

## Comox Valley Montessori Society Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2016

Present: Tammy Sawatsky, Amelia Valmorbida, Sarah Ritchie, Christine VandeRee, Sarah Countess, Natasha Robson, Carmen Constantino, Noah Burdett

Regrets: Sherry Turnbull, Michelle Burry

1. Meeting Call to Order: 7:23 pm
2. Adoption of Agenda: Tammy Sawatsky adopted, Natasha Robson seconded
3. Adoption of Minutes of September 2016 meeting: Tammy Sawatsky adopted, Natasha Robson seconded
4. Reports
  - a. Christine (Administration) – back log of families that wish to join the Montessori program; school is full for Montessori & Neighbourhood programs. Parent Question: Is a Montessori background required for entry into upper level grades? Answer: No; direction from the district is that Queneesh is a public school so cannot deny entry. Christine to invite Mr. Allan Douglas, Elementary Director of Instruction, to the next PAC meeting to hear from parents, however cautions that we cannot bombard him.
  - b. Michelle (Treasurer) – sends her regrets; nothing new to report
  - c. Sherry (President) – sends her regrets; nothing to report
  - d. Natasha (Vice President) – rough draft of community advertisement coming; visiting MFRC in next 2 weeks; call around to local preschools/daycares to investigate information night
  - e. Sarah Ritchie – BC Society Act changes; she will move some things from our Constitution into the Bylaws, essentially simplifying the Constitution, in order to comply with the changes; suggestion to keep a CVMS binder in the school (accessible by public) with all PAC agendas & minutes – everyone agreed – need to find a location
  - f. Carmen - \$500.00 donation from local realtor Derek Constantino (referral fee given from all CVMS member referrals); donation was matched by Sarah Countess & family (referral member)
  - g. Natasha (Vice President) – presented RibFest cheque to Rotary & they've confirmed the spot is ours for next year
  - h. Tammy (Secretary) – nothing to report
5. Old Business
  - a. Promo team/event calendar – Natasha to work on it for next meeting
  - b. Question: can we leave the promotion & advertisement of the Montessori program to SD71, given they promised it & had us put our volunteer energies elsewhere? No answer from those present.
  - c. Discussion – how to grow enrollment into higher grades 3 – agreement to designate a PAC meeting for open discussion with intent to achieve quantitative results, get back to CVMS core vision, plan for stronger 2017 info night – all in agreement to put this on the agenda for November
6. New Business
  - a. CVMS Parent & Teacher social at The White Whale Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm
7. Adjourn 8:28 pm