

**Nelson Waldorf School Parent Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 27, 2010**

**Present:**

Martha Wilson, Bev Barcham, Georgia Argyle, Iain Pardoe, Paige Adair, Claire Ludwig

**Regrets:**

Jane Courtney, Bronwyn Murray, Lisa Lockett, Trena Gauthier, Cathy Lumiss

**Chair:**

Martha Wilson

**Minute Taker:**

Georgia Argyle

**Next Parent Council Meeting:**

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in the new parent room.

**Agenda items and discussions:**

1. Dharmas concert, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Update and request for support. Presenting – Claire Ludwig

- Claire Ludwig and family are offering to perform at the NWS on May 20<sup>th</sup> as a fundraiser for class 8 and the school. This proposal has been accepted by faculty and is now in the implementation stage.
- Profits from the concert will be split 50/50 between class 8 and the school.
- The profits for the school will go towards the lighting the way campaign.
- Class 8 will host a bake sale/ hot drink sale at the concert during intermission. The proceeds from the bake sale will go towards class 8 only.
- Class 8 will organize all elements of the bake sale.
- Bev will work with maintenance to set up the stage.
- Bev will request Danny volunteer to do the lights for the concert and will otherwise arrange the lighting.
- Request that Phil and class 8 do the chair set up for the concert after school on Thursday.
- Martha will help place posters around town.
- Claire has the posters created.
- Cost of tickets will be \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 15 and under.
- We will not print tickets, as they will only be available at the door.
- Georgia, Hillary, Trena, Cathy L will be at the door.

**2. Social Inclusion Portable Lending Library funding request from Parent Council – Presenting – Georgia Argyle and Paige Adair**

- Georgia and Paige presented the current development of a Social Inclusion lending library that will be taken into each parent meeting for each class throughout each year. Currently resources are being gathered and a priority for purchase is the Gordon Neufeld power to parent 3 part DVD series.
- The school library fund has allocated \$200 to the purchase.
- SI parent group is requesting a \$200 donation from parent council to make up the difference.
- Parent Council agreed to this request and granted SI parent group \$200.
- The funds will be taken from the sale profit of the Safeway grocery cards.
- Paige will arrange with Iain the transfer of money at the appropriate time.

**3. Update on building/room renos – Presenting - Georgia Argyle**

- The costume room has been completed; the proposal for ongoing upkeep of the room and the supplies has been approved.
- A parent will now take the costumes home in sections and wash and press them all. After that time classes will be responsible for the repair, cleaning and pressing of all costumes after use.
- The parent room is completed in regards to renovations and painting. Donations of a carpet, dishes, cutlery etc, have been made. We are still seeking a glass fronted, locking bookshelf for a parent library in the room, a coffee table and a couch in excellent condition.
- The festival supplies room is complete with all supplies sorted and catalogued.

**4. Upper playground ideas – Presenting - Georgia Argyle**

- There is expressed interest from parents to begin a discussion around improvements to the upper school playground.
- Vanessa Kuran has mentioned an interest in taking part in the discussions as she has many ideas and experience with the children's needs here.
- A suggestion was made that a meeting be called before the end of the school year to find out interest levels and to begin discussion.

**5. Finances: PC Treasurer Update/Grocery Cards/application for PC Grant - Presenting - Ian Pardoe and Beverly Barcham**

- The PAC grant application deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup> every year.
- Iain will do the application this year.
- The deadline for this application is in the Parent Council Guidelines.
- There is \$1193 remaining in the parent council funds from this year's PAC grant.
- Jodi Bergman will be reimbursed \$500.00 for the purchase of lanterns in May.
- Grocery Card fundraising totals to date:
  - Coop cards - \$1000.00 raised
  - Save on Foods - \$2748.00 raised
  - Safeway - \$339 raised

- We need to sell \$2500 worth of Safeway cards by the end of the school year in order to reimburse Iain for money he invested in September.
- Iain will work out with Bev the transfer of the Coop card money at the end of the school year.
- Suggestion that there is a need to have a meeting about the future of the grocery cards.
  - Issues that made this project a smaller success than expected: a need for convenience in purchasing the cards.
  - We need new people to take this over.
  - Question of who does this belong to? Class 8 each year? The school? The parent council? Who will manage this program?
  - Meeting proposed for May 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss this issue in full.
- Bev spoke to the restructuring in the administration of the school due to financial constraints. The bookkeeping position will no longer exist in its current form, which effects the PC in the following ways:
  - Grocery card sales
  - Festival ticket sales
  - Reimbursements

#### 6. Marketing

- Transition Nelson – a parent suggested that the school host a booth at the transition Nelson event in May. Carron Mulligan has agreed to hold this from the faculty standpoint with PC support.
- Martha will connect with Carron about this.
- Portable Marketing Material – grant will be completed and submitted May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- Windows on Waldorf and in town presentations went well, good attendance.
- Marketing - need locations to place the new lawn signs.

#### 7. Mayfest - Short cakes

- While lots of discussion happened around this topic earlier in the year the decisions were made for next year and those did not in fact get followed through for this year. So we have no plan and Georgia will contact Danny about this.

End of year parent Council meeting topics:

1. Planning for next year – PC roles, handbook, Hoedown, festivals...
2. Planning for summer Marketing