

**PAC General Meeting
October 15, 2008**

Attending:

Christine Kenwood, Karen Gartside, Tara Houle, Julie Kaye, Kim Dennis, Chris Swain, Martine Lunke, Grace Owen, Shelly Hardcastle and about 20 class reps and parents

Absent:

Rob Carere, Carolyn Jenkinson, Lisa Coulson

A welcome was extended to everyone, and a motion to adopt the May 21 PAC general meeting minutes was carried. No amendments or additions were made to the agenda for the evening.

Administrative Report – Shelly Hardcastle

The year is off to a good start. The Grade 5's are working on team building and went to Stelly's climbing wall for a leadership day. There is also a 'playground pal' program for the grade 5's to participate in working with the younger grades. Indoor soccer is starting next week. Halloween safety will be discussed and fire safety week was held for the grade 3 classes. The Halloween parade will be at about 1:45 on Oct. 31. All classes are incorporating the required half hour of activity in different ways.

Co-president report – Christine Kenwood

Christine welcomed all parents and guardians attending and stated that every parent/guardian is a member of the PAC and we are all members of the District PAC. The PAC's primary role is fundraising, done in large part by our Christmas Fair which has been running for 28 years. The Thrifty's smile cards also help to raise funds for field trips and busses.

Treasurer's report – Tara Houle

Tara gave a brief description of the treasurer's job and a rundown of where funds come from, and how money is spent. Funding requests may be filled out, forms are in the photocopy room. The gaming grant has just come in.

Newsletter – Kim Dennis

Kim provided a brief description of how the newsletter is compiled and stated that submission for the newsletter may be forwarded by email or by telephone.

Parent Education – Chris Swain

Chris encouraged parent input for topics for parent education. October 28 will be a talk on ‘talking to kids about sex’, a 2 hour talk. Anaphylaxis will be a topic for the next meeting, including information, policies, epipens, and more. More topics to come in the New Year.

Special Events Coordinator – Martine Lunke

Martine will ensure coordinators are in place and help find volunteers for various special events at the school.

Volunteer Coordinator – Janice Mosher

Janice helps with different areas around the school, last year she organized the ordering of Deep Cove logo wear, she researched information about car seats, and also organized all class rep information.

COPACS – Grace Owen

Grace attends COPACS meetings and brings information back to our PAC and general school population. Any parent concerns may be taken to Grace, and she can pass them onto the COPACS level. COPACS clips may be found on the school website. New teams in the district are “Green Team” and “French Program Task Force”, if interested, please speak to Grace. Anaphylaxis Canada has 2 new websites. COPACS notes are also posted on the PAC board by the office.

CPF – Carolyn Jenkinson

The Canadian Parents for French position is now being shared by Penny Sigouin and Carolyn Jenkinson.

Christine Kenwood shared 2 thank you notes. The first was from Liz Lebel for the Science Venture Program along with some special pictures from students. Mme. Sarty gives thanks for the new books in the library. We also heard from Shannon Toronitz, A Deep Cove parent, who read out a thank you from Tillicum Elementary for the \$1000 donation our PAC gave last year. VCPAC awarded our school for this generosity with a plaque for leadership in parenting.

Shelly Hardcastle and Christine Kenwood gave an overview/description of the special funding requests for this year.

Linda O’Connor may have a source for the green envelopes as we are in need of more.

A parent was inquiring as to whether we would be able to seek sponsorship for the track jerseys. At this point the school board does not allow sponsorship but this is perhaps a good time to raise the question again.

A motion was carried to accept the special funding and all were in favour.

The school planning council election is taking place and we need to decide the priorities for Deep Cove. This year will have 3 positions to be filled by Karen Gartside, Sophie Johanssen and Vik Pek.

Martine Lunke gave a brief description of the Lesotho project and explained how we are twinned with a school in South Africa. Last year we raised \$5000 for this school. If parents want to become more involved, Martine is having an information night at her home. Currently Martine is collecting zippers, buttons and shower curtains to help with fundraising. A suggestion was made to increase exposure of Lesotho at the Thursday morning market.

The Volunteer schedule is filling up quite nicely. Presently we are still looking for a co-coordinator for the 1 2 Club. This gives the children some direction for play during recess. We will contact class reps. for suggestions. There is money to buy new equipment for this endeavour.

The Christmas Fair will be run by a committee as opposed to 1 coordinator. Chelsea Comber and Jen Rausch offered to join the committee for this year. Thank you very much!

What is the role of the PAC?

We advocate on behalf of the school and student body. The BCCPAC plays a more political role although the PAC is able to lobby.

Why is there only 25 minutes to eat lunch?

Shelley Hardcastle explained that some children eat their lunch in a matter of 5-10 minutes and to offer any longer than 25 minutes would become an issue of child minding as children would be bored and looking for something to do. This could lead to problems. 25 minutes is also the time offered to eat lunch at middle school.

Next General PAC meeting
November 19, 7pm.