

**MINUTES**  
**Deep Cove PAC General Meeting**  
**April 20, 2011**

**Present:** Co-President: Lisa Makar  
Co-President: Monica Copeland  
Treasurer: Carol Nelson  
Secretary: Susan Adam  
Christmas Fair: Lesley MacLaughlin  
Parent Education: Kim Bull-Chambers  
Newsletter: Suzanne Demers  
Website: Janice Mosher  
COPACS: Christine Beveridge  
Special Events: Louise Boutin  
Volunteer Coordinator: Stacy Rees  
& Parents

**Absent:** CPF: Cindy Lister  
Volunteer Coordinator: Shealyn Jackson

**Admin. Present:** Principal Rob Carere  
Vice Principal Warren Hamm

Co-President Lisa Makar and Co-President Monica Copeland co-chaired the meeting, beginning with Monica calling the meeting to order. The Executive and attending class reps introduced themselves. Lisa asked for any additions to the agenda. Lisa called a motion to adopt the minutes from the Executive meeting on April 6/11. Lesley seconded, and motion carried. Monica called for amendment to page 11 of our PAC Executive Constitution where maximum 4 voting positions on Executive be changed to 6 voting positions. Lisa seconded. Unanimous vote was carried.

**Administration Report**

**Rob Carere: Principal**

- Has recently officially announced retirement at the end of this school year
- Expressed his mixed emotions
- Next up - identifying new Principal
- Explained the role that parents can play
- "Earth week" this week
- Continued "Litterless Lunch" success
- "Who Speaks For Wolves" this week
- "All Species Day" tomorrow - students are encouraged to wear
  - something to reflect their favourite animal
- Green Thumb Theatre presentation next week to support the Spirit of Giving
- Salmon release next week with Mr. Jungen's class
- Bike safety next week
- Cross country continues

- "Way To Go" walk/bike/bus/carpool to school tomorrow

#### Warren Hamm: Vice Principal

- Discussed his positive experience personally and professionally working with Rob Carere this school year
- He has applied to School District 63 for Mr. Carere's position as Principal of Deep Cove Elementary
- Regardless of outcome, he is staying at the school and will continue his hard work with successful programs as well as introducing new interests to the students

#### Executive Reports

##### Lisa Makar & Monica Copeland - Co-Presidents

- They are adjusting gracefully to their new role(s)
- Expressed their thanks to everyone for their help

##### Carol Nelson - Treasurer

- PST rebate process has changed and needs clarifying and further investigation

##### Kim Bull-Chambers - Parent Education

- Speakers 4 times/year to be announced

##### Christine Beveridge - COPACS

- Attended her first meeting in March
- SD63 survey deadline April 26/11

##### Louise Boutin - Special Events

- no business to report
- Christmas Fair, events, volunteers needs to meet and plan the year

##### Janice Mosher - Website

- new format looks great
- wants to establish clear differences between school and PAC websites

#### New Business

**1. SD63 Budget Survey:** Monica attended a meeting at Bayside Middle School about Fall 2011 District Budget. We all reviewed a similar process they had at their meeting. Some points of interest:

- Enrollment down 168 students SD63 next year
- Losing revenue
- 1.14 million dollars lost
- Board will cover loses for first year only
- More expenses this year \$900,000 over budget
- That number will grow next year
- working group in SD63 to look at key topics to maintain budget
- \$600,000 needs to be cut from budget

- Everyone needs to participate in survey to have your say in what will be cut from budget

Rob Carere clarified that schools are funded based on ones that are stable and growing. District works hard to reduce costs without cutting programs. SIDES is a money maker for the District. That sparked a lengthy discussion on ways District and schools could expand local revenues.

## **2. Upcoming Events:**

- French Immersion Kindergarten/Grade 12 Gift Exchange April 26/11 at Stelly's School
- Kindergarten Tea May 13/11
  - volunteers needed to supervise children on playground during breakfast

## **3. "Assignment and Selection of Principals"**

- Rob Carere and Warren Hamm reviewed the outline provided by the School District, which will be made available to all parents who wish to have some input in the Principal selection of our school
- Please identify your important aspects for selection and pass on to Lisa or Monica a.s.a.p. as they will be meeting with District representatives next week to discuss the Principal selection process
- Everyone has a voice

Next meeting: PAC Executive May 4/11  
General Meeting May 18/11

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Adam  
Secretary