

Island Creek Elementary School (ICES)

Parent-Teacher Association

Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2009

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

PTA President, Lisa Jacobs welcomed all in attendance and Dr. Owner to the first PTA meeting of the 2009-2010 school year. Lisa introduced the new PTA board as well as those committee chairs in attendance. She also welcomed the many new faces in attendance.

2. Principal's Remarks

Dr. Susan Owner welcomed everyone in attendance. She was encouraged by the great opening few weeks of the school year. Island Creek has 781 students enrolled as of September 15th.

Dr. Owner as always is excited about the Island Creek staff and how they are a cutting edge faculty ready to try new things she introduced the

Assistant Vice Principals:

Mike Macrina

Martin Gross

She emphasized that her administrative team is always available to parents and students with their open door policy. Communication is Key!!!

She also welcomed The 1st Grade Team:

Sarah Ducko

Sherrie Asbie

Leah Sullivan

Melissa Keller

Carol Valent

The first grade team is reinventing themselves this year. Two of the teachers on this team will be looping teachers which means that they will have the same students next year as well.

3. Meeting Minutes

The June minutes were submitted and approved. Lorie Kappeler motioned to approve, with a second from Elissa Stong.

4. Treasurer's Report

Dawn Nelson updated everyone on the final 2008-2009 financials and presented the 2009-2010 school year budget to the membership. The members in attendance unanimously approved the budget as presented (see attachment).

New elements in the 2009-2010 budget include authority to "roll over" money from one school year to the next, should there be a positive balance at the end of a given school year. Currently, all funds must be expended in the fiscal year they are collected. The new budget authority allows the PTA to create multi-year saving goals - - to purchase large, expensive items for the school that are not possible within a one-year time table. As an example, the PTA received a request from an Island Creek teacher for a sun canopy that would cover the school playgrounds. Dr. Owner and the PTA are in favor of this purchase and with the roll-over budget authority in place, the PTA can now begin saving towards its purchase (currently priced somewhere between \$10,000 to \$20,000).

5. Membership Update

Andrea Gurrola gave the first membership numbers of the year. We are off to a great start of 235 memberships included in that number are 9 teachers. Are goal as a board is to have 350 members total. 50 teachers and 300 parents. Teachers will receive membership information in their mailboxes this week.

6. After School Program Updates

- **FLEX** – Nancy Blyler is heading up FLEX this year
- **Mad Science** – Jane Horowitz will be heading Mad Science again this year
- **Girls on the Run** – Lisa Jacobs along with staff support from Julie Putnam and Heather Beaman will be working with this group.

7. Restaurant Nights

Brian Talbot reported that the first ICES restaurant night will be at Olympians in the Landsdowne Shopping Center on September 23rd. It will run all day and the PTA will receive a percentage of the sales. The next restaurant night will be in October at Lucky's date TBD.

8. Harvest Festival