

Minutes of the Acadia Road Combined Daycare Communicare Society

June 21, 2007, in the Administration Building

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

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

Visitors:

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

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1. Annual General Meeting

Minutes: The minutes from the **June 8, 2006** meeting have been approved.

Executive: The following vacancies for 2007-2008 were filled: President: Julie Stitt; VP of Advocacy for Students: Annie Moradain (she will share the position with Katharine Todd Millar). Treasurer: Jessica Irwin. Secretary remains Julie Bettinger and Jessica Irwin. Webmaster remains Paul Pavlidis and Ben Pfeiffer. Fundraising chairs are Kelli Kadokawa and Brit Lampe. Two positions still remain open: VP of Advocacy for Staff and VP of Advocacy for Faculty. Representatives are asked to canvass their centers for interested parties. The positions would require continuing the work that has been started this year, but should not require the same level of effort. Descriptions for all positions can be found on the web page. Karen Bakker will send an e-mail to be distributed to parents which explains the VP Advocacy position.

The annual treasurer's summary numbers do not match. It appears the summary is missing a \$2,000 check written for the playground at Sitka and an \$1,847 check for musical instruments. A revised summary with correct figures will need to be provided by outgoing treasurer Marcel Sincaian before the council can approve the annual summary.

Signing authority at VanCity was changed. A motion to remove Karon MacLean, Karen Bakker, Marcelle Sincaian, Katherine Todd Millar, and Mary Wells and add Kelli Kadokawa and Jessica Irwin (with Darcelle Cottons and Julie Bettinger) was passed. The treasurer (Jessica) will find out the status of the signing authority and notify the signatories.

Year-end review:

- Daycare expansion has been approved thanks in large part to the advocacy effort of parents and staff. Special thanks to Karen Bakker, who lead the initiative for parents and to Darcelle Cottons for her tireless support of this issue.
- Darcelle reported the highlight of the year from the administration was the pension for childcare staff was provided after seeking it for 16 years. On the downside, staff had to forego annual raise for 3 years in order to receive the pension.
- Increased activity in provincial and federal advocacy; thanks to Karen Bakker, Julie Stitt and Katharine Todd Millar for tremendous achievements at the UBC level.
- A website for the Day Care Council was created with aid from parents Barbara Tevarotto, Karon MacLean, Julie Bettinger, Gabriela Sincaian, Katharine Todd Millar, Karen Bakker and advice from Bev Christian, Darcelle Cottons. Thanks to all who helped to keep it up to date throughout the year.
- 3rd Annual School Entry Info Night (Oct 26) was held. Thanks to Reuben Ford and Maria Ezhova for taking the lead on this project.
- Concert by Chris Roskelley was held in November and raised ~\$500. Thanks to Maria Ezhova for her organizational efforts on this.
- Fundraising: Safeway and Stongs Dollars were successfully implemented thanks to the organization of Karuna and Linda Quame. Fundraising Co-Chair was created to organize the activity in fall 2007.
- Hot lunch survey was conducted and reviewed. Based on the feedback, a hot lunch program will not be pursued at this time; however, the results were provided to Fred Fotis at Housing for future use. Thanks to Karen Bakker and Reuben Ford for their help.
- Council money was provided to Sitka to assist with their playground construction.
- Attention was given to neighborhood traffic issues. Thanks to all who helped with this.

Goal setting for coming year:

- Collect feedback from the implementation of existing “siblings” and “sabbatical leave” policies and assist the administration in the review of existing policies.
- Plan 40 year Day Care anniversary party for 2009. This would require a website to be created well in advance, together with a strategy for contacting alumni. This should be articulated with the fundraising goals, below.
 - Fundraising for eventual daycare expansion. This would be promoted as a means of parents leaving the system (or in the system) to make a legacy donation to the daycares. For example, donate \$500 and get a brick in the new daycare with your child's name on it. The goal would be to contribute to Phase 2 expansion of daycares (not likely to occur before 2010 or 2011 at the very earliest).
- A broader fundraising initiative for a Family/Neighborhood House at UBC. This would include trying to involve the Development Office in promoting the Neighbourhood House as something that UBC donors could make a 'big' donation for. The proposed Family Care office would potentially be housed in this Neighbourhood House. This strategy needs to be considered carefully re: UNA needs, UNA funding, and possible collaboration with UNA.
- 4th annual school entry night: Maria Ezhova and Annie Moradain will organize.
- Fundraising: Safeway and Stongs fundraisers will be organized by Kelli Kadokawa and Brit Lampe. Other suggestions for fundraisers were a swap Meet/Yard sale where parents donate child items they are finished with and items are sold with all profits going to daycare council. See if anyone interested in Sept.
- Concert with Chris Roskelley: Jessica Irwin and possibly Maria Ezhova are interested in organizing this.
- Website: need to be publicized more. Include a link to the site in e-mail to parents and don't enclose minutes. Add web address to waitlist form.
- Traffic—representatives need to remind parents about traffic issues again in September
- Advocacy: needs to move into more long term strategies. Any volunteers are very welcome to help with this. Ideas would be for a round table discussion for decision makers at UBC. The ground work for Phase II of the daycare expansion needs to be laid and contacts need to be maintained. Long-term quotas and access—public consultation. Advocacy can move into family friendly policies, such as elder care, mat leave, paternity leave, etc.
- Recruit more student parents onto council or make a point to talk with student parents (make this an agenda item for Sept.)

Action Items: 1) Follow up with Marcelle about \$3,847 discrepancy. 2) Review treasurer's summary at September meeting. 3) Find out status of signing authority at VanCity. 4) Karen Bakker will send e-mail request to go out to centers explaining role of Faculty Advocacy VP. 5) Raise 2009 anniversary party and fundraising ideas at Sept meeting and find a volunteer to lead organizational activity. 6) Julie Bettinger check with Kristen about development office input on neighborhood house.

2. Administrators Report

It is official—Kids Club is amalgamating, the junior and older kids will be together. Kids Club will be held in the main office building until the new building is finished. Approval of the daycare expansion plan has been moved to the July Board of Governors (BOG) meeting. UBC is still waiting to hear from the

Province regarding the contribution of provincial and federal dollars to the expansion plan. At this point it appear some of the expansion will be started, but we will see how much is funded at July BOG. One of the limitations of daycare belonging to the housing/student portfolio is that the only way housing can raise any more money is by raising faculty/staff and student rents. This is not an ideal way to fund the daycare expansion.

3. Advocacy Update

Letter Writing Campaign:

Long-term Advocacy: A more strategic approach is needed regarding UNA and Properties Trust. There needs to be a broader set of policies regarding land development and the inclusion of daycare centers.

Action Items: 1) Karen will send updated briefing note to be posted on website. 2) Julie Stitt and Karen Bakker are meeting with UBC president to push new developments to include daycare.

4. Misc.

Wish List: A request was made for the council to furnish the multi-use gym with small items that can be used by all the centers in the same way the music room is used. Members felt it was a good idea and wanted to discuss it at the September meeting.

Archiving: should be done after the AGM. Whoever is responsible for goal is responsible for archive, and should send all related materials to the secretary to be archived; this includes any handouts or other materials that were created.

Action Items: 1) Discuss furnishing the gym at September meeting. 2) Send reminder to council reps to send all materials that need to be archived to Julie Bettinger. 3) Create archive of 2006-2007 activities.
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5. Set next meeting

Our next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday September 20, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Main Office.