



Indigenous Parents Advocacy Club (IPAC)

School District 71 (Comox Valley)

March 1, 2017

Hosted at Valley View Elementary School (6:00-8:00pm)

attending tonight: 10 parents, 13 children

Minutes:

1. **Welcome and Recognition of Territory**
2. **Introductions** – went around the table making introductions
3. **Review of last month's minutes**
 - Bobbie Bailer shared she would make a talking stick for our meetings.
 - Reviewed budget plans
 - Tee Pee park campout – need a date to book (Sarah will check on availability) (Thursday, Friday nights & Saturday – August 24, 25, 26)
 - Reviewed yearly plans
4. FNEC Parent Club Grants == \$1000.00 (not received as of today)
5. IPAC Event poster to be on school bulletin boards (shared poster)
6. Survey home to parents (share preliminary results on screen -- after 3 days of survey being live)

Comments:

- 34 response from parents so far.
- this survey will help IPAC grow and respond to parent requests
- our data could be shared out with community to help organizations explore needs and 'options' for parents
- we can already see trends in the data shared in the preliminary report

Sample of Survey results:

What events would your family be interested in attending?		
Answer	Count	Percentage
Gym nights (open gym - some gym equipment available and no organized activities) (SQ001)	13	38.24%
Gym nights (age specific activities led by a leader) (SQ002)	7	20.59%
Swim Nights (Wave pool - Aquatic Centre) (SQ003)	18	52.94%
Skating (Civic Centre skating rink) (SQ004)	12	35.29%
Culture Nights (organized activities for age specific groups of children) (SQ005)	25	73.53%
Storytelling (storytelling by local Aboriginal Storyteller) (SQ006)	22	64.71%
Wood Carving (carving small project led by local carver) (SQ007)	27	79.41%
Camping (group camping at local campsite) (SQ008)	9	26.47%
Beach days (at local beach with some activities offered) (SQ009)	9	26.47%
Group hikes / walks around Comox Valley. (SQ010)	15	44.12%
Other	1	2.94%
ID	Response	
27	Introduction of protocols when in the big house (for example)	

7. Budget – funding from AEC (reviewed approved budget from last month)

IPAC meetings	Childcare, door prizes, food	\$1000
Print supplies	Bookmarks, posters, stickers, buttons	\$300
100 Give away books	100 books (preschool – Gr 7) levels mixed	\$500
Swim Night	Pool rental, room rental, food	\$250
Welcome Back BBQ	Food...	\$450
		\$2500.00

8. FNEsc Parents Conference March 9 and 10, 2017 in Richmond

Kathleen, Sarah and Bruce will be attending.

Shared agenda for Conference.

Delegates will share information gathered at our next IPAC meeting.

9. LIVING PLAN” FOR IPAC ACTIVITIES during 2016-17 school year:

YEARLY PLAN

Summer -	Family Campout at Tee Pee Campground (Air Force Beach). Night #2 of campout will be our annual Welcome Back Barbeque potluck where we will have cultural activities and we will provide School Supplies for the new school year.
Late September –	Parent Night-Out Fundraiser (Chances Casino, Prime Chop House). TBA.
Early November –	Swim Night (and IPAC meeting)
January / February –	Family Winter Gathering
April –	Swim Night (and IPAC meeting)

• **Themed Family Campout Gatherings – “Final Campout Party”**

@ group site at Teepee Park (Air Force Beach) (Cultural theme, Behavioural theme, ...)

Sarah spoke to Tee Pee Park – They will save a date for IPAC to host a campout!

- **Family Swim night (when available book ½ pool)**
Book pool for Saturday evening timeslot in April. 4:30-6pm...Ask to use the lobby as a gathering area. Food (simple, fruit/veggies, etc.)...and more chairs.
Invite some Elders to join us...
Bubble machine 😊
- **Family Gym Night (beginning in the fall)** More information to follow...request for use of school gym being processed now.
- **Good Samaritans Fund.** Greatly needed pot of funds raised by IPAC parents. IPAC will take on fundraising to build up an account to support special requests of our Aboriginal students.

Silent Auction at Recognition Ceremony on May 10th at Sid Theatre

- **Kathleen, Nicole, Leah**
- Need to check on rules around how we use fundraised money
- Sub account set up with SD71 to hold and process funds

50-50 draw (November swim night)

Major Raffle (start in fall leading up to draw in winter)

Parents Night Out – (late September @ Chances Casino. Burger / Beer Night. Saturday, Sept 30th (Orange Shirt Day)

Tonight was very encouraging to have such a great turnout of parents! We are excited to continue to grow and support our parent community and children.

Next IPAC meeting @ Valley View Elementary April 5th, 2017