

Parent's Committee Meeting Minutes  
December 3, 2008

Present: Celeste Hassell, Karen Dowd, Jessica Klein, Ann Buckley, Shirley Janzer, Jaye Smith, Kelly and Jeff Sharp, Jody Dear, and Kathy Dulac (GREAT TURNOUT!)

There was a fabulous assortment of treats, mostly chocolate based, and Dunkin Donuts coffee. Really, what else do you need to know!

1. Holiday Bake Sale- Parents are invited (asked, begged, coerced) to sign up to bake a special item, whether it is a dessert, breakfast item or some other treat. Then those of us who are not that good at baking (which may or may not include me depending on what I sign up to bake and how well it comes out), can buy those items for \$10 (or \$15 for Michelle Flanagan's cheesecake) and set a date for pick-up. A great fundraiser and a super way to get home baked goods for the holidays without buying any butter!

2. The Center is collecting non-perishable items for the Granby Food Bank.

3. Jeff Swanson sent his regards but was off at one of his many commitments- just remember Jeff, if you're not here, we volunteer you for things☺. The coat hooks have been moved to the entrance to the preschool area to create a more contained and orderly coat and backpack area. Jody Dear was kind enough to provide boot trees so that when the slushy season comes (maybe Friday), the kids' boots can dry off without making the whole Center a mess. Also, if you would like, please send in slippers for your child. It was reported that Jeff was going to paint the coat hooks but since I took so long to do these minutes, I can report he already has, and they look so much nicer! Jeff plans to replace the carpets downstairs when he has fully recovered from the torturous task of replacing the carpet upstairs (Note to everyone, do not glue carpet directly to the subfloor unless you can guarantee you will have sold your house by the next time you have to replace the carpet).

Jeff is still waiting for the landlord to get the electrician in for the security lock. He will look into the parking lot lights, the driveway light, the missing no parking sign, signs prohibiting drive-throughs and the big hole in the driveway (which is reforming and drawing small boys into its puddles like moths to a flame). (See I told you we volunteer you for things when you're not there- plus you missed the fabulous assortment of treats)

4. GECC- Celeste has a survey for anyone interested in being heard on the work of the GECC (Some of us grumbled about having to do homework but then ate more chocolate and felt better).

5. Celeste is looking into having someone (or more than one someone) come in and do physical activities with the kids during the winter (like yoga, gymnastics etc). If you know of anyone let her know. (I did but you can already see how long it takes me to get things done).

6. The Center is closed on December 25, 2008 and January 1, 2009. **The Center will be open on December 26, 2008 with limited hours of 8 to 5.**

7. For those who need to schedule, graduation for preschool will be the first Friday in June. Preschool report cards will be coming out shortly.

8. Celeste handed out a survey about the Center, which can be filled out with your name or anonymously (thank goodness for spell check on that one). Only she and Jeff will be reviewing them so please feel free to be honest about any concerns or suggestions you have.

P.S. Did you know all the full-time employees have 20 hours of continuing education a year? (Not as useful as that Sharpie tip from last time but good to know all the same). Another tip, I recommend the Autobiography of Santa Claus (by Jeff Ginn) and Twilight (I admit I read it and loved it and am on Book Three now- see my prior note on not getting things done- now you know one of the reasons why).

The meeting was wonderfully well attended (and everyone came without knowing there would be a fabulous assortment of treats), so thanks to all who came.

The next meeting will be on January 14, 2009. I assume we will all have forgotten or blown our New Year's Resolutions by then so look forward to more chocolate based treats (I'm open to the occasional oatmeal raisin cookie too). I hope you all have a wonderful Holiday season and best wishes for the New Year.

And since I didn't fill all of this space I will randomly fill it with clip art, just so as to avoid going back to my real work for a few more minutes!

Very truly yours  
Karen L. Dowd

