

Comox Valley Montessori Society

September 17th, 2014

Present:

Carmen Costantino	Skye Myrbo-Hill	Melissa Berrigan	SherryTurnbull
Natalie Erikson	Sarah Ritchie	Michelle Burry	Jason Dennis
Sunday Dennis	Cheryl Adebar	Amy Criss	Dan Costain
Rosanne Gerritsen			

1. Call To Order - 7:10 pm

2. Introductions -

3. Adoption of the Agenda -

It was regularly motioned by Sarah and seconded by Natalie that the agenda be accepted.

4. Adoption of Last Month Minutes -

It was regularly motioned by Sherry and seconded by Sarah that the minutes be adopted from January 16th, 2013.

5. Reports

5.1 Administrator's Report - Dan Costain

Welcome Cheryl to the Queneesh Team, great pleasure to have her on board. Update on teacher's posting for Montessori grades 4,5,6,7 and K-1 -approx. 1 applicants for each job and none with any of the proper qualifications. School board assigned a teacher to our school but then it was decided this teacher would no longer be needed. Dan and Cheryl looked at the numbers of students staying and those going, and decided to cut the seventh division. Instead, all of the kids fit into six divisions. K/1 Montessori Teacher position reposted as a candidate meeting the requirements was not met- 34 applicants applied and Sharene Popiel was hired for Lynn Jacobson's position til the end of January.

UBC will have graduates as early as next year that are fully qualified Montessori teachers, hoping that this will make it easier for CVMS and district 71 recruit new teachers

Breakdown of classes this year:

- Hawkins 22 K's
- Popiel/Jacobson - K/1 7/15
- Fullerton - 1/2/3 11/8/5
- Custer/Grant - 1/2/3 9/9/6
- Ripple - 2/3/4 8/5/11
- Buchanan - 4/5/6/7 16/9/3/2
- 146 students total

Feeder schools are based on where the kids go to school, need to let the school know

early as there kids from Queneesh automatically feed into Vanier. If you do not let the high schools know your catchment area they will put your Gr.8 child into Vanier.

The money from the school board has not come in for Montessori as of yet. Montessori parents can phone the school now and find out what classroom their child will be in this year.

Schools Hours this year are 8:40am - 2:30pm except on PLC Wednesday school will be done on 12:20pm.

Wednesdays lunch will be eaten half an hour later, due to the early dismissal.

5.2 President's Report - Sarah Ritchie/Carmen Costantino

Inventory - Sarah has completed typing out the inventory list. Laura will do the rest when she has time. Everything new should be labelled under the school district when they are bought with the money from the school district.

5.3 Vice President's Report - Sherry Turnbull

Spoke with Allan at the end of the school year in regards to teacher recruitment. The idea was brought up to help support a teacher for upcoming year. The school board did not seem very supportive of this idea.

5.4 Treasurer's Report - Michelle Burry

Michelle has asked Dan to contact her when he gets the budget and then they can sit down and discuss the purchases for the upcoming year.

5.5 Secretary's Report - Rosanne Gerritsen

Teacher Recruitment - Rosanne sent our job posting ad to 10 organizations and it was placed on 6 websites. The other 4 did not respond to emails or phone messages. She spent \$208.61 on advertising.

Rosanne emailed a copy of the 2012 CVMS Constitution and Bylaws to all the board members and asked them to print it or keep it handy as a reference.

Brochures -Rosanne printed 20 copies of a newly formatted CVMS Brochure and sent them down to Victoria with Anne Buchanan for a Baby Fair to be held in late September.

5.6 Inventory Report - Lisa Wilcox

Nothing to report at this time

5.7 Liaison Report - Korina Rushton

Korina is unsure what she is doing at the moment, but will talk about it with Amy (past classroom & shutterfly liaison) when she is recovered from having her baby.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Children's Day - Sarah Ritchie

Interested in finding out more information about the symbolic meeting/walk of Montessori students meeting with their local MLA/MP to discuss their rights as students. Sarah has emailed the organizers to see when the next day will be for this year and has asked Dan if all of Queneesh students could be involved. Dan suggests that this could be something for a fireside event.

6.2 Website - Carmen Costantino

CVMS is looking for someone to update the website and freshen it up.

6.3 Fundraising - Sarah Ritchie

6.1 Bulb fundraiser is not going to happen this year, it is too late due to the strike.

6.2 Litterless Lunch - Done in October with PAC

6.3 Coffee Fundraiser - Will be done in November

6.4 Fundscrip - Discuss whether or not we would like to have a fundscrip run in December for Christmas.

6.5 Movie Night/Halloween Night - PAC is looking into organizing this for October.

6.6 Purdy's at Christmas time - suggestion is to talk to Hot Chocolate's and keep it local.

6.7 Usbourne fundraise will happen in Spring.

6.8 Theatre Company brought in in February that works with the school to help build a sense of community and self confidence and then tickets are sold.

Suggestion to send out a letter to the school family's letting them know the fundraising schedule for the year. This will help families know what is up and coming and a method of getting parents to help volunteer in each classroom. Can also let the parents know what the money is ear marked for and make them aware of where and what the money goes for.

Suggestion that there be a welcome back to school/ family social event, maybe on Friday after school

Suggestion for End of the Year Dance

7.0 New Business

7.1 New Board Members

Still need 2 new board members for this year's board of directors. No one attending this meeting was interested.

7.2 Welcoming Table

Natalie is willing to take on a welcoming area for new parent and will speak with Dan as to the schedule. Suggested that it be for all grades and their families for everyone on Monday and Tuesday.

7.3 Hospital Update

Code Red will be put into effect if a child goes missing from the school area. Dan or Cheryl will call and all construction will be grounded to a halt until the child is found.

Adjourn 8:39pm