

Comox Valley Montessori Society
September 19th, 2012 Monthly Meeting

Present: Ocean Varney	Sky Myrbo-Hill	Lynn Jacobson	Nancy Guhl
Carmen Costantino	Lisa Wilcox	Sherry Turnbull	Lee Olsen
Sharene Popiel	Marc St. Jules	Isadora DeBortoli	Judy Darby
Sarah Ritchie	April Brosko	Amy Valmorbida	Kim Hall
Korina Rushton	Manoja Gangodage	Jordan DeBortoli	Erin Walsh
Shelley Schorno	Michelle Burry	Jenn Johnson	Cindy Banos

1. Call to Order – 7:34pm

2. Introductions

3. Adoption of the Agenda

It was regularly motioned and seconded that the agenda be accepted.
CARRIED.

4. Minutes

It was regularly motioned and seconded that the minutes be adopted from
June 2012 - CARRIED

5. Reports

5.1 Administrator's Report – Ocean Varney on behalf of PAC

Special Project Room is now in use with its new mural. The multipurpose room has now been taken over for the neighborhood kindergarten class and is no longer available for use. The kitchen area is still available for use.

Breakfast Club has now been relocated to the kitchen upstairs.

\$5000 has been allocated to Queneesh for the community garden which will probably be placed in the bike cage, and the bike lock up will be relocated.

Looking for soccer and volleyball coaches. Teachers will act as managers, but do not have enough staff that feel they have the experience to coach.

New Queneesh School Facebook page started. Everyone is encouraged to "like" it and join.

Fundraising volunteers needed for Wednesday popsicle sales and Friday hot lunches. These are two of the biggest fundraisers for the school and PAC does not want to lose it.

5.2 President's Report - Ocean Varney

Welcome letter to parents has gone out explaining the CVMS, the allocation of funds and our partnership with the school district. A letter requesting donations was also attached to the letter with an explanation of why donations are so important to our program. We have 136 new students enrolled with 6 classrooms this year.

5.3 Vice President - Erin Walsh

Nothing to report at this time. Excited to have everyone out to the meeting and looking forward to a great school year.

5.4 Treasurer's Report - Michelle Burry

June 1st to May 31st is the fiscal year for CVMS. There is a Montessori mailbox in the office for any parents that would like to drop off their donations or they can drop it off to Michelle personally. Budget was approved at the AGM last year for \$32,000. \$11,000 to \$12,000 needs to be kept aside for consumables that are already set aside for the year. \$15,500 (approx) is in the account. Any donations that come in will get tax receipts in January. Please put child's teacher's name on the cheques so that tax receipts can be handed out and not mailed out to save money on postage.

5.5 Secretary's Report - Carmen Costantino

Carmen suggested that we discuss school supplies for kindergarten classes at the info night, as there were a lot of anxious kindergarten parents this year wondering whether or not they needed to buy anything before school starts.

The gmail account is getting emails from VIMA regarding conferences, ad placements and Montessori speakers. This shows that our membership is working and I am forwarding any applicable information onto the teachers. VIMA has asked us if we would like to be a part of their advertising in Island Parent in January advertising our school. It was decided no as it has nothing to do with teacher recruitment.

5.6 Inventory - Lisa Wilcox

\$12,000 worth of supplies was labeled and sorted for the new school year by Lisa and a couple of volunteers at the beginning of the year. Looking forward to donations coming in; in order to acquire new supplies for the school year. Some teachers have already put in their requests for new materials for the upcoming year just waiting for funds.

5.7 Liaison Chair – April Brosko

All the shutterfly accounts have been created and are running. Need to get parent involvement, so all request forms to sign up will be handed out tomorrow through the teachers.

April is asking for volunteers to run the sites for Ms. Hawkins class, Miss Ripple, Mrs. Campbell and Ms. Custer.

A brief explanation of what the shutterfly is was done for the new parents along with how it is used throughout the school year.

Sharene volunteers for Ms. Ripple's class.

6. Old Business

6.1 Fundraising – Erin Walsh.

A brief explanation of what Fundscrip is and how it works was done for the new parents at the meeting.

Any specific questions or concerns were directed to April or Erin so that the rest of the meeting is not taken up by questions.

A form will be sent home explaining Fundscrip to all Montessori parents explaining how to sign up and help raise money for CVMS.

7. New Business

7.1 Parent Drivers – Tiffany Campbell

Tiffany Campbell is having difficulty getting volunteers for field trips because a lot of her parents are working full time. She needs drivers for this Wednesday morning from 845am to 1030am to the Farmer's Market. Please contact April Brosko if you can drive.

Reminder that you need to do a driver's abstract and fill in the special request form to drive every school year.

7.2 Fundraiser for Spring – Sharene Popeil

Flower bulb fundraiser has been started and pamphlets have been handed out to students to take home. CVMS would like to make this an annual fundraiser and if it is successful CVMS will try it in the spring. Order needs to be in by October 8th. Every \$150 that our fundraiser raises will get CVMS free bulbs for the community garden. CVMS will receive 50% of the profits.

It is suggested that we open it up to the rest of the school and advertise it up on the bulletin board.

7.3 Bootcamp – Marc St. Jules

Marc St. Jules would like to offer a high end bootcamp from 130pm to 230pm for parents prior to picking up their children at the end of the school day. Drop in on Wednesdays at \$10 a person.

He can handle 40 – 50 people.

Question is whether all donations would be given to CVMS or PAC as well.

It was decided to start next Wednesday, 26th at 1:15pm.

It was suggested that Marc discuss it with Dan as to where the money will go. PAC and/or CVMS.

Lynn Jacobson asked on behalf of the teachers if their could be one for the staff and Marc said that there are discussions with Dan.

7.4 Cookbooks – Ocean Varney

Ocean suggested that we start a cookbook from all the recipes at the High End Tea Fundraiser. It could be sold at the Tea and another way to bring in funds.

7.5 Santa's Workshop – Erin Walsh

In November, CVMS helps bring in gently used toys and clothing from the students of Queneesh to donate for kids in need at Christmas.

The organizers have asked if we can donate our items a little bit earlier this year in order to have their drop off quota met.

7.6 Epicure Fundraiser – Shelley Schorno

Shelley is planning to do another Epicure Fundraiser sometime throughout the school year. Another great opportunity for the CVMS to make some money.

7.7 New Hospital Concerns – Ocean Varney

There are a lot of concerns from parents regarding the construction of the new hospital and how it is going to affect the school and the students. The PAC is going to set up a delegation committee that will be representing the school and its issues and a meeting is being set up for potentially in October with the developers. If anyone would like to be involved they should contact PAC or attend the PAC meetings.

8. Meeting Adjourned - 8:31 pm

