

CVMS Minutes - January 21, 2015

Present:

Rosanne Gerritsen
Amelia Valmorbida
Colin Hanes
Natalie Erikson

Carmen Costantino
Lisa Wilcox
Skye Myrbo-Hill
Katie King

Sarah Ritchie
Amy Criss
Gord Weber

1. **Call to Order** - 7:38 pm

2. Introductions

3. **Adoption of the Agenda** - Sarah adopted the agenda and Carmen seconded. It passed.

4. **Review and Adoption of November 19th Minutes** - Correction from November's Minutes: Nicole is not Vice President of PAC, she's the treasurer. Tara Snowden is Hot Lunch Coordinator. With those changes made, Sarah motioned to adopt the minutes and Amy Criss seconded.

5. Reports

5.1 **Administrator's Report** - as reported by Sarah Ritchie, on behalf of Dan Costain

- **FAS Testing** - The parents will be given their child's results. Schools use this to help design curriculum. Last year reading was down so this year, there is a focus on reading.
- **Robotics program** - Anne Buchanan and Mr. Tobacco are taking on the program. Currently it's offered between grade 4-7.
- **Kindergarten registration** - is coming up - Parents can register siblings of Montessori students on Feb. 11th. There is open registration for Montessori on February 12 and 13th.
- District-wide **Kindergarten Orientation** for all programs is February. 5th at Queneesh
- **Intramurals** are happening at lunch for gr. 4-7
- Thank you to Hot Lunch helpers for all their work!
- **PJ Day** - tentative date is Feb. 12th - Families will be welcomed back with their teddy bears, for reading night. Fun activities will be planned.
- **Swimming lessons** - Last year they were cancelled due to teacher job action. This year they're working out how many sessions kids will get.
- **Trustee Report** - Janice Caton reported: Trustees are working on next year's calendar in Jan, Feb. and March. Parents are welcome to give feedback on the SD71 website. Deadline is March 1st. Sept. 8 is the first day of school. PLC Day might change - they are discussing Friday.

Administrator's Report Continued

- **Montessori Funding** - Dan asked Janice to advocate for \$20,000 for Montessori funding and to help us fund a new classroom for next year. The bad news is that Ministry of Education says "no more money for education" for awhile. There is declining enrolment so less funds all around.
- **DPAC** - is hosting a free info session about on-line creepers and show parents how to protect their children on-line. It's happening the first week of February. Check website for more details.
- **Information Night** - Dan says congrats to everyone involved in Information Night. He will come to February's meeting to answer questions. He would like a heads up on questions we will ask him.

5.2 President's Report - Carmen Costantino

- **PAC**
 - **Movie Night** - Feb. 27th is tentative date. Sarah is going to buy Big Hero 6 and raffle it off. Korina is helping.
 - PAC is planning on doing the Usborne fundraiser again this year and hoping to send it out over Spring Break.
 - PAC Funds – PAC has some ideas they'd like to spend money on: iPads for teachers, Playscape (an outdoor classroom, natural learning area) Zumba Teacher to teach whole school over 3 days.
- Thank you from Carmen for the bereavement gift from CVMS, delivered by Korina and Skye.
- Sarah says thanks to all for help on info night.

5.3 Vice President's Report - Sherry Turnbull absent - reported by Sarah

- Info Night went well. Teachers were pleased to be there. There was good feedback from parents.

5.4 Treasurer's Report - Michelle Burry

- **Bank** - \$33,000 after payables
- **Revenue** - \$825
- **Expenses** since June 1st - \$2,303 (less GST rebate of \$863)
- Michelle has a copy of the **income statement and balance sheet** if anyone would like to see it.

5.5 Secretary's Report - Rosanne Gerritsen

- Thank you to Michelle Hawkins and Nicole Rippel for doing the **MamaCentric Talk**. Quote from Group Leader Sophie Simard, "The talk was great – there were lots of Questions. The teachers were so kind to spend so much time with us."

Secretary's Report Continued

- Rosanne has been busy responding to emails from parents, enrolling new members and placing parents in an email group, "2015 Kindergarten". She will send them an email about registration.
- **CVMS Member Handbook** – Rosanne is in process of editing this handbook to get it current

5.6 Inventory - Lisa Wilcox

- Lisa hasn't purchased anything; Dan is responsible for ordering now.

5.7 Shutterfly - Korina Rushton absent

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Information Night

- Good feedback. One comment/suggestion for next year: The student should stay away from the food until afterwards. They were getting in the way of the visiting parents. Perhaps next year we can give the kids more direction.
- Advertising seemed to work well, there was a good turnout - about 35 parents.

7. New Business

7.1 Kindergarten Open Registration

- The dates are Feb. 12/13. Carmen would like to have a CVMS presence on Feb. 12th, welcoming parents, offering coffee/tea, snacks, signing up new members. Will contact Starbucks to see if they can donate coffee.

7.2 Tea

- May 24th is the date this year. We need people to run it as Carmen and Sarah are stepping back this year. Carmen will talk to Dan and run the date by him.

7.3 Website/CVMS Constitution

- All board members please look at a copy of the constitution and give feedback - feel free to make changes. Carmen will summarize and present next month. Then we will vote on it.

8. Adjourn: 8:32