

# MINUTES OF THE ACADIA ROAD COMBINED DAYCARE COMMUNICARE SOCIETY

January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Administration Building – 2881 Acadia Road

**IN ATTENDANCE (IN BOLD; ABSENT MEMBERS ARE NOT IN BOLD)**

<b>INFANT CENTRES:</b>			
LITTLE GOSLINGS	<b>Sonya Cressman</b>	COHO	
<b>TODDLER CENTRES:</b>		<b>3 – 5 CENTRES:</b>	
SITKA	<b>Katy Thomson</b> (Co-Secretary) Shi-Ling Hsu (Fundraising Chair)	ACADIA	
HUCKLEBERRY	<b>Marla Mickleborough</b> (VP Advocacy, Students)	LITTLE RAVEN	Christina Hendricks Csilla Tamás
CANADA GOOSE		PACIFIC SPIRIT	Todd Johnson (Web Master)
DISCOVERY	Harjoat Bhamra Margherita Zorzetto <b>Maged Senbel</b>	TILlicUM	Elinor Delgatty (VP Advocacy, Staff)
LILLIPUT	<b>Julie Stitt</b>	LLUVIA	Melissa Johnson
CHUVA		BARISH	
		SUMMER OF '73	Lisa Sundstrom (Secretary) <b>Todd Handy</b> (Treasurer) Hong Lin Jeannie Scarfe (Co-Fundraising Chair)
<b>18 MONTHS – 5 YEARS CENTRES:</b>			
SALAL		KITTIWAKE	<b>Yasmin Nassar</b>
AUKLET		Owl	<b>Andrea Walus</b>
<b>OUT-OF-SCHOOL CARE (AGES 5-12):</b>			
KIDS' CLUB	<b>Kelli Kadokawa</b> (President)		
<b>STAFF:</b>		<b>OTHERS:</b>	Sedi Minachi (GSS)
<b>DIRECTORS:</b>	<b>Darcelle Cottons</b> <b>Bev Christian</b>		

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

## MEETING AGENDA:

1. Introductions
2. Review of the Minutes (December 2010 Meeting)
3. Administrators' report (Darcelle & Bev)
4. Proposal of New Parental Policy for Graduate Students (Marla)
5. Advocacy: response letter re: Kids & Co. membership (Christina, Elinor, & Marla)
6. Grant Proposals: revision of the program
7. Financial Goal Setting
8. Roadside Safety
9. Miscellaneous
10. Confirm Next Meeting

## MEETING CONTENT:

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

See attendance of council members in bold on first page.

### 2. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES (DEC 14<sup>TH</sup> 2010)

Maged moved, Julie seconded accepting the minutes from our last meeting with no revisions. The minutes from the December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting have been approved.

### 3. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT (DARCELLE AND BEV)

**DARCELLE:** As yet no suitable senior candidate has been found for Barish.

- **BUDGET:** The two infant centres lose \$78,320 per year, the toddler centres lose \$65,000 per year. UBC pays our utilities, housekeeping, and major repairs, and UBC Child Care does not pay rent for the buildings, as well as receiving a maintenance subsidy from UBC Housing. Our centres are full approximately 99% of the time.
- When UBC childcare grows it has to be done very conscientiously: it takes two spaces of 3-5 or school age children to subsidize one toddler space. We cannot just open up spaces based on the waiting list; it has to be done based on what daycare can keep full over time.
- Draft budget is projecting a fee Increases 1/7/2011: \$10 / month out of school care; \$60 for 3-5; \$100 toddler; \$150 infant; still has to pass board of governors; people get 2 months notice
- **PARKING:** Parking spaces will now be monitored by UBC Parking. As soon as the signs appear they will be ticketing and towing. There has been no official movement from the 15 minute time limit to the 30 minutes that we have asked for. Parking insists that, based on the lawsuit against UBC, they have to have a unified policy across the university, meaning 15 minutes for ALL loading/unloading anywhere on university property. However, Parking has acknowledged that it will need to be "thoughtful" about peak times with respect to the daycare loop. We have been told unofficially that 15 minutes means 30 minutes, though the sense from the council is that the day one of our children has a hard drop off and we are longer than 15 minutes will be day we get ticketed.
  - o JULIE: This is ABSOLUTELY unacceptable! We again have to pay out of our pockets
    - There has been no consultation with this group. I have a process concern that Parking has not listened to the concerns we have put forward, has not consulted with the daycare council.
    - Saying that 15 minutes means 30 is unacceptable. With two children it is absolutely impossible to do a drop-off or pick-up in 15 minutes. Even with one it is not possible when that child has a tantrum and needs comforting. That will be the day that you get the ticket.
    - In any of the spots where money is meant to be paid, Staff/Faculty/UNA parking passes should be recognized so that they should not have to double pay. Maybe "parent stickers," like are used at Owl, would mean that officially the 15 minutes are 30 minutes.
    - Let's monitor how many tickets are actually given to see whether this implicit 30 minute window is actually extended.
  - o MARLA: It is not even practical to bus in (in an attempt to avoid the parking issue or to be environmental) because with a stroller you cannot get on a bus during peak times. They will not even stop for you. Not to mention the 10-20 minute walk to your office in the rain that would follow.

**BEV:** ENROLLMENT: The 3-5 year old list is considerably shorter with the opening of Pioggia in February. Any applications received now for student, staff or faculty with children born in 2007 will likely receive an offer for care by September 2011. However, the toddler list still 2 yrs long even with all the new spaces at Chuva and Pioggia.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Julie will draft a letter to Parking. Given the time sensitive nature of this issue the daycare council has elected (Kelli motioned, Katy seconded, all were in favour) to enable Julie to write the letter and send it with only Executive approval

- Have parents let the daycare council know when they get a ticket at 15 minutes. We will draft a letter to be sent out to parents at the centres clarifying the matter.

