

## Comox Valley Montessori Society Meeting Minutes –April 20, 2016

Present: Katie King, Tammy Swatsky, Michelle Burry, Kathy Robert, Sherry Turnbull, Amelia Valmorbida, Natasha Robson, Trish McPhail, Christine Vanderee

1. Meeting Call to Order – 7:08
2. Introductions
3. Adoption of Agenda –Adopted by Katie, Seconded by Trish
4. Review and Adoption of Minutes from March – Adopted by Kathy, Seconded by Natasha
5. Reports
  - 5.1. Admin report – Christine

Still meeting regularly with the Montessori teachers. One point that has arisen has been the inconsistencies from class to class of the common student materials required (ie the shared classroom supplies). This will be looked into and regulated by grade level for next September.

Discussion is still underway about having three grades in a class. The incoming kindergarten students do not all have a Montessori background so it is typically best to have one class of straight K so they can become accustomed to the system.

There have been 9 siblings registered for Kindergarten next year.

No class configurations are set up yet. They will be decided upon later than usual this year.

Due to the still unresolved boundary changes, all Queneesh neighborhood grade 7 students have been tentatively transferred to Vanier for grade 8 next year. Any Montessori grade 7 students who are unsure of where they are going will have to wait on the boundary decision to be finalized.

- 5.2. President's Report – Sherry  
no report

- 5.3. Vice President's Report – Natasha  
no report

- 5.4. Treasurer's Report – Michelle

There have been no changes. The expenses so far have been just over \$17000, \$15000 was for the new classroom and \$2200 was operating expenses. Our bank account has slightly under \$26000 which is being held for the outfitting of two future classrooms. This amount was assuming that we would be bringing in \$6000 a year in fundraising (ie the High Tea) to add to this. There will be some budgeted items we cannot do next year. The school district provides

\$20000 a year on ongoing expense items (not new classrooms) and we have about \$5000 left of that this year. Michelle's concern is that if we do not spend it, we lose it. There are plans to meet and decide the spending of the last of the funds. Staff seems to feel that their needs are being adequately met.

5.5. Secretary Report – Katie

Doug Darby has offered to continue to help run the CVMS website next year.

6. Old Business

6.1. none

7. New Business

7.1. Looking into getting the West Jet tickets for a raffle.

7.2. Marketing Campaign – an event calendar needs to be set up for next year. Natasha will oversee this.

7.3. Earth Day – Some discussion was given to possible events, but due to lack of time none will be implemented this year.

7.4. Next meeting is our AGM. The positions up for election are the Vice President, the Secretary, and all the Directors at large.

7.5. End of Year Picnic – Will be hosted by Suzanne Falkner at her home on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Potluck.

8. Adjourn at 7:55