

# Minutes of the Acadia Road Combined Daycare Communicare Society

April 19, 2007, in the Administration Building

**In Attendance (in bold; absent members are not in bold):**

| <b>Infant Center</b>   |  | <b>3-5 Centers</b>                        |   |
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| Little Goslings:       | Mary Wells   | Acadia:                                   | Katharine Todd Millar (VP Advocacy)   |
| <b>Toddler Centers</b> |  | Little Raven:                             | Ben Pfeiffer (Advocacy Webmaster)<br>Gabriela Sincaian (regrets)<br>Marcel Sincaian (Treasurer) (regrets) |
| Sitka:                 | Miranda Burgess<br><b>Jeremy Woolf</b>               | Pacific Spirit/<br>S7UMUX<br>Kindergarten | <b>Karon MacLean</b> (President)<br><b>Annie Moradain</b>   |
| Huckleberry:           | <b>Kelli Kadokawa</b>                                | Tillicum:                                 | <b>Paul Pavlidis</b> (Webmaster)  |
| Canada Goose:          | Greg Feldman (regrets)                               | Lluvia:                                   | Linda Quamme  |
| Discovery:             | <b>Maria Ezhova</b>                                  | Barish:                                   | <b>Jessica Irwin</b> (Co-Secretary)   |
| Lilliput:              | <b>Julie Bettinger</b> (Co-Secretary)<br>Jim Salzman | Summer of '73:                            | Karen Bakker (VP Advocacy) (regrets)<br><b>Reuben Ford</b><br>Julie Stitt                                 |
| Chuva:                 | <b>Brit Lampe</b>                                    | Kids Club:                                | No representative   |
| <b>Staff</b>           |  | <b>Other</b>                              |   |
| Director               | <b>Darcelle Cottons</b><br>Bev Christian (regrets)   | AMS                                       |   |

Visitors:

Please ask your council rep or senior staff members for contact information if you have any questions.

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## 1. Review of Minutes

**Minutes:** The minutes from the **March 21**, 2007 meeting have been approved.

## 2. Administrators Report

May is child care month. Administration does a staff breakfast. For those parents who would like to do something some suggestions are letters for staff files, cards, etc.

Fee increase notices will go out in May—the increase starts July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Enrollment:** Darcelle provided the report on turnover as Bev was not at the meeting. Only two spaces in 3-5 programs and two toddler spaces opened for May. There are currently more than 11 children on variance—Darcelle thought the number was around 14. As a comparison, last year at this time there were 1-2 children on variance. One child in a toddler program who has been on variance will not be extended further, which means the child will have to leave care until a space opens up.

The question was asked whether it made sense to operate Pacific Spirit during the summer, but there has not been a large enough group which makes it too risky financially. It might be worth considering in the future in order to move those 5 year old children who will attend Pacific Spirit in the fall out of the 3-5 centers sooner. Darcelle will analyze to see if makes sense to change it. The question was asked if it made sense to discontinue the Kindergarten and change it to 3-5 center given the long waitlist for 3-5 care. The administration said they needed other providers on campus in order to do that and right now there are no other providers. If Kids Club was able to take 5 year olds in the future then it might make sense to look at changing the kindergarten. Kids club is a school age program and children must be enrolled in school to be eligible. It provided after school care and all day care during summer but children must be entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade in fall.

Lluvia preschool is full for the fall with children of students, staff and faculty.

**Construction:** AMS funding for the new centers is contingent on university funding. It appears the university has sense of where it might get funding from but it still needs a commitment from the province. Provincial funding would not come through until July if it becomes available. All funding would be off the table if a federal election is called. Darcelle is encouraging the university to lobby directly for funding. Daycare council has done a good job of politicizing issue so looks like the construction will have to happen. The new buildings have not gone to development/permit process at UBC. It still needs to go through the May Board of Governors meeting. Darcelle is still negotiating with province for 2-5 age grouping licensing.

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| Action Items: 1) |
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## 3. Advocacy

Ken Dryden briefing: participants felt it wasn't as productive as expected, especially the brainstorming part. UBC participants wanted to know more effective ways to lobby while Dryden was trying to motivate parents to lobby. Liberals don't have funding for advocacy, etc. All ideas presented were rejected by Dryden.

The idea was presented for PAC to seek help from the school of journalism for help with creating a 30 second sound bite that would address misperceptions around government funded childcare. Possibly AMS could help with this.

Code blue action: Bill C303. The government will be deciding this and will need to hear from the public to indicate it is something it wants.

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| Action Items: 1) Representatives should find out if any of their parents are connected with the school of journalism and if so, the possibilities for collaborating on a sound bite. 2) Send e-mail about Bill C303 to parents. A sample form letter is in the e-mail and parents can use this to respond. 3) Karen and Karon will take testimonials and use for code blue if fits framework. |
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## 4. Fundraising at UBC Child Care

**Fundraising Chair:** A motion was passed to create 2 co-chairs for fundraising. These will be executive positions. The chairs will be in charge of the grocery store gift certificate fundraiser and the concert. Because Marketplace IGA and Choices both work with a fundraising representative, the profit margin is not as good as Safeway and Stongs, so it is probably better to concentrate efforts on Safeway and Stongs. The fundraisers will be run twice a year in October and March. Britt Lampe and Kelli Kadokawa volunteered for the positions and were accepted by the council.

**Wish list ideas:** Adapting the wood shop at Kids Club for use by 4-5 year olds and adding a kiln might be a good project for the PAC to do. Kids Club is open to the idea of sharing the space with the other centers. It would be used in the same manner as the music room. Staff would need training in how to use both the wood shop and the kiln.

Action Items: 1) webmaster needs to add a description of the fundraising positions. 2) Wish list from staff at centers for things needed (needs to be things all the centers can use)

## 5. Work Plan for Fall 2007

Fundraising: grocery store fundraisers and concert

Website

Parent Info night

Traffic

Concert

Advocacy: form letters, etc. make it easier for parents to participate

Reviewing Policies

Clarify extra council person in center and what we need them for—don't have to come to meetings necessarily, but available to volunteer and help—for example volunteer with fundraisers, parent info night, etc.

Supporting students

Action Items: 1) present to centers and ask for any additions. 2) Recruit for next fall for members—talk about 2 different roles (attend meetings, volunteer for other activities)

## 6. Misc.

Both secretaries will be unable to attend the next meeting, so Paul Pavlidis will take notes and Kelli Kadokawa will finish the write up.

There was not universal support for mandatory hot lunch, so the hot lunch issue has been closed.

More specific information needed for web page. Karon will respond and others are welcome to help.

Action Items:

## 7. Set next meeting

Our next meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday May 16, 2007 at 7:00 pm** at the Main Office.