

CVMS Minutes - March 18, 2015

Present:

Rosanne Gerritsen	Korina Rushton	Sarah Ritchie
Carmen Costantino	Lisa Wilcox	Cheryl Adebar
Michelle Burry	Gord Weber	Amelia Valmorbida
Katie King	Tony King	Skye Myrbo-Hill
Danielle Ennis	Sherry Turnbull	

1. Call to Order - 7:40

2. Introductions

3. Adoption of the Agenda – Shelley & David Schorno unable to attend so “Transitioning to High School” will be moved to another meeting
Katie motioned to adopt the agenda and then Lisa seconded.

4. Review and adoption of February 2015 Minutes - Korina motioned to adopt the February minutes. Tony seconded.

5. Reports

5.1 Administrator’s Report – Cheryl Adebar

- Report Cards - changes to the way reporting will be done to parents.
 - The new term will be "communicating learning". A team has been working for the last 4-5 yrs on better ways to report learning to parents - 20 teachers have already started. -Come September, Report Writer (a reporting template) will no longer be used.
 - Teachers finding it more valuable to communicate the learning throughout the journey and that having artificial end dates is confining. Snapshots of learning would be incorporated. There will be opportunities to send home audio and pictures to parents. E-Portfolios.
 - There will be opportunities for parents to add feedback, getting dialogue going...making communication more visible.
 - My Education BC - provincial reporting system being rolled out in September
- School website being updated - tabs mainly the same - there is a Montessori page with a direct link

5.2 President's Report – Carmen Costantino / Sarah Ritchie

• PAC - Sarah Ritchie

- Budget is bleak: SD71 must cut 1.6 million
DPAC has formed a committee to spearhead a protest campaign to the government. It will involve gathering support from parents, letter writing, meeting with MLA, and applying pressure to the government.
- Parent Workshop about On-line Predators in May - Darren Lower presenting. The White Hatter - www.personalprotectionsystems.ca
- 2015 / 2016 School Start Date: September 8th

• Meeting with Allan/Dan - Carmen

- Class configurations for next year:
 - ❖ K
 - ❖ K/1
 - ❖ 3 classes of 1/2/3
 - ❖ 4/5
 - ❖ 5/6/7
- We will add a 7th division - There are 3 students on a waitlist for next year
- SD71 Funding: SD71 has said that their funding of \$20,000 will continue. This year's money will not carry over to next year. Allan suggested that Dan spend the rest of the money. Teachers can have more to spend. The CVMS is responsible for outfitting the new classroom.
- Program Growth: SD71 doesn't see Montessori growing more than 3 more divisions.
- Fundraising: A decision was made that all the tea profits can go to CVMS. Any other school-based fundraising will no longer be 50/50 with PAC - it will all go to PAC.
 - General discussion about fundraising, some frustration expressed
- Promotion: There will now be Montessori Program Info tab on SD71 Website and our Info Night will have promotion similar to other Programs of Choice
 - Tony: Idea to get our information about the program into a 19 Wing base website where they list info about schools, etc. for new people moving here - Carmen will call them
 - Idea to include a Promotions Position on our Board of Directors
 - Ask about having a info night for Late Entry in late February and they will help promote it.
- Feeder School - Allan is currently clarifying with principals which school our Grade 7's go to. Our feeder school is Vanier, but he thinks students are entitled to go to their neighbourhood high school, as long as you give the school warning

5.3 Vice President's Report - Sherry Turnbull

-Nothing to report

5.4 Treasurer's Report - Michelle Burry

- No Changes since last month
- Bank - \$33,267
- Revenue - \$825
- Expenses since June 1st - \$2,371 (less GST rebate of \$863)
- Michelle has a copy of income statement and balance sheet available
- Outfitting a new 4/5 classroom next year won't be an issue

5.5 Secretary's Report - Rosanne Gerritsen

- Rosanne contacted Julie Niven from Learning Journeys Montessori Preschool via her facebook page to make sure she's getting our emails, invited her to join our FB page and invited her a meeting to talk about her program
- Received an email from parent regarding our meeting time of 7:30. She would prefer it earlier. Discussion about meeting time. Decision to let new board decide.
- Rosanne went to an Education Innovation Forum hosted by the Ministry of Education. Many suggestions that educators are making about the future of education are things that the Montessori Philosophy already addresses! For example, the concept of "individualized programming, addressing the uniqueness of each child". Also, a trend is letting the student choose the content they are interested in and the teacher guides alongside. There will be more of a focus on the heart and mind curriculum: self-regulation, helping students to navigate their own path - be able to set goals for themselves (resilience), helping students manage themselves.

6. Old Business

6.1 Shutterfly - My Site - good alternative to Shutterfly - Sarah will email Scholantis about it.

6.2 Tea

- Tea meeting: Thursday March 19th from 1-2 p.m. in Breakfast Room
- Silent Auction letters are ready
- Kitchen Coordinator – need someone else to help Anna
- Tea Budget – Usually spend \$200-300 per year
- Send email to Dan to send to teachers

6.3 CVMS Constitution

- Carmen made a motion that we accept the new constitutional changes to the 2012 version. It was seconded and passed.

6.4 May Election

- Carmen made a motion that the secretary position is a one-year position for the year of 2015/2016. Unanimous and passed.
- Katie King accepted the position of Director-at-Large for the remainder of this year, due to Natalie Erikson's leaving her position

7. New Business

7.1 Year-end Picnic

- Suzanne Faulkner is hosting this year.
- Date: Sunday, June 14th -12-3 p.m.
- Get tent from Royal LePage

7.2 Budget meeting

- Must be one month prior to AGM
- Date: Tuesday April 14th at 7 p.m.

7.4 Adjourned: 8:59