

Minutes of the Acadia Road Combined Daycare Communicare Society

April 21, 2009, in the Administration Building

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

Infant Centre		3-5 Centers		New Centres	
Little Goslings	Janice Milnerwood	Acadia:	Margaret Murphy (Co-Secretary)	Kittiwake	Ronald Gu Jeanne Robert (co-secretary)
Toddler Centres		Little Raven:	Maria Ezhova Marie Mailvaganam	Sandpiper	
Sitka:	Laura Wheeler	Pacific Spirit / S7UMUX Kindergarten	Bjorn Surborg	Salal	Patty Hambler
Huckleberry:	Todd Handy	Tillicum:	Megan Riter	Auklet	
Canada Goose		Lluvia:			
Discovery	Marcus Hallensleben	Barish:	Rachel Wu		
Lilliput	Julie Bettinger (President) Lisa M Sundstrom (VP Advocacy, Faculty)	Summer of '73:	Kristin Loheyde (VP Advocacy, staff) Kelli Kadokawa (Fundraising)		
Chuva		Kids Club:	Janice Milnerwood Denise Lauritano Julie Stitt		
Staff	Wendy Brundidge				
Director	Darcelle Cottons Bev Christian Debbie Thompson				

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

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1. Introductions

2. Review of the Minutes

Please correct the March Minutes with the correct spelling for Chris Roskelley.

The minutes of the March 2009 meeting have been approved as amended.

3. 40th Anniversary Celebration Update (Laura) July 25!

The committee organizing the 40th Anniversary has raised \$6500 for the event. The total financing for the event is \$15,000 including contributions from the Council. Bookings are proceeding well—stages, tents have been arranged. UBC Food Services is donating a cake and gift certificates. Payment options for paying vendors was discussed, and research was required (Julie Bettinger to research). Looking for volunteers to advertise the event at Alumni Weekend, May 23. Julie Stitt to help with VIP invite list.

The committee is recommending the use of porta-potties and porta-change tables. Volunteer t-shirts will be ordered for on-site volunteers.

Still looking for 1 live act to perform on stage. UBC Bookstore wants to participate and have a storytelling corner. If we are selling items as keepsakes, we may wish to partner with a vendor who will take back unsold items (Bookstore). Try to plan event not at mealtime, to take the focus off food and reduce cost.

There was a question (still unresolved) about Centres being open during the event. Some centres have planned an alumni corner. Lilliput daycare would like to request an outdoor space to do yoga with children. (Laura and committee to follow up w/ Julie Bettinger).

Question about parking: where will people park? Options: Free parking at High School or Thunderbird Parkade—committee will follow up.

Action Items: 1) Parent reps are to ask for volunteers to help at Alumni Weekend booth.

2) Parent reps and centres, send ideas for live acts to Laura.

4. Traffic Update (Julie B and Julie S)

Julie Bettinger, Julie Stitt and Erin Rose Handy met with Carole Jolly, UBC Transportation Manager. At issue: the dangerous intersection at Westbrook and Fairview. Meeting was a success, and Carole will look into moving the bus stop nearby to a location away from intersection. A second issue was raised: the need for a better bus loop timetable that would allow parents and staff to use the mini-bus to get to and from the centres. It is possible to change the bus schedule, but probably not until after the Olympics. UBC can relay this request to Translink. Also raised was the issue of more sidewalks on Acadia Road. This is also to be followed up by the UBC transportation office.

Action Items: Parent reps to get feedback from centres about good timing of mini-bus morning and night, that would make it something they would use for transport to centres.

5. Administrators' Report (Bev)

Sandpiper centre is opening on May 1. All slots have been filled except the 3 youngest. These will be filled in September, with children born in 2008.

The new infant centre is called Coho and will be opening July 1. Right now staff are being hired for that centre.

There are major renovations happening in the old Acadia yard, to make it safe for toddlers. Sitka daycare will be moving there, and Coho will move into the old Sitka space. This should be done by June.

All other new yards are in process. Right now the yard work is behind schedule.

For Kindercare for UBC Kindergarten, there has been some movement on the waitlist. All 25 spaces for Kindergarten and Kindergarten Kindercare were filled by internal UBC families. There are now some half day spots available for Kindergarten, without Kindercare.

6. Miscellaneous

Action item: Encourage parents to send postcards to elected representatives before the election, indicating that childcare is a priority.

Bev showed us a version of the new web site she is rolling out, including information on waiting times.

There was a suggestion to ask the contractors to keep the parking spaces clear of construction material as parking is at a premium. Bev will follow up.

There was a suggestion that Council funds be used to make a safe, enclosed mini-forest in the area adjacent to Bev's Office and the parking lot. Right now, teenagers go there and smoke—polluting the air for the Main Office. It could become an eco-learning area for all children. A proposal will be brought to the next meeting of Council.

7. Annual General Meeting, June 16 (Julie)

The AGM is required in the by-laws as part of our status. These minutes will serve as the notice of the date of the AGM and all parents are invited to attend.

New Daycare Council members will be elected at the AGM.

Action items: 1) Prior to AGM, ask centres how they would like to use the almost \$2,000 in Council funds raised in last fall's grocery store fundraiser and label fundraiser to benefit all children.
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2) Announce AGM to parents in centres.
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3) invite current members of Council to take positions on the executive.
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4) Follow up with current treasurer—a report from treasurer is required for AGM.
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8. Confirm Next Meeting

May 19, 2009, 7 pm, Main Office.