

Minutes of the Acadia Road Combined Daycare Communicare Society

February 12, 2008, in the Administration Building

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

Infant Center		3-5 Centers	
Little Goslings:	Lisa Sundstrom (VP Advocacy, faculty) (regrets) Christina Conati (regrets)	Acadia:	Katherine Todd Millar (VP Advocacy, student)
Toddler Centers		Little Raven:	Ben Pfeiffer Maria Ezhova (regrets)
Sitka:	Laura Wheeler	Pacific Spirit/ S7UMUX Kindergarten	Cristina Conati (regrets) Reuben Ford (regrets)
Huckleberry:	Leslie Paris John Pitcher Brenda Wessel	Tillicum:	Paul Pavlidis (Webmaster) Megan Riter
Canada Goose:	Jeff Terry	Lluvia:	Jessica Irwin (Co-Secretary) (regrets)
Discovery:	Brenda Wessel (regrets)	Barish:	Jessica Irwin (Co-Secretary) (regrets) Brit Lampe (Fundraising, Treasurer) (regrets)
Lilliput:	Julie Bettinger (Co-Secretary) Jim Salzman	Summer of '73:	Julie Stitt (President) (regrets) Kristin Loheyde (VP Advocacy, staff) Kelli Kadokawa (Fundraising)
Chuva:		Kids Club:	Annie Moradain Diane Tannahill
Staff		Other	
Director	Darcelle Cotton Bev Christian	Green Party Candidate	Dan Grice

Visitors: Green Party Candidate Dan Grice

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

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1. Discussion about Childcare with Dan Grice Green Party candidate

2. Review of the Minutes

Minutes: The minutes from the **Jan 10, 2008** meeting have been approved with one change; Leslie Paris was here last month.

3. Introductions

See attendance of board members in bold on first page.

4. Administrators Report (Darcelle and Bev)

There were no changes in enrollment. Programs will continue accommodate children who should move onto the next age group as long as licensing allows.

Kids club re-opened in November with an expanded 90 spaces, which has allowed for some reorganization among the centers. The Junior and older child programs were amalgamated. This left the Kids Club Junior building empty, so it will be turned into a club house for the older kids (9-12 year olds). This allows for a larger building for the younger kids where there is more need. Starting Sept. 2008 all children in kindergarten will be at Kids Club when not in class, which means more than 25 kindergarteners can be registered if there is a need. By moving the kindergarten children into Kids Club, Pacific Spirit becomes open and it will be turned into a new 3-5 center in Sept. 2008. This will create 25 more spaces for ages 3-5 and should take some pressure off the waitlist.

Plans for the new centers are posted in the main office if parents want to see them. Darcelle will check with the architect about posting them on the website. The administration is taking photos of the construction and these will be added to expansion updates on the UBC daycare website.

5. Names and E-mails on website

There was a request from a former daycare council rep to remove daycare council minutes from before 2006 from the website because they contain parent representatives' names and e-mail addresses. The archived minutes with e-mail addresses have been taken off of the website. However, Google has indexed PDF files and includes e-mail address and it is very difficult to have this removed, so council e-mail addresses may show up in a Google search. There was some discussion around whether or not representative names should be shared and representatives agreed that if you agree to be a rep you agree to have your name written in the minutes. If a situation has changed and there is a security issue around this for an individual whose children are still in daycare they should let the main office know. If parents are uncomfortable having their names posted they should not be representatives. It was agreed that new reps should be informed that their names will be posted.

6. Swap Meet Co-Chair

Margaret Murphy will be unable to serve as swap meet co-chair. A new co-chair will need to be found. The update was postponed until next month when Kelli Kadokawa is here.

Action Items: 1) Need new co-chair

7. Miscellaneous

Margaret is unable to be traffic coordinator. The group felt the position was important to fill given the

increase of traffic with new construction, the new daycares and possibly a new elementary. Drivers are still not stopping for the Kids Club school bus when sign out. The local community police have been asked to come out in the spring to stop traffic and write tickets. Questions were raised around the orange traffic vest that was given to the parent at Summer. Did he/she receive it?

Representatives toured the new gym to see the equipment purchased with the grocery store fundraiser. Parents should feel free to stop by the main office and see the equipment.

Conservative candidate has not responded to multiple requests to present at daycare council.

Lockdown: For extra security in case of a lockdown at the daycare centers parents will be required to present ID when picking up their children, as an added security measure. The daycare centers themselves are not connected on an e-mail system; therefore they are unlikely to hear about security events in this manner. It is possible that parents will know more information than daycare staff. The Administration office has other forms of communication with the centers including broadcast voice mail, a center buddy system and physically walking up the street. Additionally they are exploring the ability to send broad cast e-mail to parents from both onsite and off site. A protocol is being finalized and will be communicated to parents by the staff at their center at parent meetings.

Paul asked about leaving Mabels labels on website. It was decided to leave it because it is generating significant funds without much advertising.

Action Items: 1) Follow up with orange traffic vest—did the Summer parent get it? 2) Reps should ask at their centers if they have a parent interested in the traffic position
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8. Next Meeting

Fundraising update was tabled until the March meeting.

Swap Meet update was tabled until the March meeting.

Discussion around full/part time spots was tabled until the March meeting.

9. Confirm next meeting

Our next meeting has been scheduled for **Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 7:00 pm** at the Main Office.