

**Kilmer Parent Advisory Council  
General Meeting  
April 6, 2009**

**Attendance:** Kim Becker, Joshy Charan, Cathy Clelland, Susan Deyotte, Karen Elrick, Yvonne Greentree, Rachelle Jadot, Robyn Lau, Candice Miller, Michelle Oucharek-Deo, Jasmine Parker, Dirk Rohde, Judy Rohde, Thaddeus Seidler, Rose Shaw

**1. Call to Order**

- Rachelle called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

- Motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2009 as circulated. Rosie/Joshy. CARRIED.

**3. Business Arising**

- None.

**4. President's Report**

- Rachelle was wondering what the consensus was about forwarding different e-mails she receives from DPAC, Parks and Rec etc. It was decided to forward them and people can then delete them if they want.
- The survey website for Spring Break 2010 is on the DPAC website.
- The staff appreciation lunch is planned for Tuesday April 28th.
- Ideas are needed for a retirement gift for Mme King. The idea of a credit on the cruise line she is taking was presented.
- Beyond the Bell starts next week and this will be the last session for the year.
- A reminder that May 5th is the PAC elections.

**5. Vice President's Report**

- No report.

**6. Administration Report**

**School Goals**

- The school must have a literacy goal and this is the first year of the writing goal. We will continue using the Writing Traits Kit that we purchased at the end of the year last year.
- Our second goal is the Healthy Living Goal which has focussed on our Healthy Buddies circuit and working with Action Schools BC and Daily Physical Activity.

**CPVPA**

- Join in for the Coquitlam Principals' and Vice-Principals' In Motion 2, 5 or 10K run, walk, rollerblade, wheel or bike for cancer research April 26th, beginning at 9am at Terry Fox Secondary School.

**Pitch In Week**

- Each April, the City of Port Coquitlam holds a community clean-up effort aimed at keeping the city and our environment beautiful for present and future generations.
- A number of classes will be taking part.

**Children's Hospital Jeans Day**

- To be held on April 30th.

**Track and Field**

- Track practices are to start after the Como Lake Relays.

**Earth Day**

- We will be holding an assembly on May 22nd for Earth Day and will be having a variety of Earth friendly activities such as litterless lunches.

**7. Financial Report**

- The current playground total is \$67, 698, not including any budget surplus.
- The cheque from the casino funds plus the government grant of \$20,000 will be put towards the playground bill.
- Cathy would like the funds allocated for the playground to be put towards the bill first.
- In June, any surplus in the playground account will be looked at. It was recommended to put money aside for repairs etc.
- At a future meeting, we will need to discuss how to use any surplus funds.
- Quotes for security related to the playground will be looked into.
- Any money raised now will go into the general account, which will go towards playground equipment.

## **8. Committee Report**

### **Hot Lunch**

- The next hot lunch will be Church's Chicken on April 24th.
- On the last hot lunch there were a lot of errors. There will be an article in the newsletter regarding checking forms.

### **Fruit and Veggie Program**

- This program will start up again on April 21st.

### **Fundraising**

- The remaining fundraising events for the year include a flower order, pub night and the garage sale.
- It has been decided to replace the Spring Fling planned for May 22nd, with a Playground Opening Barbeque. This event will include food and games and will be free as a way of saying thank you to the Kilmer Community for their dedication to fundraising efforts for the new playground.

### **Playground**

- No report.

### **DPAC**

- At the DPAC meeting on March 9th Tom Grant, the superintendent, discussed that BC Hydro has provided the district with three years of funding for green initiatives. The students have to take a strong interest in various green projects.
- Opportunities will grow for summer learning. There is now the ability to register on-line. To register you will need a nine digit number. Mrs. Hardy has the numbers.
- The cross-catchment process has changed, as some schools are currently jammed full.
- There will be an increase in funding to the Coquitlam Budget. This won't be enough to cover the cost increases. The trustees want an open and democratic process and several public meetings have been planned.
- A decision on Spring Break 2010 has been reached. Spring Break will be from Friday March 26th to April 5th. The calendar used to be Ministry defined, three years ago it changed so that local input is allowed.
- Community involvement for school design will be looked into for new schools, including Pitt River Middle. This school will be started as soon as possible and will probably be a three year process to complete.
- There will be an announcement soon on new capital projects.
- A PAC boot camp, for parent training and best practices, has been discussed.
- A pamphlet was passed around regarding the Emcompass Conference on April 16-18th. Dirk has more details if anyone is interested.
- DPAC is currently looking for volunteers.
- The BCCPAC AGM and Spring Conference will be held from April 30th to May 3rd.

**Parent Education**

- SSFS next topic will be Emergency Disaster Preparation on April 23rd. The cost is \$3/person or \$5/couple. This is open to the community.

**Emergency Preparedness**

- No report.

**Parent Library**

- No report.

**CPF**

- No report.

**SPC**

- No report.

**Safety Committee**

- No report.

**Volunteer Committee**

- No report.

**Newsletter**

- No report.

**9. New Business**

- Jasmine would like to put together a parent directory. A newsletter will be sent out.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.