

Irwin Park Elementary

IPPG General Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024 - 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams

Present: Aron Campbell, Amy Huang, David Heidt, Gabi, Amy, Aron, Mimi Lin, Mat, Claire

Meeting called to order: 6:34 pm

Land Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge that Irwin Park Elementary School operates on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), Səlílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), and xwməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam) Nations and we are grateful for the opportunity to do so.

Motion to approve agenda: N/A

Principal's Report (Aron Campbell):

- 2023/24 funding: \$5000 musical instrument, \$4500 Gaga ball court, \$800 music stand, \$6350 Flip top Tables
- \$1500 from IPPG to support North Shore Restorative Justice Society
 - Panther Peer Mediators
 - Panther P.R.I.D.E Common Language and Values
- Year 2 Student Survey was collected.
 - Gr. 4-7 Sense of Belonging survey
 - Gr. 3-7 Go to Adults.
 - Sense of Belonging survey results December 2023: 80%~90% of students felt that they belonged.
 - Discrepancy between Gr. 4-5 compared to Gr. 6-7. Gr. 4-5 had lower sense of belonging (about 10~15% lower)
 - Student Survey is analysed to see how teachers can better support student wellbeing.
 - Further investigation is needed to see why Gr. 4-5 has a lower sense of belonging.
- Stream of Dreams Mural Society: Need financial support from IPPG \$5000
 - Need a number of parents to help with the assembly of the fish.

Treasurer Report (David Heidt):

- See attached report from David
- There is room for \$5000 for the Stream of Dreams – decision was made to provide the school with \$5000 for the Stream of Dreams.
- Projection at the end of the year is estimated to be \$9000.
- David will be stepping down from the position next school year as his child will be graduating from IP.

IPPG Committee Reports:

- Volunteer Coordinator (Mimi Lin)
 - Nothing to report on.
- DPAC Representative (Neggy Agnew/Roman Nurpeissov)
 - Was not present at the meeting and no report was provided.
- Communications Chair (Katie Yeung)
 - Katie could not attend the meeting but emailed the following update to be shared:

“Mid year IPPG newsletter was published in late January to provide more information to parents and caregivers on what we do for the school. It provides transparency on how IPPG fundings help supplement the school. (Aron can provide more examples as well - like the Gaga ball court, music instruments etc.) We also recognized the regular volunteers that consistently help out around the school such as delivering hot lunches and veggies/fruits to our students.”

- Katie will be stepping down from the Communications Chair position next school year.
- Hot Lunch Coordinator (Jillian Smith)
 - Jillian could not attend the meeting, however David provided the group with the amount of money Hot Lunch has brought in to date.
 - Jillian will be stepping down from the position next year as her child will be graduating from IP. Claire will be taking over the position next year. Thank you Claire!

Updates on Activities:

- Skating night (Amy Hodges & Mat)
 - Community center will not allow us to rent the skating rink. Therefore, scratching this activity.
- Multicultural feast (Mimi & Amy Hwang) – Instead of a Multicultural Feast, we will be holding a Bingo night instead.
 - Bingo Night, May 3, 2024. Aron has confirmed this date would work for the school. It will be held at the school gym.
 - We will be asking parents donation for prizes. Amy will short through them.
 - Mimi will ask local stores for donations for larger prizes.
- Spring Gala/silent auction (Yegi, Golnaz, Minu, Danielle) – Instead of a Spring Gala, we will be organizing a Spring Carnival.
 - Yegi could not attend the meeting but emailed the following update to be shared:

“We've decided to name it the "IP Spirit Carnival." Our tentative date is June 6th. We're planning to include some fun games alongside the food trucks. More details to come in the next few weeks.

- Aron had a few concerns with this date (although he also acknowledges that it should be okay). 1. District track meet on that day for some students so not all students may be able to attend. 2. Worried about his own capacity issue as mid-April will be our vice principal's last day and currently there is no one to replace her maternity leave.
 - IPPG will strive to make this event as smooth as possible so that it will not put pressure on school staff during the planning process.
 - It was decided that we should be communicate some stuff out on IP Spring Carnival as soon as possible. We should discuss with Katie and make a communication plan for all the up-coming events.
- Ping Pong (Mat)- will organize another one around mid May
 - Parent Present (Mat)- do next year instead as Mat is already leading many activities.
 - Book Club (Mat)- monthly book club, 7 kids for the first meet-up, 9 kids last time. The kids and parents are loving it!
 - Mimi suggested running a Read-a-Thon Fundraiser next school year.
 - Fresh Fruit & Veg in classroom (Fiona) – Fiona continues to run this activity and will continue running it again next year.
 - Irwin Park Garage Sale with Community (May 26, Sunday, 2-4 pm) (Mat & Amy)
 - Aron has confirmed and agreed to this date. We would need custodial staff to supervise, which we will need to arrange with Aron at the later date.
 - Staffs Appreciation Lunch (End of June) (Mat & Amy) – It has been decided that we will use budget from IPPG to fund for this event.

Looking Ahead: 2024/25 school year

- It was unfortunate that only 9 people attended today's meeting. We should spread the word for our next meeting.
- May meeting will be virtual
 - send home a flyers to let parents know we are recruiting for new positions.
 - Mimi to ask Katie for last year's flyer and revamp the blurb to be sent out in April.
 - Each member need to spread the word that we need many executive roles filled for next year and if we cannot, IPPG may need to fold.
 - During the summer months IP teachers welcome new Kindergarteners to school. IPPG should set up a table during this event to recruit new members to IPPG. To be discussed with Aron.
- June meeting should be in person and welcome new members!

Next Meeting: TBD – May meeting (virtual), June meeting (in-person)

Motion to adjourn: all

Time: 7:59 pm