



# Meeting Minutes

27 February, 2015

## Members in Attendance:

Braná Figueira, Cheri Myles, Gaia LaManna, Rachel Caswell, Monique Maitre, as well as Lynn Cummings and Julee Baker.

The members were welcomed to the meeting, and the agenda and previous meeting minutes approved. (Braná, Gaia, approved)

## Items from Last Meeting:

Lynn opened the meeting addressing the issue of T-shirts for Summit kids. It was determined that she could source custom logo t-shirts at \$20 a shirt. It was estimated that 50 shirts, in various sizes, would work for a first run to see what the reaction and demand was. It was further suggested that the t-shirts might be an incentive for children joining in on the Celebration of Learning Project Day. There was some concern, raised by Gaia, that the idea was that all children wear the t-shirts, and they not become an exclusive item. It was decided that the Celebration of Learning might be a starting point for t-shirt dissemination, and the eventual goal, through ArtSmarts, would be to have every child that wanted on, furnished with a shirt by next fall. The motion to authorize Lynn to spend up to \$1000 was cast, seconded and approved. (Cheri, Braná)

The year end event was discussed, and it was generally thought that Camp Luther seemed the best option, both affordable and desirable. Hence, Julee will inquire about the necessary insurance, and dates, and return to the next meeting with the details.

## New Agenda Items:

### Recycling procedures:

The issue of a lack of visible recycling was raised, as well as an inquiry about the district's recycling procedures. Lynn informed us that, the majority of the time, the schools do not take responsibility for it, and it falls to the PACs. Similarly, it was less viable for Leadership children in our school to take a daily lead in this task, as, unlike other schools, children are not in the building every day. It was pointed out that the school does do some recycling, and Gaia would approach Wade to find out exactly what was possible at the school, and if we could at least make the recycling more visible, and perhaps a more conscious part of the school atmosphere. We also agreed that having the children help with clean up and recycling social and school events should be made a part of any plans.

### Summit Sharing Box:

The Sharing Box set up by Gaia seems to be getting some use, but it was determined a well-placed email reminder to parents might make it more obvious to everyone. It will be included in Lynn and Anna's newsletters this week, reminding everyone of its location by the water cooler in Anna and Julee's room, and that the contents (books, manipulatives, games and educational toys) can be donated, taken home at your discretion, returned or kept depending on your needs.

### Lending Library:

The council determined that there should also be an email about the lending library at Julee's desk. Each item there can be signed out by Becky with its bar code, and then returned to the school, and are a valuable resource.

### Track and Field:

Artsmarts this term will have Track & Field as an option for students. The hope is that this will help prepare any kids Grade 3- 6 who are hoping to compete in the District Track Meet. Although district participation is limited to these grades, all kids K-9 will have an opportunity to participate in the Artsmarts classes. Summit has found an experienced and highly recommended fitness coach from Abbotsford to assist with these classes. There will be 100m, 200m, and 400m races, as well as some long distance events like 800m, 1500m, and 3000m races. There will be no high jump and discus, due to safety concerns, but there will be shot put. If kids Grade 7-9 wish to compete on a district level, they will have to register as independents with the district, for a \$10 fee, that will most likely be covered by Julee's budget for the track meet. The district meet is May 7th & 8th at Albert McMahan. Younger kids K-3, as well as any other students wishing to spectate are encouraged to come and cheer on our participants as a group. Summit will be setting up the PAC sponsored tents, and enjoying a day out. Even if it rains.

### Enrolment:

There was some concern by parents that enrolment was down at Summit. This is not the case. When Mission Home Learners began (Summit's Previous incarnation) there were 380 kids registered. However, this was at a time when there were no other DL schools, and Summit serviced everyone. Once other DLs begin, our numbers initially dropped, but, as everyone can see at Summit events, there are plenty of new families joining the Summit family. K-9 has recently taken a large jump, and we hope it continues.