

Irvine PAC Meeting Minutes January 14, 2011

Meeting began at 7:25 pm

Welcome from PAC Chair Elizabeth Roberts.

Parents present: Kerrie Turner (secretary), Colleen Harper, Tonya Pankratz, Michele Wong, Carol Spence, Kelly Grisley.

October and November minutes passed. Motion by Kelly, seconded Colleen. November Tonya, seconded Michele.

Reports:

Old Business:

PAC purchased 2 projectors for the school computer systems in the classroom prior to the Christmas holidays and the school purchased 2 refurbished laptops.

The decision in regards to whether to purchase new laptops or refurbished laptops will be moved until the February meeting as we are awaiting both the PAC balances as well as a decision from the school district on the date of the group purchase of laptops.

Fundraising –

1. Breakfast with Santa – Carol Spence spoke on the success of the event. There was a profit of \$900 that was donated to charities in our community.
2. Raffle and 50/50 for the Christmas concert raised over \$500 for sound equipment which will be purchased in February.

Grade 5 Graduation – no new information

Treasurer Report – Tammy Hannah (not present). Bank balances to be emailed to the board this week. These will be added to the minutes upon arrival.

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

Principals Report –

- Positive feedback received from the Christmas concert, Breakfast with Santa and Kindergarten sleepover
- Family literacy day – January 27 – drop everything and read in the hallway. This year's theme is "Dress as your favorite book character" Invitations have been sent out for guest readers to attend as well as for parents to come with their coffee and paper
- FSA (Foundation Skills Assessment) – from Jan 17 – Feb 25 with a couple of days of testing. If a parent wants to opt th
- Grade 4 satisfaction survey – parents on-line survey and kids will complete it in the computer room
- Grade 4 – research from UBC – Kindergarten teachers have been completing a "wellness index" for numerous years regarding child poverty factors, family activities etc and now UBC will be completing the same thing with Grade 4 students. This is done with the assistance of the United Way and can use this to improve programming and funding for this age group. This will have an impact for local cities as they can realign their recreation programs as needed

- Feb 8-10 – please pass this information along to neighbors and friends if they are in the catchment area
- Parenting wisely seminar – student services from SD43 working with the Social Development center. Mme Proulx will send out a reminder email with a brief description of the program as well as a syllabus if possible
- DPAC – how to get parents more involved in the school – suggestions included weekly coffees, parent education night (math makes sense), family movie nights, Coquitlam Express games, other social networking idea as well as interactions with students, parents, teachers and administration
- Rollerblading starts the week of Feb 28
- Pictures – overall a success with the new photographers
- School supplies – it is time to look at putting together the order forms to send out to the families

Emergency Prep- The school has been signed up for “the Great Shakeup” – which is a province wide initiative to do an earthquake drill to reinforce the principles of “DROP, COVER and HOLD” at 10am on January 26. There will be another one at some point in the afternoon as well.

School Planning Council – no meeting as of yet – likely to happen after kindergarten registration.

CPF –Not present/Nothing to report.

New Business –

1 Cell phone tower near our school. The city of PoCo has allowed for the construction of a cell phone tower in Greenmount Park. The school district has implemented a policy of not allowing cell phone towers within 500m of a school. There was also a motion passed by the school board to allow for WiFi in the schools. This is just provided for information for all parents.

2. Decorations for the staff room for Valentine’s day. Kerrie to send out email asking for help with decorating and donation of baking from the PAC as well as Orange juice and sparkling apple juice for virgin mimosas.

Next PAC Meeting on Wednesday February 9th at 7:15 in the library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Attendance:

Elizabeth Roberts; Melina Morokhovich; Darlene Proulx, Kelly Grisley, Melania Fischer, Lesley Croze, Niloofar Chamanel, Paul Arvisais, Emily Arguelles.