeting to communicate with Queneesh's PAC council.

- High tea will be the next fundraiser for CVMS.
- Looking to get as many people as we can out to the January and February meetings so that we can have more volunteers step up for the high tea. Michelle suggests that we put out an email to let people know. Lisa suggests that we do an after school info session for the tea for people that cannot attend the nightly meetings.

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

- Been busy with fundscrip and coffee fundraiser.
- Still looking for any gently used or new toys to take to Santa's Workshop this week. Need volunteers to help drive the toys as well.

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

- Looks like we are getting better participation from families this year in comparison of last year.
- In the bank – approximately \$25,000
- Parent donations since June 1<sup>st</sup> - \$13, 415
  - Plus post dated cheques - \$2,625
- Fundraising - \$1007
  - Fundscrip - \$382
  - Fall Bulbs - \$625
  - Boot Camp (not recorded)
  - Epicure – approx \$200
- Expenses since June 1<sup>st</sup> – approx \$4,400
  - Includes inventory purchases since June 1<sup>st</sup> pr approx \$1,900

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

- We have a former member that has contacted CVMS through email regarding a BBQ that he has and would like it out of his garage. Erin has offered to take the BBQ and put it in her storage.
- Email for CVMS that there is a family with 2 children already in a Montessori school from out of town that will be moving to the Valley next year. The mom is interested about registration and if her 4 year old will be able to get into kindergarten along with her 2 older children. It is suggested that this is an email to forward onto Dan.

### **5.6 Inventory's Report – Lisa Wilcox**

- Waiting for order from Mrs. Buchanan.

## **6.0 Old Business**

### **6.1 Fundraising – Erin Walsh**

- Fundscrip hallway sales are not going well and we are not selling enough cards to make it viable. Need to up the hallway sales, Erin needs some help. Carmen offers to help sell.

## **6.2 Epicure Fundraiser – Erin Walsh on behalf of Shelley Schorno**

- Shelly apologizes for not being at the meeting tonight. Only had 6 orders and made approx. \$200 from the sale.

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

- Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:15pm Erin will meet anyone that can come to the school to help transport the toys for Santa's Anonymous. Erin gets 3 volunteers from the meeting to help transport.

## **6.4 Coffee Fundraiser –**

- Made \$702 from the coffee fundraiser. CVMS got 40% of the profit of the sales. We need to get a cheque of \$1059 for Aroma Speciality Coffee Roasters. Coffee will be delivered Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> to those that ordered. Everything has the names of the kids on their orders and will be separated and will be ready to hand out.
- It is suggested that next year CVMS puts a spot for the teacher's name on the order form to make sorting easier.
- Miss Hawkins makes a suggestion to Skye that she contact Mrs. Campbell and have the grade 6/7's help hand out the orders.

## **6.5 Donor Page – Ocean Varney**

- There were some emails sent from last meeting, regarding having a donor page on the CVMS website however nobody stepped up to put the proposal together. Ocean asked if anyone would like to volunteer to write up the proposal.

## **6.6 Lottery Registration – Ocean Varney**

- The suggestion has been put out to the board that CMVS go to a lottery registration for next year, instead of the registration system that is already in place.
- Lisa is asks at what point do we decide interest is too big that we need to move to a lottery system.
- Michelle Hawkins asks what is the precedence for the other systems that have registration and put people on the waiting list. Maybe we need to look at this and figure out if there is standard set or if CVMS would be setting the standard. Look at other programs like NIDES and French Immersion in the valley.
- Michelle Burry suggests that we have a registration fee and wonders if we are able to do this. She also suggests that we put it out to the membership to let them know that we are going to vote on the lottery discussion as to whether or not we want to do this. We will also invite Dan to the meeting to get his input.

## **6.7 Class Configuration – Lisa Wilcox**

- Michelle Hawkins supports that if we are going to move to classic Montessori class configurations we should also have the lottery registration in place. Lisa has already spoken with the directresses regarding this and is getting feedback as to whether or not CVMS wants to ensure that we do it.
- What are our possibilities in order to accomplish classic Montessori configuration? It is decided we need to discuss this with Dan and what is our population going to be next year and is this possible for the numbers that we have.
- Michelle Hawkins suggests that we put the brakes on the registration for next year so that we can sort out the numbers and class configurations next year and sort it out.
- It is decided that the directresses and administration need to sit down and figure out the numbers for next year and what do the future configurations look like?
- Michelle Hawkins does not support K-1-2. After teaching it, she does not think that it works for the teacher or the students, as well the true Montessori teachings do not support this method. 1-2-3 works so much better for the both. What are the objectives of this program, to be a hybrid program or be a true Montessori program?
- Dec 12<sup>th</sup> there is a meeting set for the board to decide on this and be able to put something together to present to Dan regarding class configurations.

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1 Hospital/Petition –**

- No new news on the hospital other than what was passed on from the PAC meeting in the administrator's report.

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### **7.2 Book End of Year Picnic –**

- Book SIMMS Park for the end of the year potluck so that we ensure we get it this year. Korina suggests that we do it at her house this year near Headquarters Road.

Meeting adjourned – 8:56pm.