

**CPF Burnaby Chapter
Minutes of the Chapter Founding Meeting**

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HELD: Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 7:00pm at Seaforth Elementary School

PRESENT:

Patti Parsons (*Ecole Sperling*)

Shirley Chiu (*Ecole Sperling*)

Lily Li (*Ecole Sperling*)

Peggy Chan (*Ecole Sperling*)

Nota Spencer (*Ecole Sperling*)

Heidi Hughes (*Ecole Sperling*)

Michelle Jenkins (*Ecole Sperling*)

Lorie Siu (*Ecole Sperling*)

Siva Ramesh (*Ecole Seaforth*)

Cynthia Ghanason (*Ecole Seaforth*)

Dawn Reynolds (*Ecole Seaforth*)

Kirsty Peterson (*CPF Chapter Support and Outreach Officer, BC & Yukon Branch*)

CALL TO ORDER: As the quorum requirement of 10 CPF members was met and a representative from the CPF BC & Yukon Branch was present the meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA:

It was moved (Nota Spencer) and seconded (Patti Parsons) to approve the agenda as distributed. A vote was called and the motion **CARRIED**.

MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

It was moved (Heidi Hughes) and seconded (Patti Parsons) to table consideration of the 2012/13 operating budget until the next chapter meeting. A vote was called and the motion **CARRIED**

MOTION TO CREATE A BURNABY CHAPTER OF CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH:

It was moved (Dawn Reynolds) and seconded (Cynthia Ghanason) to create a Burnaby chapter of Canadian Parents for French. A vote was called and the motion **CARRIED**.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHAPTER BYLAWS AS DISTRIBUTED:

It was moved (Nota Spencer) and seconded (Lorie Siu) to approve the chapter bylaws as distributed. A vote was called and the motion **CARRIED**.

(Note: The adopted bylaws are those of the BC and Yukon Branch.)

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ELECTION OF CHAPTER EXECUTIVES:

Nominations were accepted for the following positions:

President –	Cynthia Ghanason
Vice-President –	Siva Ramesh
Secretary –	Dawn Reynolds
Treasurer –	Lorie Siu and Patti Parsons (co-Treasurers)
Members at Large -	Shirley Chiu, Lily Li, Peggy Chan, Heidi Hughes and Michelle Jenkins.

Chapter Representative to the CPF – the position was left vacant.

All nominations were then confirmed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF SIGNING OFFICERS:

The following were appointed signing officers: Cynthia Ghanason,
Lorie Siu and
Patti Parsons.

APPROVAL OF THE CHAPTER'S PRIORITIES FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION:

A discussion was held on what the chapter's goals and activities should be. The consensus was that the activities that could be achieved for the 2012-2013 year and the following year need to be researched now. The following is a list of the activities discussed, a description and the member following up, if any.

- **'French Market Place'** This event involves having various French service/activity groups coming together to form a market in a school's gym. This idea came from someone who attended the CPF New West Chapter's market place. **(DAWN)**
- **'Concours d'art oratoire'** is a popular French speaking contest done in conjunction with teachers Gr 4 – Gr 12. The chapter wants to know how to support the activity in Burnaby schools **(PATTI)**

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- **'Grade 7 Certificates'** are handed out at the end of the school year to all Burnaby school students completing Grade 7 French immersion (**SIVA**) will complete the certificates this year)
- **'The next meeting for CPF Burnaby'** will be at 7pm on November 28th. Book Ecole Sperling for the meeting (**LILY**)
- **'French Film Night/French Film Festival'**. The chapter would like to organize a French film or several films at a Burnaby theatre. (**HEIDI**) will call the Dolphin on Hastings St.
- **'Surrey CPF chapter support'**. This chapter is a successfully run chapter and we would like their guidance for general support. (**LORIE**) will call the Surrey chapter.
- **'Jr School'** in Coquitlam is a library reading program helped by volunteer readers (**SIVA**).
- **'Parents Learning Beginner French'**. A French school brings a teacher to a Burnaby school to teach parents beginner French (**PATTI**)

Discussed but not being formally followed up:

- **'French Summer Camp'**, this requires a lot of work.
- **'French International Baccalaureate (IB) Program'** – a long term goal would be to have the IB program available in French in Burnaby. The CPF Burnaby Chapter could be a strong advocate.
- **'French Evening/After School Program'**, after school French reading program for primary kids read to by older kids and/or high school kids/French speaking parents. Note: High school kids need volunteer hours. Small snacks could be provided. Small fees to cover costs and fundraising.
- **'Intermediate Kids Activities'**: French Game Nights/French Philosopher's Café Night/Parents Night out French. Parents could drop kids off for French activities. These can be fund raisers as well.
- **'French Theatre Performances'** during school hours for as many immersion kids as possible.
- **'French Book Fair in a Burnaby Library'** Fundraiser and French books.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for **7:00 pm, Wednesday November 28th** at Ecole Sperling.