

**MINUTES**  
**Deep Cove PAC General Meeting**  
**January 20, 2010**

**Present:** Karen Gartside – Co-President  
Grace Owen – COPACS Representative  
Susan Fidyk – CPF Representative  
Martine Lunke – Special Events Coordinator  
Cindy Greenway – Parent Education  
Suzanne Demers – Newsletter Editor  
Tara Houle - Treasurer  
Julie Newman – Secretary  
Approx. 6 Class Reps/PAC members

**Absent:** Chris Swain – Co-President  
Christine Kenwood – Past President  
Lisa Coulson – CPF Representative  
Vik Peck – CPF Representative

**Admin. Present:** Rob Carere – Principal  
Shelley Hardcastle – Vice Principal

Co-President Karen Gartside chaired the meeting. Tara Houle made a motion to adopt the minutes from the November general meeting. Grace Owen seconded, and the motion carried.

**Administration Report**

**Rob Carere – Principal & Shelley Hardcastle – Vice Principal**

- All Windows-based computers in the school are being replaced with a Linux based system. The library is undergoing renovations to accommodate the wiring for the new computer system. (Funding for this project has come from the sale of school board property, NOT from Deep Cove’s operating budget. The school board cannot use money from property sales for regular operating expenses – if they do, they risk the Ministry of Education subtracting the amount spent from the district’s budget total.)
- The “One Woman Circus” recently performed for students and was very well received. She also makes herself available to schools as an artist-in-residence.
- The district has introduced Assessment For Learning, with the goal of using assessment as a guide to direct teaching. Several teachers on staff are exploring this method.
- Carnival is underway this week. The students are making inukshuks (individually or collectively in their classes) instead of building an ice castle this year.
- The Ready, Set, Learn open house took place today after school (for preschoolers/pre-kindergarteners & their families to visit the school).
- The district has decided which schools will begin all-day kindergarten this fall. Deep Cove was not chosen for all-day kindergarten for the coming school year, but will begin offering full days in September 2011.

- All grade 4's will be participating in Foundational Skills Assessments, which are designed to determine the effectiveness of the provincial curriculum. Students will take practice tests next week. Actual testing begins in early Feb. and will conclude by Feb. 18.
- Approximately 70 grade 4 & 5 students are involved in the indoor basketball program.

### Executive Reports

#### Karen Gartside – President

- Thanks to the Christmas Fair committee for an amazing job organizing the fair! Thanks also to everyone in the school community who pitched in to make the fair a huge success!
- Every parent in the school is a PAC member. All are encouraged to attend the meetings to have a voice in the decision-making process. It was suggested that offering a parent education topic at every PAC meeting might encourage more parents to attend.
- Class reps have organized crepes for Friday's Carnival festivities. Tara Houle offered to make extra crepes for the staff room.

#### Tara Houle – Treasurer

- The PAC received a membership rebate of \$624 from Peninsula Co-Op, plus \$100 in store vouchers.
- Our Thrifty Smile Card fundraiser has brought in \$832 so far. The yearly cap is set at \$3,000. Anyone wishing to obtain a new Smile Card, please see Janice Mosher.
- Tara has bank statements available for anyone interested in seeing them.

#### Grace Owen – COPACS Rep.

- After serious budget cuts last year, the school board is facing another 2.7 million cut for the 2010-11 school year. The provincial government makes budget announcements on March 12, so this is a good time to give your input regarding education funding.
- The district will host a public meeting on April 20 @ Bayside. The purpose of the meeting is to give the public a voice in the decision of how the 2.7 million will be cut from the budget.

#### Susan Fidyk – CPF Rep.

- CPF is working on bringing in an entertainer (French & English).
- CPF's Kindergarten-Grade 12 Gift Exchange will be held April 27. Vik Peck is the Deep Cove liaison for the event.
- A French film night is being planned at Bayside for ages 8+ (date TBA).

#### Suzanne Demers – Newsletter Editor

- Requested input on an article honouring school secretary Lori Lafave (as she will be leaving the school soon). Rob will talk further with Suzanne.

#### Cindy Greenway – Parent Education

- A parent ed. night is being planned for the second week in February, with another one to follow in early March.

### **Martine Lunke – Special Events Coordinator**

- The Lesotho room at the Christmas Fair brought in over \$2,000.
- The “Have a Little Sole” shoe campaign raised an additional \$2,070, which will pay for 83 pairs of shoes for Motati School students! This brings the total number of pairs to 183, as Taste of Lesotho night in May 2009 raised enough for 100 pairs.
- Martine has received profiles of 3 female Motati school graduates. These girls would like to go to high school but cannot afford the fees. Martine is hopeful that there might be families at Deep Cove who would be willing to make a long-term commitment to support one of the girls on a monthly basis.

### **Business**

**Christmas Fair:** Tara reported that the Christmas Fair netted approximately \$21,000 – coming very close to making a repeat performance of last year’s record-breaking year!

**Deferred Spending:** 3 special funding requests made by teachers/parents had been deferred until after the Christmas Fair. The following decisions were voted on:

- Karen Gartside proposed that we give a total of \$1,500 this year to help a School In Need. Suzanne Demers seconded, and the motion carried.
- Karen Gartside proposed that an additional \$5,000 be approved for field trips/bussing, to bring the total for the year to \$9,000. Leann Collins seconded, and the motion carried. (Note: this figure would cover 2 field trips + bussing per class.)
- Karen Gartside proposed that we defer a decision on purchasing digital cameras for every division until the fall. Susan Fidyk seconded and the motion carried.

**French Book Fair:** is scheduled for the last week of February, with Lisa Glover coordinating.

**Upcoming PAC Elections:** PAC’s annual general meeting takes place in February and includes PAC elections. All executive positions are open to candidates. Several positions will have vacancies that need to be filled: Co-President, Parent Education Coordinator,\*COPACS Rep., and \*Treasurer (\*could be a half-time, shared position). A new Hot Lunch Coordinator is also needed (not an executive position).

**Personal Appeal:** Elise Schoenrank, a Deep Cove graduate who is now in grade 6, has been diagnosed with cancer. Her treatment will require regular trips to Vancouver during the next year. A collection will be started at school to raise funds to purchase a laptop computer for Elise, which will help her keep up with her schoolwork. Students are encouraged to bring loonies & toonies to donate towards the laptop.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Newman  
Secretary