

# École Irvine Elementary

## PAC Meeting Minutes

*Tuesday, February 20, 2018*

6:45pm Welcome and Sign-in

Attendance: Geneve McNally, Siobhan Gatchalian, Zara Scott, Colleen Morel, Vidya Zain, Jen Darling, Lyn Jagger, Kathy Simmonds, Natalie Mulcahy, Marc Simpson, Siarun Aslaug Asmainasdottir (Dee), Chris Siddaway, Lynn Stewart, Fei Liu, Brenda Hynes, Laurie Birnie (Principal)

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

6:50pm Fundraising Caramel Corn Guest Speaker

- Local family run company based in Poco
- Brought many delicious samples!
- Will be getting more info for fundraising and possibly the carnival

7:00pm Budget Report

1. RBC \$8,358.33 (7800 allocated)
2. CIBC \$20,089.23 (5,000 is money raised for the Gr.5 leaving committee)
3. Family Donations all wrapped up-total 4465.00
4. Grade 5 committee has presented a budget of 6,964.00 for the trip to Sasamat and the dance, 5,000 raised already!

7:15pm Principles report

- Standards of conduct for Parents and Guardians have been introduced (see email sent few weeks ago)
  - Student policy already set up, employee conduct policy set out last spring, parent conduct policy completes the triad
  - Not introduced to limit interactions but instead guidelines set up by the district
  - If anyone has any thoughts or questions please feel free to contact Ms. Birnie
  - \*\*DPAC also very interested in feedback on this policy
- School grounds Garbage Clean Up
  - Started litterless lunches this fall – it is a work in progress
  - Caretaker will be checking and clearing the school every morning
  - Will be working to correct the litter problem, may involve students, more info to follow
  - Thank you so much to the parents who have organized and participated in the school ground clean up-so appreciated
  - Parent brought up idea of reverse lunches (play first then eat): has been tested before and never really works, as we have monitors with the kids at that time there would be no adult checking numbers as kids come off the playground

- Recap: Visit from Minister of Education Rob Fleming acknowledging the amazing work being done with technology at Irvine! Proud moment for Irvine!
  - Irvine has their finger on the pulse of new technology: Mme. Howard, Mrs. Bischoff and Ms. Trumpour were among the first educators in North America to have Micro:bits in the classroom! All grade 4/5 classes are participating in the Bring Your Own Device initiative.
  - We have 4 specialized Microsoft educators on staff and technology is being constantly integrated into the class room - more exciting news to come!
- And even more exciting news! On January 30<sup>th</sup>, Minister of Education Rob Fleming announced \$24.3 million of funding for School District 43 to seismically replace École Irvine Elementary School. Thank you to all those parents that worked tirelessly to help bring about this incredible event. Work to begin April 2019, scheduled for completion Fall 2020.
  - Ms. Birnie will be bringing conversation details from the design committee to the PAC soon-lots of great ideas
- Carnival Updates – Jennifer Darling
  - save the date-MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>!!
  - many vendors set up: cotton candy kids, TCBY, Hyde Creek fish hatchery, Face painters (will be doing smaller designs this year to help with the lineup), Kinsman
  - Terry Fox or Riverside students to volunteer
  - will look into tumblebus
- The Big Crunch on March 1<sup>st</sup> – Cheryl Lim
  - part of the fruit/veg program
  - province wide!
  - used to encourage healthy eating
- Saleema Noon - <http://www.saleemanoon.com>
  - options A: parent info session and 2 day teaching in class room (smaller group-1350 +GST)
  - option B: parent info session and 1 day teaching in classroom (ok for our size of school- 850+GST)
  - VOTE: Brenda Hynes put motion forward, Seconded by Marc Simpson, passed unanimously (option B)
  - will book for November 2018
- Calendar of Events
  - Class Group and Panorama Photo March 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Last Day of School in session before Spring Break is March 16<sup>th</sup>
  - School reopens Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Blues Festival to support Rotary and Starfish backpack program cancelled due to lack of interest ☹

7:50pm

Meeting Adjourned

**NEXT PAC MEETING: TUESDAY, April <sup>TH</sup> @ 6:45PM**

If you would like to add a topic for discussion to the next meeting's agenda please email [027-PAC@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:027-PAC@sd43.bc.ca).

**Thank You / Merci!**