

Meeting Minutes

North Seattle Community College
 Parent Advisory Council
 December 8, 2008

Attendees

PRESENT

Co-op Name	Co-op Age Group	Name	E-mail	Position / Committee
Broadview	Toddler	Kathy Gorohoff	kgorohoff@hotmail.com	Communications
Broadview	Pre-3	Phaleen Hanson	phaleen@yahoo.com	Scholarship (Chair)
Broadview	3-5	Wade Brannon	HadeBriss@hotmail.com	Registration
Cedar Park	Toddler	Toby Beth Jarman	tobybethj@comcast.net	Communications (Chair)
Crown Hill	Toddler	Kristina Cerise	kcerise@speakeasy.net	Fund Development
Crown Hill	Pre-3	Nathalie Tomaszewski	nathalietomaszewski@yahoo.com	Registration
Crown Hill	3-5 AM	Betsy Hudson	betsyinseattle@yahoo.com	Board Treasurer
Crown Hill	3-5 PM	Veronica Niemeyer	esonica@comcast.net	Communications
Ingraham	Pre-3	Elizabeth Martin	elizabethmartin@hotmail.com	Communications
Ingraham	3-5	Frankie Grausam	nyfrankie@msn.com	Kindergarten Readiness
Latona	Pre-3	Rachel Garber	rgarberburd@gmail.com	Fund Development
Latona	3-5	Lisa D'Asaro	dasarolisa@hotmail.com	Education
Meadowbrook	3-5	Lisa Moody	lisamoody3@comcast.net	Fund Development
Meadowbrook	5	Michelle Beaumont	beaumontmp@seanet.com	Fund Development
North Seattle	Infant: Wed.	Bethany Febus	bethany.febus@gmail.com	PAC Board Chair
North Seattle	Toddler	Jilda Nettleton	jildasn@comcast.net	Health and Safety (Chair)
Northeast Seattle	Toddler	Sarah Bahauddin	Sarabhauddin@gmail.com	Fund Development

Northwest	Toddler	Shelley Curtis	sac68@earthlink.net	Communications
Northwest	Pre-3	Kari Coglon Cantey	kcantey@msn.com	Board Secretary
NSCC	Toddler	Russell Sewell	bearfood4one@yahoo.com	Health and Safety
Sandhurst	Toddler	Jamie Smith	jamiety2003@yahoo.com	Education
Sandhurst	Pre-3	Anne O'Neill	nannyanne@gmail.com	Health and Safety
Sandhurst	3-5	Karen Yamashita-Uraire	Karen.fumiyama@gmail.com	Health and Safety
Univ.-Ravenna	Pre-3	Heather Schwindt	heathermaria60@hotmail.com	Kindergarten Readiness (Chair)
Univ.-Ravenna	3-5	Laura Spangenberg	LauraSpan@mac.com	Kindergarten Readiness
Victory Heights	Toddler	Sarah Karis	Sarah.Karis@hotmail.com	Board Vice Chair
Victory Heights	Pre-3	Leigh-Ann Andrada	dandrada@qwest.net	Registration
Victory Heights	3-5 AM	Angela Johnson	algae77@yahoo.com	Registration
Wallingford	Pre-3	Nytasha Sowers	nytashasowers@msn.com	Board Parent Coordinator
Wallingford	3-5 AM	Rachel Seely	rcseely@gmail.com	Education
Wallingford	3-5 PM	Toby Beth Jarman	tobybethj@comcast.net	Communications (Chair)
Wedgwood	Toddler	Julie Yee	julieyee@comcast.net	Communications
Wedgwood	Pre-3	Bethany Febus	bethany.febus@gmail.com	Board Chair
Wedgwood	3-5	Melissa Kokaly	makokaly@yahoo.com	Education (Chair)
Woodland Park	Pre-3	Carmen Albert	carmalbert@hotmail.com	Scholarship
Woodland Park	3-5	Karl Hillstrom	khillst@yahoo.com	Registration
NSCC	Faculty Advisor	Betty Williams	bwilli@sccd.ctc.edu	NSCC Parent Education Rep

