

MINUTES
Deep Cove PAC General Meeting
November 17, 2010

Present: Suzanne Demers – Co-President /Newsletter Editor
Grace Owen – Parent Education Coordinator
Martine Lunke – COPACS Representative
Carol Nelson - Treasurer
Julie Newman – Secretary
8 Parents

Absent: Chris Swain – Co-President
Karen Gartside – Past President
Lesley MacLaughlin – Christmas Fair Coordinator

Admin. Present: Rob Carere – Principal
Warren Hamm - Vice Principal

The meeting began with a presentation on the Virtues Project, given by Lara Collins and Carla DeLisle. The Virtues Program is incorporated in to all aspects of learning at Deep Cove. It provides students with their own tools for conflict resolution and acts as a springboard for intrinsic character development. The program continues to be an effective tool for both students and staff. More information is available at www.virtuesproject.com.

Following the Virtues presentation, Co-President Suzanne Demers introduced two guests from the Saanich chapter of Canadian Parents for French (CPF). CPF supports French cultural activities and provides supplementary resources for teachers. CPF benefits students in both the English and French Immersion programs. Deep Cove currently does not have a rep to advocate for our school within our district's CPF chapter. A Deep Cove CPF rep is urgently needed. CPF meetings are held once a month. Please contact any PAC executive member if you are interested in becoming a CPF rep!

Co-President Suzanne Demers asked for the adoption of the minutes from the October general meeting, and the motion passed.

Administration Report

Rob Carere - Principal

- Grade 4 – 5 indoor soccer is wrapping up after a two month season. A jamboree with Kelset & Sidney schools is scheduled for November 25 & 26.
- Vice Principal Warren Hamm did an excellent job organizing a meaningful student-led Remembrance Day assembly.
- First term report cards will be sent home over a window of the next 3 – 4 weeks. All report cards will be out by the end of the first week of December. The report cards are all reviewed by Warren and Rob before being sent home.

- Tomorrow the school will hold a lockdown drill. The drill will be low-key in order to keep children from becoming frightened. Cpl. Chris Swain, of the Sidney/North Saanich RCMP, will be assisting with the lockdown drill (Cpl. Swain is also a member of the District Threat Assessment Committee).

Executive Reports

Grace Owen – Parent Ed. Coordinator

- Thanked Rob for organizing tonight's speakers, Lara Collins and Carla DeLisle.
- Grace is planning to have more teachers as guest speakers at PAC GM's, as well as a presentation on cyber/internet safety.

Suzanne Demers – Newsletter Editor

- Next newsletter will come out after the Christmas Fair.

Martine Lunke – COPACS Rep.

- Our district is anticipating another round of budget cuts for the 2011-12 school year. Technical working groups are in place to evaluate and prioritize needs.
- SD63 board trustees are available for contact through the district website.
- George Abbott has been appointed BC's new Minister of Education.
- Every year, BC liquor stores place collection tins at their tills for patrons to contribute to dry grad initiatives. School districts can then apply to receive funds towards dry grad celebrations for their students. Our district is one of the few who does not apply for these funds. COPACS is asking for input from each school PAC in the district as to whether it should pursue the dry grad issue with our board. All were in agreement that dry grad is a worthy cause for COPACS to pursue.
- The Policy 1100 meeting was positive and well attended. This provided an opportunity for networking among district PAC's.
- COPACS executive has a wealth of knowledge & experience that should be accessed by parents and PAC's.

Business

1. Christmas Fair

- A coordinator for the North Pole venue is still needed.
- The fair committee has expanded and now includes Lesley MacLaughlin, Martine Lunke, Chelsea Comber and Jen Rausch.
- Volunteers for laundering donated stuffies are still needed (contact Martine if interested).
- Thrifty's cake boxes will be available for donated baked goods. They will be available in the school office for parents to collect the week prior to the fair.
- A special newsletter put out by the Christmas Fair coordinators will go out next week.
- PAC will provide all the cash floats needed for individual venues and will do rounds throughout the fair to collect money or provide change.

- The Emporium is looking for donations of small gift items that children could purchase as Christmas presents. Books, CD's and stuffies are also being collected at the school office.
 - Poinsettia order deadline is November 26. There will be no poinsettias for purchase at the fair this year. However, pre-ordered/pre-paid poinsettias can be picked up on the night of the fair.
- 2. School Planning Council:** Each school is required by law to have a School Planning Council, consisting of three parents, the principal and one teacher. Meetings are held a minimum of three times per year. Topics covered are allocation of resources, organization and school planning. Vik Peck, Sophia Johannessen and Karen Gartside are the current parent representatives, and all were willing to run for re-election. A secret ballot vote was taken, and all three were re-elected.
- 3. PAC Vacancies:** Elections will be held in February, with the following positions open:
- Suzanne Demers and Chris Swain will be stepping down as Co-Presidents. (Suzanne will continue on the PAC executive in her role as newsletter editor.)
 - Julie Newman will be stepping down as secretary.
 - Janine Reedeker will be stepping down as website coordinator at the end of December (this is not an elected position).

The next PAC general meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Newman
Secretary