

IHUB PAC MEETING – APRIL 8, 2013

In Attendance: Mr. Truss, Ms. Husband, Arlyss Turner, Jason Turner (Shauna), Sandra Baker (Wilson), Theresa Wong (Alannah), Brian and Gabriella Klym (Shekinah), Trevor and Kira Howe, Shauna (Student)

Regrets: Lorna Wou (Secretary) / Sandra took minutes in Lorna's absence

Chaired by: Jason Turner

Called to order – 7:09pm

Approved Minutes – Arlyss / Sandra

1. Introductions

2. Principal's Report

Mr. Truss briefly reviewed his request / clarification for contact information sent out to parents. He wanted to ensure that school information was being circulated to the appropriate e-mails. He also wanted to confirm that it was ok for individual parent e-mails to be shared with other parents when communicating events being organized by the PAC.

1. **Tuesday April 16th** – Student Led Conferences 4pm to 7:30pm. There will be an early dismissal at 2pm on this day.

The school is looking at formatting this in a different way than traditionally done. They are going to be sharing some presentations from 5:15pm to 6pm and they hope that parents can all attend this added event. Their suggestion to is to either start the student led conference at 4:30 and join them afterwards for the presentations, or to attend the presentations and then conduct the student led conferences after 6pm. If that doesn't work for parents are welcome to come earlier or later, or just attend the student led conference.

Please let Carolyn (CReibenschuh@sd43.bc.ca) in the office know what time you plan to attend on next Tuesday:

4pm – 5:15 Student Led Conference Times
5:15 – 6pm Presentations
6pm – 7:30 Student Led Conference Times

2. **Friday April 19th** – Professional Development Day – No School for students.
3. **Thursday April 25th** – Report Cards go out.
4. **Friday April 26th** – This is the tentative day set for the Community Garden build. Families are invited to come and help construct the flower beds and help with getting the garden set up. Here are a few details:

- The date is tentative and will be confirmed during a presentation on April 16th.
- 11am start – Hot Dog BBQ (Parents welcome)
- 3pm – 7pm After school volunteers (Parents, families, and incoming families for next year welcome)
- 5:30 Hamburger BBQ and pot luck (more information to come)
- Follow progress of the garden at <http://green.inquiryhub.org/>

Students are in the process of preparing additional information including a call-out for gardening supplies / equipment such as shovels and wheel barrows. Parents experienced in gardening and /or building raised beds are also being encouraged to volunteer.

Other items:

1. System has been set up for students to submit funding requests for thier projects (using form developed by students) for parents to review and vote on.

<http://pacfunds.inquiryhub.org> (password: **ihubparent**)

Proposed process : Students submit application to student leadership group; they pass the application on to Mr. Truss who posts it online; parents then provide comment and decide outcome. Note the email options to keep you connected to new items. Initial login and sign-up is required in order to receive automatic notices / updates on application.

Comment was made regarding adding the question ‘Have you applied for PAC funds before?’ since application will be anonymous.

2. Wish list – Teachers would like a 2TB Memory Drive for our wireless set-up

Mr. Truss to review whether or not this is a PAC action item.

3. Badminton club – Thursdays after school 3-4pm – All families and friends welcome.

4. Coquitlam School District: School Conditions Survey for Parents

<http://fluidsurveys.com/s/Coquitlam-School-Conditions-Parents/>

Ms. Husband indicated that this survey was being conducted to gather input from parents on upcoming budget discisions for the school district.

5. Course Offerings – Will be reviewed this Friday with students.

An Independent Directed Study (IDS) course is an extension of one or more learning outcomes in an existing Grade 10, 11 or 12 course (available for either Ministry Authorized or Board Authorized courses). The course must be rigorous, well thought-out and developed through a consultative process involving the student and the teacher. IDS would work well with Inquiry projects as it is not based just on course work and encourages creativity.

6. Summer School Offerings are now available for review and sign-up

www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca

Summer school is a great option for students who work well independently as the courses are quite intense and require dedication from the student.

7. Registration for "Parenting The Net Generation - What makes our kids Click" is required at <http://dpac43davesands.eventbrite.ca/> on April 22 from 7-9 p.m. in the Gallery Room at Winslow Centre in Coquitlam.

Presentation is being sponsored by DPAC and all parents are encouraged to sign up if interested.

3. Old Buisness

1. Family donation program for PAC funds

Instead of doing individualized fundraising throughout the year, each family would be asked to provide a specific amount. Lorna volunteered to organize a survey using Survey Monkey and forward to Mr. Truss to be distributed to all parents. Further discussion to be held at AGM for September

2. School Planning Committee

To be added as AGM agenda item at end of this year for implementation next year as iHub is currently defined as part of the LINC School Planning Committee. iHub may need to address their own specific issues / ideas.

3. Family Social BBQ

Mr. Truss indicated that the school would like to hold a BBQ for current and new students / families later in the year when the weather gets warmer.

4. New Business

- Ms. Husband has identified a source for bigger lockers (1/2 size) that can be moved and installed at the school.
- Jason will be preparing the gaming report / request for gaming funds at the end of the month. Ms. Husband to forward student numbers to Jason for inclusion in the application.
- Discussion was held regarding ideas for introducing new parents of incoming students to the PAC and providing the opportunity for them to get involved in the AGM. Ideas included: sending out welcome and invite to the next PAC / AGM meeting in June; and providing information at upcoming school events such as the BBQ / gardening day.

5. Items for AGM

- Family Once Per Year Contribution for Fundraising
- School Planning Committee Creation

Date for Next Meeting = Monday, June 3 at 7pm

Adjourned at 8.30pm