ABSENT

Co-op Name	Co-op Age Group	Name	E-mail	Position / Committee
Meadowbrook	Pre-3			

North Seattle	Infant: Tues.			
North Seattle	Infant: Thurs.	Susanna Coco	susannacoco@gmail.com	PAC Rep.
Northgate	Toddler	Johanna Dokken	johanna.dokken@gmail.com	Fund Development
Northgate	Multi-age			
Olympic	Toddler			
Victory Heights	3-5 PM	Stiroh Lang	molylang@gmail.com	Communications

Location

North Seattle Community College (NSCC) Campus, Education Building, Room 2843A

Welcome

Bethany Febus, PAC Chair, started the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Bethany asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the PAC meeting held November 10, 2008. Karl Hillstrom moved to approve the meeting minutes as recorded. Leigh-Ann Andrada seconded the motion. All approved, none opposed.

NSCC Update

Betty Williams, PAC Faculty Advisor, made the following report:

PARKING PERMITS

New parking permits for winter quarter will be e-mailed before the January 12, 2009, meeting.

VAL DONATO AWARD

The college held its committee meeting for the Val Donato Award and would like one member of PAC to serve on the committee. Committee members are still trying to raise money for the award; the fund currently has \$4,400, but needs \$10,000 to create an endowment. Committee members may make an appeal to the NSCC community for donations, since co-ops are hard at work raising money for scholarship support. A grant is not feasible for an individual award of this type. The committee next meets in January. Any PAC reps interested in serving on the award committee should contact Betty.

PAC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Donations to the PAC Scholarship Fund have been strong.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE

The following co-ops have openings:

Broadview Pre-3s

Broadview 3-5s

Crown Hill 3-5s AM

Crown Hill 3-5s PM

Ingraham Pre-3s*

Ingraham 3–5s*
Meadowbrook Pre-3s
Meadowbrook 3–5s
Meadowbrook 5s
Northgate Toddlers
Northgate Multiage
Wallingford 3–5s PM

*Ingraham co-op classes are now located in the Crown Hill neighborhood on NW 97th and 7th NW.

Old Business

SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

Bethany reminded PAC reps that donations to the PAC Scholarship Fund should be sent to Betsy Hudson, PAC Treasurer:

PAC Scholarship Fund
Attention: Betsy Hudson, PAC Treasurer
NSCC Parent Education Program
9600 College Way North
Seattle, WA 98103

The deadline for donations and donation pledges has been extended to December 14, 2008. The Scholarship Committee meets December 15 to award winter quarter scholarships.

FUND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Michelle Beaumont, chair of the Fund Development Committee, said an e-mail went out to PAC reps announcing the first NSCC Co-op Preschool Gently Used Kids Clothing Sale (see “Attachments” at the end of the minutes). Reps are asked to forward it on to their co-op families. For the sale, the committee is in need of clothing racks.

The committee will be holding a bake sale in conjunction with the PAC-sponsored lecture on December 11. PAC reps wishing to contribute baked goods are welcome to drop them off at the church at 6:30 p.m. that day or at Bethany’s house throughout the day.

New Business

KINDERGARTEN READINESS LECTURE: DECEMBER 11

The next PAC-sponsored lecture is a panel discussion: “Ready for Kindergarten?” See “Attachments” at the end of the minutes for a flier with all of the details.

NSCC CO-OP CHICKS SHIRTS FUNDRAISER

Bethany reported that the Wedgwood co-op created Co-op Chicks shirts as a fundraiser for its co-op. Wedgwood is opening up this opportunity to all co-ops. The base cost of the t-shirt is \$15. Co-ops can charge more to their members as a way to generate funds. The shirt is currently only available in adult sizes, but they may be able to do children’s sizes too.

Break at 9:58 a.m. for snack and committee meetings. The meeting resumed at 10:54 a.m.

Committee Reports

Bethany asked committee chairs to provide verbal reports and/or e-mail their reports to Kari Coglon Cantey, PAC Secretary, for inclusion in the meeting minutes.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

chair: *Phaleen Hanson, Broadview Pre-3s; HYPERLINK "<mailto:phaleen@yahoo.com>"*
phaleen@yahoo.com

Phaleen said the committee will meet next Monday, December 15, to award winter scholarships. The committee will be using more objective structure/criteria for awarding scholarships.

