

Minutes of the Acadia Road Combined Daycare Communicare Society

May 18, 2010 in the Administration Building

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

Infant Centres:			
Little Goslings	Shi-Ling Hsu	Coho	
Toddler Centres:		3-5 Centres:	
Sitka	Christina Hendricks (VP Advocacy, Faculty)	Acadia	Allen Lehman
Huckleberry	Denise Pritchard Kelli Kadokawa	Little Raven	Victoria Yang Shelly Gershuni Csilla Tamás
Canada Goose		Pacific Spirit	Jim Johnson (Web Master) Elpi Schober
Discovery	Marcus Hallensleben Anna Cohen	Tillicum	Elinor Delgatty
Lilliput	Julie Stitt Karen Bakker	Lluvia	
Chuva	Jessica Irwin Maged Senbel	Barish	Sabrina Chen-See (Fundraising Chair) Doug Carlow
		Summer of '73	Lisa Sundstrom (President) Todd Handy (Treasurer) David Chu
18 months – 5 years Centres:			
Salal	Eileen Hallam (secretary)	Kittiwake	Musarrat Nahid
Auklet	Qiang Andrew Du		
Out-of-School Care (ages 5-12):			
Kids Club	Kristin Loheyde (VP Advocacy, Staff)		
Staff:	Etovre Vese (Tillicum) Susan Jones (Sandpiper)	Others:	Tim Chu (VP external, AMS) Brad Morrison, Childcare Commissioner, AMS External Office Jamie Paris (AMS/GSS)
Directors:	Darcelle Cottons Bev Christian		

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

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1. Introductions

See attendance of council members in bold on first page. Christina will chair the meeting as Lisa is losing her voice.

2. Minutes

Lisa moved, Elinor seconded accepting the minutes from our last meeting with no corrections. The minutes from the **April 2010** meeting have been approved.

3. Voting on grant applications from Discovery and Pacific Spirit Daycares (Todd)

Christina- The Discovery proposal grant application was for a digital photo frame to be placed at the front of the centre and for a secure wooden structure that would be used to house an indoor quiet time area. The cost for the photo frame was approximately \$100 and around \$500 for the wooden structure. Pacific Spirit has also submitted a grant application for the purchase of a laptop computer for \$650. Other grants that have been funded thus far were reviewed as well as the criteria for funding grant proposals. The average amount of the proposals funded have been over \$500 and there is a concern that centres that apply later will not be able to have access to the funding if the daycare council funds are depleted. Various ways to approach funding incoming proposals were discussed and how the council should structure voting on the proposals. Should we place a cap on funding the proposals and/or should we keep a certain amount of money in the bank for emergency repairs? The council will re-examine grant application procedures in the fall.

Todd motioned to fund the Discovery proposal and to fund the Pacific Spirit proposal up to \$650, Kelli seconded; all approved.

4. AMS/GSS Childcare conference panel: conference registration fees (Lisa/Christina)

Christina – review of the AMS/GSS conference that takes place this Friday, May 21, at 12:30pm. The AMS/GSS is asking for registration fees from people on the panel but they are not asking for fees from the speakers they invited. The daycare council would like to send a member that is not on the panel to attend and report back on the meeting and we need approval for registration fees. Anna has volunteered to go.

Todd moves to have Anna attend the AMS/GSS meeting with registration fees paid for by the council, Jim seconded; all members approved.

5. Guest speaker event (Kelli)

Kelli- reviewed the guest speaker events as 2 evening seminars and a lunchtime speaking event, which have been postponed to be held in the fall. Julie has been having trouble finding a lunchtime space so she hasn't printed out any posters as of yet. Jim volunteered to book a room in the Life Sciences Building for the lunchtime seminar. Julie will send out announcements and posters. Signup will be through a gmail account and these events will all be free events.

6. Misc.

Meeting closed and moved to Annual General Meeting.

7. Confirm Next Meeting

Next meeting: **June 15, 2010 at 7-9 pm.**