

CVMS Minutes April 19, 2017

Attendance: Tammy Sawatsky, Sherry Turnbull, Amelia Valmorbida, Noah Burdett, Christine VanderRee, Hui Ju Lee, Sarah Countess, Michele Burry

Call to order: 7:05 pm

Introductions: Welcome to new parent Hui Ju Lee

Adopt Agenda: Sherry motioned, Amelia seconded

Adopt March minutes: Amelia motioned, Tammy seconded

Admin Report:

- Expecting staffing matrix from district on April 26, which will confirm # of divisions for next year – have asked for 2 additional divisions due to large waitlist
- No changes anticipated for teachers, other than adding 1 or 2
- Neighbourhood divisions are growing by 2 for next year
- District Facilities team is touring the schools to determine how to make the extra classrooms fit for next year – Queneesh's tour is scheduled for next week. Christine hopes the decision will be made during the tour and announced before they leave the school
- Due to reintroduced contract language, class size for next year will be: Kindergarten = 20, K/1 = 20, Grades 1/2/3 = 22, grades 4,5,6,7 = 29, split classes = 27 kids; maximum of 2 designated children per classroom with a reduction in max class size by 1
- Admin cannot make promises on teacher placement requests; please request a private meeting with Christine or Noah or send your request in writing; please be respectful and do not discuss your requests or preferences with other parents
- Jeff Manning is the new Director of Elementary Education for SD71
- Still waiting for the admin shuffle for next year; we are hopeful there will be no changes at Queneesh
- There has been no talk of boundary changes for next year however there are rumours of issues with Arden being at capacity with a growing population in that catchment
- 2017/18 school calendar is set and can be found on the SD71 website
- 2017/18 school week is still under consultation
- Victoria Academy of Ballet is coming April 26 with 2 performances that day

President Report: none

Vice President Report: regrets

Treasurer Report:

- Apologies for missing so many meetings this year, unfortunately Wednesday meetings have proven next to impossible to attend due to work and extracurricular activity conflicts; haven't put forth a self nomination for a board position for next year due to the date conflict
- Approximately \$29,000 in our current account
- If we get 2 new divisions, we'll be able to build them with approximately \$12,000 each which will essentially drain the account so fundraising for next year will be even more vital
- Confirmed with board that we are doing the WestJet ticket raffle at Rotary RibFest again this year; last year brought in just over \$4500 and expect much higher numbers this year as last year's issues have been resolved
- SD budget is not yet final but we are expecting to still receive program funding as in previous years

Secretary Report:

- Through the board member nominations received thus far, the acceptance from the nominees is dependant on whether we can change our board meeting day, as Wednesday appears to be a conflict for everyone; Tammy to give Sherry names of nominees thus far so she can reach out to discuss alternate days and will add the discussion topic to May's agenda

Old Business:

- Year end picnic; board decided on Kin Beach for June 18; Sherry will book the venue then Tammy can send out a "save the date" email to the members
- Class configuration; discussed in Admin Report

New Business:

- AGM; confirmed date as May 17; add the discussion of a meeting day of the week change to the agenda; confirm Secretary's duties for election process; confirm what Treasurer needs from newly elected board for government society filing
- Ordering materials for the new division; put on hold until staffing matrix announced

Adjourn: 7:56 pm