Phaleen asked that PAC reps think about the intent of scholarships in general; one of the main goals of scholarships is to increase diversity in the NSCC co-op system, but that has not happened.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

chair: *Angela Johnson, Victory Heights 3-5s; algae77@yahoo.com*

The committee toured the rooms that will be used during Open Registration on March 21 and the clothing sale that will be held concurrently to raise funds for the PAC Scholarship Fund; the committee was pleased with the spaces.

The committee held a training session for parent coordinators (PCs) this past Saturday, December 6. It was well attended. Parent coordinators (PCs) have asked for a document outlining the registration process and details that they can hand out during tours. The committee will create one and distribute it via the Yahoo! PC group.

PCs will be provided with rosters to ensure co-ops don't have double enrollees.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

chair: *Melissa Kokaly, Wedgwood 3-5s; HYPERLINK "<mailto:makokaly@yahoo.com>"*
makokaly@yahoo.com

The Education Committee is working with the Kindergarten Readiness Committee on the "Ready for Kindergarten?" panel discussion as part of the PAC-sponsored lecture series. PAC reps are asked to remind their co-ops about the lecture. It should be a good discussion with time for questions.

date: December 11, 2008

time: 7-9 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

location: Faith Lutheran Church, 8208 18th Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98115

See "Attachments" at the end of the minutes for a flier with all of the details.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

chair: *Toby Beth Jarman, Cedar Park Toddlers and Wallingford 3-5s PM; HYPERLINK "<mailto:tobybethj@comcast.net>"*
tobybethj@comcast.net

The Communications Committee asked for earlier lead time for events such as lectures; notice of six weeks before an event is best.

PAC reps are reminded to forward the November 2008 newsletter to co-op families and to post it on school bulletin boards.

The committee is considering asking parent educators to participate in the PEPS speaker's bureau and/or go to meetings to talk about the co-op system. This would be a way to provide more families with information about cooperative preschools.

Two preschool fairs are coming up early next year: January 7 and January 31. Contact Shelley Curtis ([HYPERLINK "mailto:sac68@earthlink.net"](mailto:sac68@earthlink.net) sac68@earthlink.net) for full details:

January 7: Parent Map fair at Town Hall, 5:30–8 p.m.

January 31: MOMS Club fair at St. Alphonsus in Ballard, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

These fairs might be especially beneficial for the low-enrolled co-ops.

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

chair: open

The committee is dealing with discrepancies in forms and information at co-ops in the system and with health and safety officers.

The committee is compiling a list of sites where TB tests are available.

KINDERGARTEN READINESS COMMITTEE

chair: Heather Schwindt, University-Ravenna Pre-3s; heathermaria60@hotmail.com

Heather noted that information about the “Ready for Kindergarten?” panel discussion was discussed earlier.

Updated information on school tours and deadlines has gone to the Communication Committee to be posted on the NSCC Co-op Preschools Web site.

Betty Williams asked PAC reps to remind their co-ops to look at their individual Web pages to see if information needed to be updated ahead of the registration process.

FUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

chair: Michelle Beaumont, Meadowbrook 5s; [HYPERLINK "mailto:beaumontmp@seanet.com"](mailto:mailto:beaumontmp@seanet.com) beaumontmp@seanet.com

Committee members looked at the room that will be used for the clothing sale during Open Registration on March 21 and feel it will work well. They are working on details of the sale. PAC reps who have clothing racks to loan for the sale are asked to contact Michelle Beaumont ([HYPERLINK "mailto:beaumontmp@seanet.com"](mailto:mailto:beaumontmp@seanet.com) beaumontmp@seanet.com) or Lisa Moody ([HYPERLINK "mailto:LisaMoody3@comcast.net"](mailto:mailto:LisaMoody3@comcast.net) LisaMoody3@comcast.net). Committee members are working on promoting the sale, but trying to keep in mind that the space isn't huge and they will be reaching a large audience via different moms' groups and lists and co-

op e-mail lists (approximately 800 families are participating in the NSCC co-op system this year). Since it is the first year of the sale, the committee is concentrating on setting up the structure of the sale and being conservative with advertising the event given that the space can accommodate a limited amount of people. The sale will include gently used clothing, toys, and books; no gear this year. The committee will provide guidelines later.

