



**ISLAND CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (ICES)
PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION**

MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 4, 2011

Call to Order and Welcome

PTA President Jane Horowitz welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Principal's Remarks

In the absence of Dr. Owner, who was out of town, the Principal's Remarks were presented by Mr. Macrina and Mr. Gross. The following was reported:

- Mr. Macrina introduced the Second Grade Team.
- Croc Float will move from Monday's to Friday's starting this week and the Kindergarten will be included.
- It was explained that January is considered "grinding month" in which a strong focus on academics is stressed. Mr. Gross explained that this time is used to a great extent in preparation for upcoming testing.
- A question was asked about the status of the school budget. Mr. Macrina reported that there has been no new update since the PTA meeting in December but that no news can be considered good news.
- A discussion followed about SOL test results at ICE and some apparent confusion regarding the results at ICE compared to other schools and state standards. At the conclusion Mr. Macrina offered to discuss this further with the parent who raised the question to further clarify a perceived discrepancy in SOL results and standings.

Minutes

Minutes of the PTA meeting held on December 7, 2010 were presented. Upon **Motion** being made, **Seconded** and unanimously **Approved**, the Minutes were accepted as presented.

Financial Updates & Budget Revisions

It was announced that, four months into the year, some revisions were needed for the approved budget to reflect accounting adjustments done in conjunction with the annual audit and tax filing, changes to planned activities and payments received after the initial budget was developed. Following discussion, upon **Motion** duly made, **Seconded** and unanimously **Approved**, the proposed budget revisions were accepted as presented (attached).

A question was asked about whether or not any of the money raised has been used for community services. Ms. Horowitz replied that the Holiday Gift Shoppe would fall into this category.

After School Activities

It was announced that after school activities would commence in the near future. The schedule will be as follows:

Foreign Language Experience (FLEX) Classes –

- Spanish 1 – on Thursdays, starting on March 3, 2011
- French 1 – on Mondays, starting February 28, 2011
- French 2 – on Tuesdays, starting March 1, 2011

Mad Science –

- Kindergarten – Second Grade – Mondays, starting February 14, 2011
- Kindergarten – Second Grade – Wednesdays, starting February 16, 2011
- Third through Sixth Grades – Wednesdays, starting February 16, 2011

There is also a possibility that yoga classes may be added.

Spirit Nights - Olympians

Spirit Nights held in December at Chili's raised \$304. Olympians will be the site of Spirit Nights this month on January 17th and 18th. Additional details will be announced as they become available.

Basket Bingo – 2-4-2011

Preparations are underway and additional information will be announced in the near future. Volunteers will be needed for this event.

Croc Trot – 4-30-2011

A Croc Trot planning meeting will be held sometime in January. Please contact Jane Horowitz at your earliest convenience if you are interested in helping with this event.

Next Meeting – Awards Ceremony for Reflection Winners

Because of Teacher Work Days on January 31, 2011 and February 1, 2011, the next meeting of the PTA will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011. The meeting will feature the presentation of awards to winners of the Reflections Contest.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Haberstroh, Secretary
Island Creek PTA