

KIDS Child Care – Annual General Meeting via Zoom Meeting

February 24th, 2021 - 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Jo-Anne McBean, Wes Kinna, Julia Witte, Maddie McDonnell, Suzanne Mack, Katherine McGill, Sunshine Gudlaugson, Karen Leung, Cecile Mancuso, Olivia Burgon, Sarah Gillis, Sommer Meisner, Grace Steyn, Marketa Rumlana and Jennifer dos Santos

Regrets: Jenny Lush

Charitable Registration Number: 118986850 RR0001

Call to order: 7:10 pm

1.0 Welcome, call to order and Introduction of Board Members

2.0 Review/Approval of the 2020 AGM minutes- on the website

- Approved and passed.

3.0 Executive Director Remarks – *presented by Jo-Anne McBean*

Kolumbia Inn Daycare Society is a non-profit society that provides childcare to children and their families in New Westminster and was established in 1985. There are currently two childcare locations and the licensed capacity combined is 87, with the planned Queensborough expansion adding 12 infant toddler spaces KIDS continues to grow.

The 2019/2020 year has certainly been an unusual year. All of us have had to adapt to the challenges that have come as a result of the pandemic. The face masks, social distancing, health protocols... however, the staff teams have been amazingly positive and pro-active in facing the challenges and being very mindful of how this pandemic is affecting children their families and each other.

Throughout the months of the pandemic we used updates and information in communicating with our KIDS families – hoping everyone felt safe and supported whether at KIDS during that time or at home.

Information that informs practices here at KIDS is still evolving and as a result we are still adapting to those recommendations-we have never had a visit from licensing before that was a COVID audit- so this last year has had a few firsts.

The fundamental importance of childcare and the community is once again highlighted and how we will all need to continue to advocate and support initiatives that recognize the importance of childcare.

The BC government provided Temporary emergency funding to our childcare Society from April-September last year and as a result we were able to operate and maintain childcare services for our essential tier one and two families, build our outdoor classrooms and purchase enhanced cleaning supplies, recognize staff and support parents.

The Board of Directors had to shift the focus this year to find ways to support the Society, the Educators and Families. They certainly had to view things from many perspectives and the insight and support they provided were/are critical in the health and well-being of the Society.

I would like to thank all the parents for your efforts in making the programs a very positive place for the educators and the children, your thoughtful kind words and gestures will always be remembered.

And it is now time for me to pass the KIDS leadership on to Tania, a seasoned educator with a vision for the future of KIDS - I will be retiring in the next few weeks and want to thank all of you for learning journey of a lifetime.

Take great care- Jo-Anne

KIDS is a participant in the BC governments Child Care Fee Reduction, Affordable Childcare Benefit and Wage Enhancement programs

3.1 Incoming Executive Director Remarks (not verbatim) – *presented by Tania Hollings*

Thank you to Jo-Anne for everything – making great things happen in New Westminister for childcare. I hope to follow in your lead. I have learned so much about childcare in New Westminister, childcare in general, children and about myself – all from working with you. I appreciate all of the things you have done for KIDS and the community and to support me on a personal/family level.

I am looking forward to working with all of you on the Board and with the amazing team at KIDS. We will keep ‘growing and going’ – working with everyone’s support. The future is bright for childcare. I have Jo-Anne on speed dial – along with Barb, so I have valuable resources. Thank you for the opportunity.

Thank you Jo-Anne - you don’t know how much we are going to miss you.

4.0 Director Remarks- Report on Website - *presented by Wes Kinna & Julia Witte*

It goes without saying that 2020 was a year of immense challenges. COVID wreaked havoc on any plans we may have had for our families. Yet throughout the chaos, KIDS rose above, continuing to provide service to families who were providing essential care to our communities.

We, your chair and vice chair, watched mostly from the sidelines as Jo-Anne and the KIDS staff continued to care for our children with the same love and respect we’ve all come to expect. Navigating this uncertain time was never easy, but over and over again they showed us their commitment to our families.

We are proud of this team, the fact that we managed to stay open throughout the entire pandemic, and the way our board of volunteers continued to support the work done at KIDS. Parents and families are

the backbone of our daycare, and we're thankful for everyone who has helped out this year. If you are interested in learning more about how you can help the board and everyone at the daycare, please do not hesitate to reach out to any board members or Tania for information.

Even though we continue to face challenges from COVID, we look forward to 2021 with hope. Change is coming, with our beloved Jo-Anne retiring, but we are confident that Tania is more than ready to take on the leadership of KIDS and we look forward to supporting her any way we can.

KIDS continues to offer exemplary care to our children, our families, and our community and we are proud to be a part of that.

Thank you,

Wes Kinna and Julia Witte

Chair and Vice Chair

5.0 Finance Report/statements - *presented by Maddie McDonald*

- There was an issue with the financials – working with Christine Peters (previous Treasurer) to sort it out.
- As of October 2020, we have a surplus of \$9,150 – net income. This does not count the Health and Safety Grant or fundraising.
- \$45,000 GIC available.
- Anyone wishing to see the financials from last year, may do so on the website:
<https://kidschildcare.ca/kids-agm-2021/>

Action: *Obtain numbers from November year end financials from Jean. Add in numbers for Health and Safety Grant and fundraising.*

6.0 Fundraising - *presented by Sarah Gillis*

- Two NuFeld orders netted \$900 - \$1000 in 2020
- Orders come in next Wednesday, March 3rd at 3:30 pm

Action: *Difficult to carry out with restrictions – plans to continue at this time with NuFeld for the coming year.*

Action: *Sarah to provide fundraising numbers to Treasurer.*

7.0 Call for nominations to the Board/Election of the 2021/2022

- Suzanne advised she will be stepping down. She is a Fraser Health representative.
- Nomination for: Olivia Burgon - Fundraising

8.0 Board of Directors

- Society Requirements:
Users of Service: no fewer 5, no more than 6 (Wes, Maddie, Katherine, Jenny, Sunshine)
Community Members: no more than 2 (Jen)
Fraser Health: no fewer than 3, no more than 4 (Julia, Sarah, Olivia)
Total: no less than 8, not more than 12

9.0 Additional Issues/New Business

- From Jo-Anne: regarding gifts that were selected for various members with thanks for their special gifts
 - Eagle – thank you for being there for past, present and future
 - Hummingbird – thank you those that provided hope and joy
 - Thunderbird – thank you for sharing your power, protection and strength
- Questions from families – when will things return to normal? Will we be backfilling Tania's position, snack plates, hours of operation etc? Many unknowns. KIDS doesn't have any solid answers at this time as many things change daily. Our commitment is to let families know when we know – we will be as transparent as possible in our communication.

Action: *Continue to communicate with families as new information from the Health Authority is released.*

10.0 Closing Remarks /Adjournment

Meeting adjourned: 7:52 pm