

École Irvine Elementary

PAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Attendance: Geneve McNally, Zara Scott, Colleen Morel, Natalie Mulcahy, Janel Casey, Tara Tait, Bree Kozak, Helga Totane Uezsenyi, Edson Lizarazo, Sophia Star-Lizarazo, Siobhan Gatchalian, Stephen McCallum, Laurie Birnie (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 \$8834.17 (Gaming funds of \$8480.00 came in from the government)
2. CIBC \$ 19865.94 (holds funds from hot lunch, movie nights etc.)
3. Working on the budget for the year

7:00 pm Principal's Report

1. Ms. Birnie back full time
2. District developed online registration program- Programs of Choice - French Immersion, Montessori, Mandarin, and Reggio are going online at this point. All families who wish to register a child for French Immersion kindergarten for Sept. 2018 must register online. *Siblings must still be registered at same time as other students as new program does not immediately delineate siblings from new students!* More information will be published to families posted on school and district websites and through newspaper ads in the local papers.
3. New Contract for Teachers-supreme court ruling has changed things in the province. We now have more teachers overall at the school, many from other districts with varying ranges of experience (6-20yrs).
4. Action plan for learning-staff have been working through data on social/emotional learning to set out our learning and school goals. Will also be working with District mandated templates and asking for parent feedback at first report card period in December. More info to come.
5. Coffee with the Principal- 1st week of November-date to come! This is a good opportunity to ask those burning questions and get to know each other. May also set specific topics.
6. Go to the school website for up to date information about the school, also has e-books and other online resources available and the school will be working on building those resources.

7:10pm Business to be Discussed

- **In class Sports Equipment inventory**

-teachers finding not a lot of time to organize this, may have students organize equipment sign out in the cage, will explore different options and discuss further

-tether balls have been ordered! Mme Birnie to problem solve who will put them up and down

- **Parking issues** (Thank You Kaycee Howard for creating the map)
 - must be each person's responsibility to put child safety over convenience
 - teachers/staff cannot be policing areas outside of school grounds, will be calling traffic police again to monitor
- **Hot Lunch Dates Confirmed**
 - all dates confirmed and on website, parents can go online and order the whole year at once or individual meals
 - volunteers needed to deliver lunch to the kids!! This will be up on Volunteer spot
- **Teacher Appreciation Coffee & Timbits**
 - very much appreciated by entire staff!
- **Grade 5 Leaving Committee** (must be a sub-committee of PAC)
 - will decide on activities and the cost, then how to fundraise for it. All money must come through the PAC.
- **Emergency Bin**
 - Bin has been replaced and most of the items as well, need to add water and granola bars
 - Discussion on how to raise those funds every year, asking parents to bring granola bars in the past resulted in some not being peanut free etc.
 - Motion brought forward to ask kindergarten parents to donate amount each year as a one-time fee-seconded-passed. Motion carried. (Amount and how to pay (online?) TBD)
- **Fundraising Ideas**
 - family donation letter (look for that in the agendas soon!)
 - Canadian tire money (families can donate any they have lying around at home)
 - emergency preparedness kits (looking into what this would cost)
 - school branded water bottles
 - school dance (will discuss more for next year)
 - Cobbs bread fundraiser
 - will be looking for a school spirit committee!! Please email PAC for ideas or if you'd like to volunteer!*

- **Free PAC Movie Nights** – Friday, November 3rd (doors open at 6, starts at 6:45)
 - Children must have a Parent or Guardian on site and supervising
 - May look into having a sign in sheet, will need volunteers!
 - concession available 😊
- **Volunteer Spot**
 - Ken Hoff has kindly stepped up once again to manage this
 - look for the volunteer spot emails to sign up!
- **DPAC Rep Needed** –will check with last years to see if he is available

New Business (brought up throughout meeting)

- Discussion of white board for front hall by office to display current events - Ms. Birnie feels it is very important for parents to get in the habit of checking the website, some parents feel more reminders are always a good thing - tabled for now.
- Pizza lunch or something similar with teachers to get their “wish list”
- New furniture for front office –will look into the cost-tabled for now

8:10pm Meeting Adjourned

NEXT PAC MEETING: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21st @ 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!