#### 4. PROPOSAL OF NEW PARENTAL POLICY FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS (MARLA)

**MARLA:** The background is that there is a pregnant graduate student who wants to go on maternity leave, however there is no policy for this at UBC. What happens to these students is that they have to take a year's leave of absence, at which point they are no longer considered students and therefore lose all funding, bus passes, health care, etc. As scholarships/stipends don't pay EI these students are not eligible for EI, leaving them with no income. The TA Union offers the lesser of \$2,500 or 8 weeks pay, though the time must be taken off at the start of a semester (and babies aren't born on schedules like that. Often the mother has to miss weeks or months of time they could have been working – especially for December, May, or August babies).

- There is a Grad student in Anthropology named Anna who has proposed that Grad students be given an academic accommodation period of up to 2 semesters where don't have to do any TA duties or RA duties (though they may, if it suits their situation). In addition they would also be granted an automatic 1 semester extension to deadlines and to funding.
- This has been taken up by GSS; Feb 11<sup>th</sup> she will meet with Faculty of Graduate studies. Seti believes that they are interested in coming up with some sort of plan.
  - JULIE: Staff/Faculty on Mat leave still retain their status. Grad students on leave living off campus have absolutely no status, not even community status. If their daycare spot came up when they were on leave they would have no status to accept it, though in fact they are students who intend on returning.
- Marla would like to draft a letter and fast track it, with executive approval only, so that it will be available for the FoG's meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - MAGED motioned to approve the fast-tracked letter with executive approval, KELLI seconded, and all were in favour.

<b>ACTION ITEMS:</b> Marla will draft a fast-tracked letter, with executive approval only, to be prepared for the February 11 <sup>th</sup> meeting.
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#### 5. ADVOCACY: RESPONSE LETTER RE: KIDS & CO. MEMBERSHIP (CHRISTINA, ELINOR, & MARLA)

**KELLI:** The letter has been circulated to the daycare parent council executive.

<b>ACTION ITEMS:</b> No action item.
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#### 6. GRANT PROPOSALS – REVISION OF THE PROGRAM & FINANCIAL GOAL SETTING

**KELLI:** The first grant for the Kid's Club garden was in December of 2009. Each centre was asked to make proposals for grants. All proposals (5-7 centres made proposals) were approved and centres were given an average of \$550 each.

- We have approximately \$20,000 available at present. The question is what to do with it.
  - TODD: what has the money been used for in the past?
    - DARCELLE: \$1000 grants per centres were the norm in the Bingo days. Also collective projects among the centres were undertaken.
    - MAGED: what is in our mandate?
    - DARCELLE: The mandate is from the 1980s and is likely quite out of date. The council has the role of fundraising, of collective advising, of an internal advocacy group with the University, and also of advocating Provincially and Federally during times of elections.
    - JULIE: does asking for proposals from the centres make it harder for them to actually get it?
    - BEV: At the next staff meeting we will ask centre staff whether small amounts of money yearly or larger amounts every few years would be more beneficial.
    - TODD: we have many centres and any money would be quickly depleted.
      - Is it important for us to have money that we sit on? To what extent is this emergency fund necessary? This needs to be decided before knowing how much fundraising we'd need and also what the necessary contingency fund is.
      - JULIE: we'd need money to cover auditing of books, year end financial expenses, insurance deductible, and maybe a website update contingency fund. Maybe also enough so that if something catastrophic happened to one of the outdoor playground that we could fund its replacement. There is very little

else that we'd actually need money in a contingency fund for. I'd estimate this would be around \$7,000-\$8,000.

- BEV: fundraising seed money would also be good to have on hand.
- TODD: Maybe spend \$10K and keep the \$12K as a contingency fund. Let's ask the centre staff what they'd like for the money. Also, what kind of aggressive fundraising would they like to see from us (do they have any ideas/projects?).
- MAGED: if we know what everyone wants we could find where there are similarities and perhaps we could bulk buy.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Darcelle & Bev will gather ideas and facts from centre staff at their next staff meeting so that we can better understand where the needs lay and what ideas are floating around.

## 7. ROADSIDE SAFETY

**KELLI:** The speed limit is only posted in one spot, though it is 30 KMH. Eagle and Glassheim will also be on the committee, though they cannot make regular Tuesday meetings. Speed surveys will be done in January 2011.

**MAGED:** The sub-committee has not yet met; we should appoint a Chair.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Kelli will find someone who is willing to chair the committee and will get the sub-committee ball rolling; speed surveys will be done this month

## 8. MISCELLANEOUS

**KELLI:** The new elementary school (which has not yet been officially named, however it is being referred to as the new Acadia Road elementary school) will open in September 2013. Catchment area boundaries have been established. Residents south of Agronomy will go to the new elementary, and those north will go to U-Hill Elementary. In September 2011 all children in the new Acadia catchment area are encouraged to go to portables at Queen Elizabeth for 2 years until the new school opens. This is being done to develop a "community" for the school. This will have a major impact on the children wanting to go to Kid's Club.

**GRANDFATHER CLAUSE:** there is a grandfather clause that means that children in the new catchment are not forced to leave the old school.

**FEB 2<sup>ND</sup>:** Public meeting at Acadia High School auditorium. Each date pertains to what school you go to. Check the notice that was circulated to see which date suits your need.

**JULIE:** There was a lot of panic for parents at Kid's Club who thought they had to leave.

**ACTION ITEMS:** No action item.

## 9. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 at 7 pm in the Administration Building [2881 Acadia Road].

***All parents are welcome to attend.***