

## **Irvine PAC Meeting Minutes February 9, 2011**

Meeting began at 7:20 pm

Welcome from PAC Chair Elizabeth Roberts.

Parents present: Kerrie Turner (secretary), Colleen Harper, Tonya Pankratz, Michele Wong, Carol Spence, Kelly Grisley, Tammy Hannah, Sandra Koziol,

January Minutes Acceptance – not able to be passed as not posted to the web in required time

### **Reports:**

#### **Old Business:**

##### **Technology in the classroom**

Reminder notice to families if they are still interested in contributing to the family fundraising fees

Laptop and projector = \$1200

Laptop, projector and smartboard = \$3200

7 classrooms along with Library and Resource room are in need of updated technology

Discussion regarding best way to spend the money: suggestion made that 6 laptop and projector combinations for classrooms at the school to be purchased. PAC to earmark the money for these units and will purchase after the School Board meets to discuss District 43 bandwidth issues and the purchasing freeze on computers in schools is lifted. Motion made by Kerrie, seconded by Sandra Motion passed unanimously.

##### **Fundraising –**

**Grade 5 Graduation** – no new information

**Treasurer Report** – meeting is a week earlier than the ar

CIBC as of last hot lunch 13,204 and RBC 10,238

Cheques written \$300 (food hampers),

\$6,394 (smart boards for rooms 205 and 206),

\$1,400 (for projectors),

\$2000 (roller blading)

\$850 is marked for fruit and veggie program

\$349.50 to Grade Five level ceremony from the front row raffle proceeds + \$500 PAC contribution

\$235 to Emergency Prep – not yet claimed by Nicole

\$1023 to School for the hedge fund from the TD grant – paid for hedge near the parking lot

**Class Liaison** – Kelly Grisley – will be away for one week and Carol Spence will take over for the time being

##### **Playground Litter:**

There have been complaints by students, parents and staff regarding the condition of the playground. Students are being reminded to be more mindful about their litter and put things in the garbage prior to going out to the playground.

Concerns that there are no garbage cans near the soccer field. Mme Proulx to talk with City of PoCo as to who is responsible for the garbage in that area.

Leadership classes are working with Mme Proulx with reminder announcements and posters.

Suggestion of having someone from the Hatchery or Fisheries and Oceans to come in and talk to the students on the effects of litter on the local streams, creeks and rivers

### **Principals Report –**

- Kindergarten report – 38 for French and 19 for English – so far no cross-catchment applications to enter Irvine
- Not sure if there will be a cap of two full time French classes
- Parents liked that the PAC was represented
- Family literacy day was a great success. 2 members of the RCMP as well as 2 members from the board office came to read to the students
- A couple of days later 8 members of the Coquitlam Express came to the school to read to the students and played hockey at lunch with the grade 4 and 5
- A big problem with late arrivals at school. On Monday mornings there is 7% of the population is late. What can be done to alleviate this? Suggestions – Mme Proulx send a letter to the parents of the students that are most chronically late. Looking at a type of consequence that occurs after the 5<sup>th</sup> late.
- Staffing report – Mrs Robinson is on a gradual return to work; Mrs Leslie – is rehabilitating well and will be back after spring break; Mme Arvisais will be returning after spring break;
- Parent education initiative – effective parenting workshop has started. 12 have signed up and 7 attended the first class
- Second term report cards going out on March 3
- Student led conferences to happen in May this year as opposed to February
- Jump Rope for Heart – assembly on March 18 with all paperwork going home over spring break; activities to happen when it is warmer
- Grade 4/5 leadership girls are planning a February event – a beach day
- Crazy hair day – to happen in March
- Pink Shirt day on February 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Roller blading starts on February 21st

**Emergency Prep-** The Great Shake Up – there were 2 earthquake drills (so both K classes were able to participate). There were many discussions in the classrooms to ensure that the ki

**School Planning Council** – phone consultation happened.

**CPF** –Not present/Nothing to report.

**New Business** –

1 Valentines Day – parents will be bringing in treats

**Next PAC Meeting on Wednesday February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 in the library.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.