

École Irvine Elementary

APRIL PAC Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Geneve McNally, Siobhan Gatchalian, Zara Scott, Colleen Morel, Marc Fernandez, Giselle Guzzo, Audra Stewart, Fei Liu, 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)

Budget Report

1. RBC \$7,791.00 (allocated to bus and teacher funds)
2. CIBC \$21,765.00 (5,100 is money raised for the Gr.5 leaving committee)
3. At the last PAC meeting in May we will be deciding how to spend some of this money!

Principal's Report

- Kindergarten orientation:
 - May 2nd 6:30-7:30 in the library to welcome the parents
 - May 30th Welcome to Kindergarten Event
- Upcoming dates:
 - May 9th Art show and student lead conferences
 - May 17th Celebration of learning Assembly and Showcase of Kindergarten Art in collaboration with the community and United Way Avenue of Change (this is an Organization based on research from UBC re: kindergarten learning and community support) the kindergarteners worked together to create the little learning library and decorative pole on display in the school lobby.
- New School update:
 - City of Port Coquitlam school plan design will be revealed on May 23rd during an evening meeting being held at Irvine.
 - Children will be involved and part of the experience
- Enrollment at Irvine:
 - Projected 430 kids (up 10 from last year)
 - Principal Birnie will be getting teacher budget allocations soon and she can then decide on hiring and roles
 - Wrapping up the year and planning for September so this is a great time to provide feedback to the administration
 - No layoffs in SD43 this year! YAY!
- Student placement:
 - an email will be sent out soon re: student placement and requests. All request letters are read but not confidential so please be aware of what you write, letters might be sent back if not appropriate for viewing by all parties.
 - *the primary voice in this process is the classroom teacher, not the parents as they see the children's interactions at school on a daily basis.*

- Staff meeting PAC wish list:
 1. More Art Start performances
 2. Yacker Tracker (stoplight with red/yellow/green that tracks noise levels in classroom)
 3. Tennis BC lessons (2 week period, all kids get 4-5 lessons)
 4. Sound field systems (speaker teachers wear around their necks)
 5. Swimming lessons (Hyde Creek)
 6. Gardening/baking supplies

What do you want to see the PAC spend money on? Come to the next meeting and have a say!

Parent Questions

- Will the Challenge Program (for children who think outside the box) be brought back?
 - Gifted children are still identified half way through grade 3 and are placed in specific classrooms learning alongside children at similar levels – with smaller class size now this will be beneficial to everyone
 - Support staff budget has been redirected to aiding children identified with unique learner profiles who need individual learning plans
- Are there any specific Science programs/clubs in the school and will there be a science lab in the new school?
 - Science is integrated across all learning strands during the school year
 - Middle School will offer more of a specific focus on science study
 - Let Principal Birnie know if there are any specific areas of interest parents have and she can work with you to see where that can be integrated – i.e. teachers have since decided to open Art Start to some other science related programs (TBD at the May PAC meeting)

Business Discussed

- Carnival: Friday May 25th 4:30-7:00pm... Need volunteers! Volunteer spot email sent out!), Raffle basket donations still needed, will be asking local businesses for donations as well
- Year book Update: May 14th is the deadline for pictures-many still needed for English classes!
- End of year Movie night-June 1st: may choose Wonder because of great message-TBD
- Saleema Noon booked for October 30th 6:30 pm for Parents & November 8th during school hours for children.
- At May PAC meeting we will be electing our PAC Executive for the 2018/2019 year!
- Grade 5 Committee: \$5,110.75 raised already, according to budget still need to raise \$1,900. Look for Family photo fundraiser forms in the lobby, also Mother's Day hanging baskets coming soon! Year end assembly will include leaving ceremony & dance will be June 27th in the evening.
- Staff Appreciation lunch... Dee volunteered to head this committee, Mexican theme with combo of potluck and catering! Volunteers needed! Date TBA ****Motion for \$400.00 to go towards Staff appreciation lunch, seconded, passed!**
- Emergency Bin... Cheryl Lim has agreed to lead this initiative to take place sometime over the summer! If there are any parents that LOVE to organize spaces we have the shelves and all the items... we just need some people to come and help make it look good!
- Calendar of Events
 - Verbathon May 3rd in the gym 10:35-12:15
 - May 7th Kway PAC meeting ****Incoming Parents are invited to attend (please RSVP to kwaypacchair@gmail.com)**
 - May 9th is the Student Led Conferences and Early Dismissal
 - May 30th DPAC General Meeting (nominations due May 16th)

NEXT PAC MEETING: MAY 15th @ 6:45pm in the Library