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Rose Shaw

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##### **Safety Committee**

*positions available*

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# KPAC News

April 30, 2010

**Next Meeting:** Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7p.m., Kilmer Library

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

There are positions available within your PAC for Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, DPAC Rep, and Secretary. Our PAC executive year end is August 31<sup>st</sup>. If these positions are not filled it could jeopardize KPAC receiving any gaming grants of approximately \$5800. This accounts for **half** of the PAC budget. Please consider taking on a executive role in Kilmer School PAC. Come out & vote on Monday.

**Donations** of all gently used *digital cameras* and *MP3 players* would be greatly appreciated by the school. Our growing technology base for the children would benefit from these items. Please drop off donations at the office.

A tremendous amount of food was brought out for **Kilmer staff appreciation lunch**. Thank you goes out to all those that contributed the wonderful dishes. A huge thank you to Rose Shaw and her volunteers that helped pull off a successful event which said "Thank you" to our staff and teachers at Kilmer School on behalf of the parent community.

Here are some details about the new construction at **Pitt River Middle School** from Todd Clerkson, Principal. Planning is well underway. Internal moves are underway so that the back of the building can be ready for demolition. The actual demolition of this area won't likely begin until next Fall. The new school, slated to be completed in the Fall of 2012, will be situated on the top parking lot (above the flood plain). Removing the back layer of the building provides a larger footprint for the building and also more room to work. We are lucky that we will be able to utilize current empty space within the building so that we can continue on until the new school is ready and then move right in!

The new school will include a **Neighbourhood Learning Center**. The "NLC" is a space that is shared with community partners. By securing these partnerships, the Ministry provides us with 20% more space! The NLC will include an athletic center, shared with the City of Port Coquitlam, space for our Community School programs, a District Aboriginal Welcoming Center, space for District Settlement Workers and Fraser Health, as well as a daycare.

Rachelle Jadot, KPAC, [theadadots@gmail.com](mailto:theadadots@gmail.com)

### **GARDEN CLUB**

The spring has surely sprung if any of you have had a chance to pop into the Courtyard. All 44 dozen tulips planted back in the fall are in blossom and there has been so much positive feedback. The children have been excited and we are waiting on the lilies to come up in the next few weeks. Weekly Garden Club started after spring break and all the students in the club are working hard. We have started a series of seedlings and are anxiously waiting to see what comes up. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of April we planted all the new seedlings that the children started.

I want to thank all the parents who have dropped off containers and bags of dirt. It has been tremendously helpful. We are moving into our next phase of planting and need a few things if you have them hanging around the house:

1. More top soil or good planting dirt, compost and manure (if you have a few extra bags)
2. Old tires - We are going to do some of our planting in the old tires.
3. More containers or planters

Thank you for all your continued support,  
Michelle Oucharek-Deo, Garden Club Coordinator  
[mlod@telus.net](mailto:mlod@telus.net), 604-468-1695



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### MAY/JUNE EVENTS

#### Garden Club

Every Monday

#### Scrapbooking Day

Saturday, May. 1<sup>st</sup>

#### KPAC Meeting

Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
7pm, Kilmer Library

#### Spring Plant Pickup

Thursday, May. 6<sup>th</sup>

#### DPAC Nominations

Monday, May. 12<sup>th</sup>

#### CPF AGM

Monday, May. 17<sup>th</sup>

#### DPAC AGM

Wednesday, May. 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Garage Sale Donations

Friday, June. 4<sup>th</sup>

#### KPAC Meeting/Social

Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>  
Rachelle's home  
Details tbd

#### Garage Sale

Saturday, June. 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Year-End Party

Friday, June. 18<sup>th</sup>

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

**Flowers Delivery:** Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, please make arrangements for your order to be picked up.

**Scrapbooking:** Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am - 10pm, \$40 gets you your own table, dinner, drinks, door prizes for everyone and uninterrupted crafting time.

**Vendors Sale:** 1pm - 4pm at the **Scrapbooking** event for \$2 drop in. Scheduled vendors include Tupperware, Silpada Jewelry, Norwex Cleaning Supplies, Beautycontrol, Mary Kay, Party Lite, Usborne Books, Jellous Nails, Epicure, Princess House and Avon. There are also scrapbooking demonstrations to teach you how to work with all those digital photos stored in your computer.

