

École Irvine Elementary

PAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Attendance: Geneve McNally, Siobhan Gatchalian, Zara Scott, Colleen Morel, Kathy Simmonds, Meaghan Burton , Siarun Aslaug Asmainasdottir (Dee), Wendy Boddy, Sherlyn Pau, Marc Simpson, Laurie Bernie (Principal)

PAC Executive: Colleen Morel (Co-chair), Geneve McNally (Co-chair), Siobhan Gatchalian (Treasurer), Zara Scott (Secretary)

6:45pm Welcome and Sign-in

6:55pm Budget Report

1. RBC \$8,357.00 (committed to fieldtrip buses and teacher fund)
2. CIBC \$17,376.57 (portion committed to Gr.5 leaving fund)
3. Family Donations \$4,495 collected to date (Includes 2, 960 in trust-Irvine)

7:00pm Principal's Report

1. Registration info:

-Kindergarten French online only Jan 18-24th

- space limited, random draw
- first priority is catchment, second is non- catchment/district, third is non district
- siblings supersede everything but MUST REGISTER, siblings must be in the same program and attending the school in September

-Look at district website for information on all the different programs of choice

-Grade 5's are auto enrolled into their CATCHMENT school so must notify Kway if this is not your catchment middle school

-Late immersion must also register

-Cross catchment registration Feb 8

2. New caretaker-Al Peltier. (Mr.Al), doing a fabulous job!

3. Starfish backpack program continues-8 families are receiving backpacks full of food for the weekend (sponsored by the Rotary and Walmart). Irvine was the pilot school for this program and it has been a great success.

**check out the Rotary sponsored Poco Blues Fest March 10th to help support this program!

4. Ms. Birnie would like to say she how thrilled she is to be working with such a dedicated, excited and hardworking group of teachers at Irvine! Way to go!!

7:30 pm Business to be Discussed

- **Breakfast with Santa Update** (email from Brenda Hynes read)

- this was a huge success due to the wonderful volunteers and sponsors!

- 11 families from Irvine received hampers due to this fundraising event and these families were blown away by the generosity of the Irvine community!

- very important to let our kids know how much we as a community come together to support families in need

- **Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony**

- outdoor field trip will be to Sasamat Day camp this year!

- looking to raise \$7,000 to cover fieldtrip for 65 students, Celebration Dance and possible leaving gifts (will look into this)

- 3,255.00 raised so far with some fun fundraisers still to come! Stay tuned!

- **Kitchen Utensils Upgrade Update**

- budget was \$300, spent \$150 so far, also cleaned and organized!

- **Entrance furniture Update**

- purchased 2 love seats and 4 club chairs from a company called Loungeworks at a great price (\$600)

- such a good deal that the school also purchased some furniture so we will have lovely, matching furniture to move into our new school once approved

- **Gift cards from Loblaws & Save On Foods**

- \$25 available from each store as part of a settlement for price fixing bread-available to anyone who has ever brought certain types of bread at Superstore, Save On following suite and offering to Save On card holders

- suggestion that families that are able and willing can donate these back to Irvine to support the Vulnerable families/breakfast/snack program

- see websites for more details on how to claim your rebate (www.loblawcard.ca, www.morerewards.ca)

- **Loft Update**

- due to fire safety regulations the contents of the loft outside the gym have been moved to shelving in the girls locker room, a separator has also been placed.

- **Musician Alex Maher**

- young man who has a one man band-tabled for now as he must be vetted by the school board

- **Calendar of Events**

-see website for upcoming events!

-Evergreen cultural Center hosting a series of “pay what you can” performances

7:50 pm DPAC Report (Marc Simpson to report on DPAC meeting attended Nov 29/17)

- District approved additional funding for supplies and equipment
- Mental Health Programming

-mental health co-ordinator has been hired (Rachel French-Counsellor)

- Emergency Preparedness

-revamping emergency binder and working towards consistency throughout the district

-modernizing standards

-no news on the earthquake early warning system

- Parental Behaviour Policy

-looking at changing the language to include all adults on school premises

** *see DPAC website for more information*

8:05 Meeting Adjourned

NEXT PAC MEETING: TUESDAY, February 20th @ 6:45PM

****BABYSITTING AVAILABLE****

If you would like to add a topic for discussion to the next

meeting's agenda please email 027-PAC@sd43.bc.ca.

Thank You / Merci!