

German Mills Community Centre Board

June 5, 2013

Present: Erin Cattral, Kathy Branny, Athena Hui, Eileen Carter, Anastasia Tsouropakis, Howard Shore, Tulio Walles (nursery school rep), and Tanya Reeves-Verdoold (nursery school manager)

Absent: Sharon Raibmon

Meeting called to order at 8:09pm. Minutes approved by Anastasia, seconded by Kathy.

Treasurer Report, Athena:

The books are back, the bank account is fine, and everything is good.

Nursery School Report, Tulio & Tanya:

Only four children are registered for September start of the nursery school. No children or families are returning from the current year. This is not enough for five days a week and not all the parents want their child registered for five days. The annual general meeting was cancelled since four families are not enough to elect a full board.

Tulio has scheduled a call with PCPC tomorrow (June 6). PCPC has told Tulio that all centres in this area have enrolment problems.

The teacher and assistant teacher's contracts for next school year have been signed.

An 8:1 ratio (children to adult) is required by law.

PCPC said York Region has too many centres. More have opened recently because before and after school centres must now be licensed.

Other: Tanya got an e-mail from the playground inspection company saying the playhouse and picnic table must be removed from the premises (due to tipping hazard) by the end of the current school year or they won't sign the inspection report.

Although the school's operating licence expired in February, Tulio said this is ok because the licensing inspector is very backlogged and the school's insurance is valid until October 2013.

Marketing flyers were supposed to be given to high school students to distribute to neighbourhoods in March, but the person assigned to look after this didn't. Community Centre board members suggested to Tulio that it's not too late, and perhaps is better timing, to get flyers distributed now. Anastasia said she will try to get some students to help him.

Building Maintenance, Erin:

Re-doing the floors will start July 8th. They might have to replace some of the kitchen sub-floor due to moisture. The toilets will need to be removed for the flooring, but will be re-placed before summer camp resumes. (No children registered yet for summer camp, but this is normal.)

The floors will be finished with three coats of wax. They will need to be waxed three times every year. Erin will set up a waxing schedule with City maintenance of late August, Winter Break, and March Break.

Wheelchair Accessible Washroom: Rob Bell will be having someone looking at the school for spec'ing it out in the summer. Howard said the City will look after the cost of putting the washroom in, but doesn't know if it will be in this year's budget.

Erin suggested not changing the water cartridge (cost \$150) since it's not known if the nursery school will continue to operate. Majority ruled, because other potential renters will use the water for drinking, the cartridge should be changed. Erin will look after changing it.

Howard said that on July 24th, 7-8pm, former Markham community centre board members will be honoured by the City. No invitations have been sent out yet. Howard asked for current board members to attend if possible since Myra Bechtal and Helen Duffy will be honoured. Erin mentioned Stan Solomon should be invited too (former treasurer) and that Sharon Raibmon might know how to reach him.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49, seconded by Anastasia.

NEXT MEETING: WED, Sept. 18th, 8:00PM.