

CVMS Minutes March 15, 2017

Attendance: Christine VanderRee, Noah Burdett, Sue Diewert, Sherry Turnbull, Amelia Valmorbida, Sarah Countess, Rosanne Gerritsen, Shayna Instance, Sarah Ritchie

Call to order: 7:05 pm

Introductions, Welcome to Shayna Instance mom of a registered K student for Sept.

Adopt Agenda: Sarah Ritchie, Sherry Turnbull seconded

Adopt January 2017 minutes: Sarah Ritchie, S. Turnbull seconded

Admin Report:

1. Not much to report. Phone call inquiring into open house, and wait list for his 18month old!

2. Waitlist of 4 Kindergarten students, 12 overall (8 above K). Christine is waiting for the official word from the district on class size and composition of the ratified agreement before placing the waitlisted students. Teacher hiring process has begun but slow, should be able to report in May. Sherry asked about purchasing for new classroom and when we will hear which grade the new division will be. Decision made to have pre-meeting with Christine before purchasing for new class.

Presidents report:

1. Lisa Wilcox found the missing barcodes for the materials & box of some Montessori materials. Materials need to be barcoded and recorded.

Vice President report: regrets

Treasurer report: Regrets

Secretary report: Regrets, Amelia taking minutes in her absence

Old Business:

1. Kindie Registration: Christine covered that in admin report, Lottery system was used as more students registered than there are spots available.

2. Parent-teacher social feedback: Natasha and one other parent attended the social on Mar 3rd at the White Whale. Question is asked whether we should organize another social or not? Sherry reports that Natasha is more than happy to organize it again but would like to take it on herself. Suggestion is made to look into alternative venues for future socials so that no RSVP is required to make reservations.

New Business:

1. Year End Picnic: Suzanne is declining to host this year due to damage on the property that occurred at last year's picnic. Korina has been asked to host and will consider it. Date will be June 17th or 18th. Members are asked if they are willing and have a space suitable to host. The alternative if we don't find a host property is to book Kitty Coleman or similar site. Rosanne asks to get an official email invite to the picnic all new parents/families. It is confirmed that Christine sent out email to new parents last year. Around 60-70 people attended last year's picnic.

2. Ordering Materials: CVMS needs a volunteer to do ordering of materials for the new classroom. Sherry volunteered to order with help from Lisa Wilcox, the former purchaser. There are 3 different companies that CVMS source materials from. Sarah Countess expressed an interest in getting info for ordering and paying for some Montessori materials for personal/home use.

3. We are in need of a president and treasurer to replace our outgoing chair and treasurer in May for our AGM.

4. Amelia attended the CDTA parent info meeting on Feb 22nd and the Rural Education meeting on Feb 17th and reported back to the board. The CDTA meeting about class size and composition informed parents about the changes our district will see in Sept after the Supreme court ruling. The CDTA anticipates 55 more full time teachers will need to be hired and 25 more divisions will be required at the elementary level so more classrooms will be needed. The school board is looking into facilities and how to best make use of space available. All school districts will be hiring teachers so they anticipate a hiring race.

The BC Ministry of Education Rural Education meeting was a chance for rural school districts on the island to share experiences and challenges as rural districts. Findings will be used in the planning for rural education in the future.

Adjourn: 8:04pm