**Garage Sale:** Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> - Watch for notice to come home. Start cleaning out those closets and garages please. Donations accepted the week prior only.

**Year End BBQ Party:** Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> - Games, raffles, BBQ and new playground pieces

## DPAC REPORT

### **DPAC Meeting – 10/04/28**

#### **Superintendent's Report (Tom Grant)**

- Tom met with mayors and MLAs for the cities
  - Indicated that funding structure does not meet needs of SD43
- The board instructed Tom and Rick (Humphreys) to meet with Chamber of Commerce
  - Discuss items that only businesses can provide for children (e.g. possibilities of mentorship)
  - Meld students' sense of social responsibility with business sense of corporations will result in a winning opportunity
- Middle school gifted program starts next year with four classes (2 @ Hillcrest, 2 @ Citadel)
- Looking at facility initiatives with full-day kindergarten – announcements coming soon

#### **District Budget (Rick Humphreys)**

- Budget 2010/11 Key Messages (from handout)
  - We have an exemplary school district with a high rate of student success and completion rates & we want to keep it that way
  - A gap exists in the way in which funding is allocated to Coquitlam
  - Our district remains the lowest per-pupil funded district in the province
  - The inequitable distribution of funds may impact the quality of services to students
  - The Board of Education will continue to lobby the provincial gov. for fair and equitable funding
  - Partner groups & public support needed to ensure fair & equitable distribution of funds to SD43
- Changes as a result of budget are not sustainable
- Funding is growing much more rapidly for other districts than it is for Coquitlam
- Although there are differences due to unique geographical situations (for example), the inequities are increasing disproportionately and the funding differences are not reasonable
  - Other factors contribute to differences as well (e.g. ESL)
- The district does not know what the government's formula is for calculating funding to each district
  - The district is arguing that the formula is broken and needs to be replaced
  - Part of the problem is if our district receives more, then another district needs to be cut correspondingly and all districts are arguing for more money, so government is leery of change
- Tom mentioned that <http://www.bccat.ca> (BC Council on Admissions and Transfers) is a good website for post-secondary education planning

#### **Constitution & Bylaws (Deanne Harris)**

- Vote on DPAC special resolution
  - DPAC checked with Societies' Act to ensure that change would be okay
  - The point of the change was to allow the opportunity for board members to stand for more than two years, and in different positions, but not necessarily indefinitely
  - A full review of the C&B will be done later once the new board is in place
- DPAC is governed by the Societies' Act; school PACs are governed by the Schools' Act
- Amendment to special resolution: Remove final sentence of point 6 ("There is no limit to the consecutive or non-consecutive terms held in any one position.")
- Vote on amended special resolution passed



#### Ongoing Events

Collection of **Campbell Soup Labels**

Collection of **metal tabs** for Shriners

Collection of used **ziplock bags** from hot lunch and fundraisers for general reuse can be found by the Parent Library.

(...DPAC cont.)

#### **DPAC Nominations & Election (Claude Hrycaiko)**

- Nomination forms for DPAC positions will be sent out to schools next week
- Need nominations back 2 weeks before the May 26 AGM
- 14 positions available
- A summary of the commitment required for each position is being put together
- Questions: e-mail Claude, [claudenh@shaw.ca](mailto:claudenh@shaw.ca)
- Feel free to forward names to Claude and he can send them a personal invitation letter
- There are other non-board positions available that don't require very large commitment of time & provide opportunities to participate in various committees (e.g. IBC or French Immersion committees)
- A good entry position is a zone rep

#### **BCCPAC Conference and AGM (Heidi Gable)**

- Dr. Kevin Elder, head of Superintendents Association, gave several talks, including a talk indicating that the structure of secondary schools may change in the future
  - Want any and all ideas from parents
- AGM
  - There were Constitutional and Bylaw issues; postponed until the fall
  - Open to suggestions
  - All resolutions were discussed – results on website
  - Schools need to send in their proxies in order to have a real voice with the BCCPAC, which confers directly with the ministry; one rep had 100 proxies and held the swing vote