Conclusion/Announcements

PAC SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION

Bethany reported that the PAC Board has been discussing a possible increase to the requested donation to the PAC Scholarship Fund from \$25 per child to \$30 per child. The increase would go into effect for the 2009–10 academic year (the donation would be due from each co-op in January 2010). PAC reps are asked to think about the increase and bring questions to the next PAC meeting. A vote will happen early in 2009 in order to give co-ops the chance to include any increase into their annual budgeting process.

WEDGWOOD CO-OP BAKE SALE

The Wedgwood Co-op announced it will be holding a bake sale to benefit the PAC Scholarship Fund during the December 11 “Ready for Kindergarten?” lecture. The Fund Development Committee was grateful for the support and will still sell coffee and hot chocolate.

FUTURE PAC MEETINGS

All meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of the month, with the exception of the May meeting. All meetings will be held in NSCC’s Education Building, Room 2843A (this is a change from information provided at the September 5 PAC meeting). Visit www.northseattle.edu/maps for directions. Meetings will run from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.:

January 12

February 9

March 9

April 13

May 18

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Meeting minutes by Kari Coglon Cantey, Secretary

Attachments

Below are two attachments to supplement the information provided during the meeting.

ATTACHMENT #1: E-mail from the PAC Fund Development Committee (sent by Johanna Dokken, HYPERLINK "<mailto:Johanna.Dokken@PREMERA.com>" Johanna.Dokken@PREMERA.com, 12/2/08)

Greetings all PAC reps! Please distribute to your co-op families. Thank you! ~ PAC Fund Development Committee

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Dear NSCC Pre-School Families,

Please save the date (March 21st, 2009) and your stuff! We are pleased to announce the first **NSCC Co-op Preschool Gently Used Kids Clothing Sale**, sponsored by over 40 North Seattle Community College Co-operative Preschools. The sale will not only raise money for the NSCC PAC Scholarship Fund, you will have a chance to sell your gently used clothes, books, and toys for a profit.

The specifics:

When: **Saturday, March 21st from 9:30-1:30 pm**

Where: North Seattle Community College

What: Gently used kids clothing, books, and toys

How it works:

Drop off of items for the sale will be on Friday afternoon/evening March 20th. NSCC families will have the option of either donating or consigning items for the sale. For those consigning, 50% of the sale price will go to the seller, 50% will go to the scholarship fund. We will send more specific details after the New Year.

Volunteers (and volunteer benefits):

We will need volunteers to help with this event (both on Friday, March 20th for set-up and on Saturday March 21st for the sale.) Anyone volunteering will get to have **priority shopping** privileges on Saturday morning.

We are all excited about this event and look forward to your participation!
PAC Fund Development Committee

ATTACHMENT #2: Flier for the 12/11/08 PAC-sponsored lecture

Are you and your child

Ready for Kindergarten?

Do you have questions regarding your child's "readiness" for Kindergarten?

How do I know if my child is ready?

What do Teachers expect of my child?

**How can I better prepare my kids to thrive in their new school?
Come ask *your* questions to our panel of experienced teachers and parents.**

**Thursday, December 11 7 – 9pm
Faith Lutheran Church - Social Hall
8208 18th Avenue NE, Seattle**

The Panel:

Elizabeth L. Bird - Parent Educator in the Child and Family division of North Seattle Community College

Matt Kreiter - Teacher for the University-Ravenna 3–5s Cooperative Preschool

Laura Spangenberg – A Co-op parent and experienced mom in the North East Elementary School Cluster

Allison VanDoren - Seattle Public Schools Kindergarten Teacher,
John Rogers Elementary School

Kindergarten - Are you ready?

Presented by The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) of the North Seattle Community College Co-Operative Preschools