

École Irvine Elementary

PAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

6:50pm **Welcome and Sign-in**

Attendance: Geneve McNally, Siobhan Gatchalian, Zara Scott, Colleen Morel, Marc Fernandez, Audra Stewart, Janel Casey, Lynn Stewart, Eric Dugas, Marc Simpson, Gabrielle Czach, Fai Jackson, Siarun Aslaug Asmainasdottir (Dee), Brenda Hynes, Kathy Simmonds, Laurie Bernie (Principal)

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

6:55pm **Budget Report**

1. RBC \$7,032.00 (6,084.00 allocated to bus and teacher funds)
2. CIBC \$17,157.00
3. Family donations in trust w/Irvine \$2,900 (will double check with Tammy)
4. \$20,000 available-how should we spend it??

6:58pm **Principles Report**

- **School Health Programs**
 - Irvine applied through Fraser Health to be a pilot school in this program and was accepted!
 - starting Sept 2018
 - see school website for details
 - also applied for DASH BC healthy schools grant which includes working with a dietician to improve breakfast/lunch programs and having a guest educator in to work with select staff re: play based gym and physical literacy
- **Staffing**
 - not a lot of changes for next year
 - will still be 20 Divisions: 11 French and 9 English
 - also received an additional full time Education assistant plus a 20 hour Ed assistant so now have 5 fulltime EA's and 1 partime EA

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Special Report by Kaycee Howard

- **Parent Volunteer Opportunities**
 - worked with teachers to assemble a list of jobs in the classroom and around the school
 - broken down into weekly/monthly/bi-monthly
 - see website for details
 - discussed best way to recruit/sign up volunteers.....volunteer spot? emails?
- **Teacher wish list for IPAC**
 - polled teachers to gauge interest in various programs
 - top three choices for teachers
 1. More Art starts performances
 2. Yacker trackers
 3. Tennis BC lesson
 - top in-school learning opportunities: In-class Science workshops, Artist in the class
 - top in-school physical education opportunities: Tennis BC lesson, swimming lessons
 - Kaycee also strongly recommended looking at new Sound field Systems for teachers (speakers teachers wear around their neck to project their voices-very effective for children with specific sensory issues)

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Business to be Discussed

- **Grade 5 Leaving Fund**
 - still short on their budget with all fundraiser completed
 - discussion around PAC providing \$10 per child to cover costs, should children receive leaving gift in the future or is this unnecessary, general consensus is we will release funding to cover costs of trip and look at grade 5's not receiving a leaving gift but instead work on a legacy gift to leave the school going forward
 - **Eric motions to release \$10 worth of PAC funds per grade 5 student for a total of \$640. Brenda 2nds-passed (8 for, 1 against)**
- **PAC Endorsement**
 1. Artstarts, In-class ed opportunities, physical ed opportunities
 - PAC pays for 2 Art starts a year, discussion around increasing this and what types we should suggest to teachers, decide to try and have a variety to cover all interests but ultimately up to teachers
 - ** Marc motions to release up to \$3000 worth of PAC funds for 1 Art, 1 Science and 1 Music opportunity-seconded-passed (unanimous)**
 2. Playgrounds
 - Discussion around what we will have once the new school is complete, should we save some money for improvement opportunities
 - Discussion around purple playground-is it safe?? Yes it has passed inspection

- Ms. Birnie suggests looking at different ideas such as parkour as there is not a lot for the big kids to play on
- Grants are available for community enhancement so we will look into that (Canada Post, City of Poco etc.)

**** Brenda motions to reserve \$5000 of PAC funds for possible playground-seconded-passed (8 for, 0 against, 1 abstain) ****

3. Sound field systems
 - will look into cost –tabled until next meeting

*****MORE ENDORSEMENT OPPORTUNITES TO BE DISCUSSED AND VOTED ON AT LAST PAC MEETING IN JUNE!! *****

- **Grade 4's- Get your Get Active Cards and Grade 5's get your Stay Active Cards**

-get your application at the office, all grade 4/5's eligible!

-allows you to have free skating and swimming at the REC Centers!

- **Calendar of Events**

- Monday June 4th Pro D day
- Wed June 6th, Thursday June 7th Lion King Performance
- Tuesday June 12th Last PAC meeting of the year!! Voting time!
- Wed June 13th LAST HOT LUNCH!!
- Wed June 27th Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony (1:30-2:30)
- Thursday June 29th Last day of school

8:25pm

Meeting Adjourned

NEXT PAC MEETING: Tuesday June 12th @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!