#### **Building Design Committee Update (Heidi Gable)**

- Conceptual Design Committee has been set up to give guidance on school design
- Relationships with teachers and others and how they work in the space provided is key to learning
  - e.g. how would a library be designed to maximize benefits
  - e.g. sliding walls are good for flexibility in use of rooms

#### **Parent Ed Opportunities (Deanne Harris)**

- Two education sessions coming up: *Drug Awareness* and *Eating Disorders*. Further details on DPAC website, <http://www.dpac43.org>

#### **CPF REPORT**

If our chapter goes dormant without filling the positions detailed below, there is a risk that the funding allocation will not be provided for our area kids.

**Canadian Parents for French** is a non-profit organization with Chapters across Canada and a national network of volunteers. CPF has been working since 1978 to support children, parents and teachers involved in French programs. CPF chapters are made up of parents like you and me who are interested in providing the best French immersion experience to our children. There are many ways CPF helps. For example, CPF:

1. Provides FSL learning opportunities for young people in and out of the classroom through cultural events, contests, exchanges and summer camps
2. Supports parents of children in French immersion programs with information, resources and newsletters.
3. Contributes resource money to classroom teachers.
4. Donates financial resources towards French scholarships and the school Quebec and France trips.
5. Advocates on behalf of parents and teachers for quality French programs in our schools.

**How to get involved:** All parents are welcome to attend the monthly chapter meetings. It's a wonderful way to get involved in your children's French immersion experience. To make these events happen we need volunteers, either in Executive positions or as Members-at-Large. Please join us at our Annual General Meeting, Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm at Irvine Elementary School in Port Coquitlam.

We will be electing a new **President, Secretary and Treasurer.**

Lisa Aspinall, Kilmer CPF Rep.



### PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Attached are pictures of the new playground pieces that will be installed - hopefully, by the end of May or early June. Note that colours may not be the same as pictured. Thank you to those that came out to meetings to help coordinate this project. For those that were at the March meeting, some of the pieces had to be changed. The results were then presented at the April meeting. The footprints of some of the pieces were too big which would have increased the site prep cost. Under guidance from the playground vendor rep and the school, changes were made for safety and structural integrity of each piece. We are sure that the children will be thrilled with all the new pieces.

### PARENT LIBRARY - EDUCATION

The **Anxiety BC** website ([www.anxietybc.com](http://www.anxietybc.com)) has recently been enhanced. This is a comprehensive website with a section for Parents. There is a special section on **CBT** (Cognitive Behaviour Therapy).

The "Boy Smarts" presentation from Barry MacDonald's Parent-Ed seminar on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> was a tremendous success. There were close to 500 parents and educators there taking notes and learning new skills. The website is [www.MentoringBoys.com](http://www.MentoringBoys.com) and a newsletter via email is also available. The presentation combined parenting boys and girls in today's society, cultural realities, and tools to help them become courageous, caring, ethical young people.

### CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS

Once again, a very big **THANK YOU** for keeping those Campbell's Soup Labels coming. We are counting them up and I know we will have some great new and fun items for our school to come. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact me anytime.

Thanks,  
Moe, [moejol@hotmail.com](mailto:moejol@hotmail.com)

### VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

Please contact Deb Demers at [demersfamilyednw@hotmail.com](mailto:demersfamilyednw@hotmail.com) if you are interested in helping out with future volunteer opportunities. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

### KPAC MEETINGS

Meetings are generally held on the first Monday of each month (unless it falls on a holiday) in the school library; starting at 7:00 pm, or as noted. **Childminding is provided**, unless otherwise noted.

September 14, 2009  
October 5, 2009  
November 2, 2009  
December 7, 2009 (Social @ SAMZ Pub)  
January 11, 2010

February 1, 2010  
March 1, 2010  
April 12, 2010  
**May 3, 2010, Elections Please come vote/volunteer**  
June 7, 2010 (Social @ Rachele's, details to come)  
June ??, 2010 (Budget??)

Check out upcoming meeting agendas & past minutes, as well as archived KPAC newsletters at:  
<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/kilmer/Parents/PAC/Pages/default.aspx>