



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

MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 7, 2011

Call to Order and Welcome

PTA President Jane Horowitz welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Final Remarks from Dr. Owner

Dr. Owner began her remarks by thanking everyone for the ice cream social held on Friday, June 3, 2011 to honor her and wish her well in her upcoming retirement.

- Congratulations were extended to Mr. Macrina for his recent appointment as the new ICES Principal. Dr. Owner commented that the news had been well-received by the community and also that Mr. Macrina received universal support for his new leadership role of the school.
- It was reported that SOL testing had concluded for the year and that staff worked throughout the testing period to lessen the level of student stress that is often associated with testing.
- Plans and preparation are underway for the coming school year.
- The Specialist Team was introduced. It was explained that teachers in this group develop a special bond with the students because they serve the entire school population and get to know multiple students and families as a result.
- A new project to create a Learning Garden for the school was announced. The Learning Garden will offer hands on learning opportunities tied to the curriculum and the environment. Numerous teachers have offered to help but additional assistance from parents and the community (especially related to fundraising needs to support the project) will be essential to achieve the spring groundbreaking currently planned.

Minutes

Secretary Pam Haberstroh presented the Minutes of the meeting held on May 3, 2011. Upon **Motion** duly made, **Seconded** and unanimously **Approved**, the Minutes of this meeting were accepted as presented.

Year End Financial Review

- Less revenue has been raised thus far from school supply kits because of delayed reporting related to online orders.
- June expenses are estimated because requests for reimbursements are still being received.
- Proposed budget changes –
 - Increase the technology line item expense by \$2,000.
 - Increase the professional development line item by \$2,000.
 - Increase student end of year rewards by \$100.

Upon **Motion** duly made, **Seconded** and unanimously **Approved**, the proposed budget changes were accepted as presented.

Increase in Membership Dues

It was announced that the amount of PTA dues that will need to be remitted back to the state and local PTAs could be as much as \$3.75 of the \$8.00 currently charged for individual membership by ICES. It was suggested that the new dues structure starting in September 2011 will be as follows:

- \$10.00 – per person
- \$15.00 – per family
- \$5.00 – for teacher and students

Following discussion, upon **Motion** duly made, **Seconded** and unanimously **Approved**, the new membership dues structure was accepted as suggested with the caveat that the bylaws will be checked to ensure that students can become members of the PTA.

June Spirit Nights

- June Spirit Nights will be as follows –
- June 7, 2011 – Fire House Subs
 - June 8, 2011 – Noodles & Company

Election of Treasurer

Upon **Motion** duly made, **Seconded** and unanimously **Approved**, Jane Kelley was elected to serve a second term as Treasurer for the coming school year.

Induction of PTA Officers

As the result of elections held in May (for President, Vice President and Secretary) and in June (for Treasurer), the following individuals were inducted into office for the coming year:

- President – Terri Maben
- Vice President – Karen Patrick
- Secretary – Stephanie Reybitz (absent)
- Treasurer – Jane Kelly

The outgoing officers were thanked for their service and leadership.

Volunteer Appreciation

Appreciation was extended to all of the volunteers who worked to make this year a success. Thanks were also extended to Dr. Owner, Mr. Macrina and Mr. Gross for their collaboration and support of the PTA.

Next PTA Meeting/Adjournment

There being no additional business, the next meeting of the PTA was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 7:00 PM.

Upon **Motion** duly made, **Seconded** and unanimously **Approved**, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. There followed a small celebration to thank outgoing PTA officers and congratulate incoming officers upon their induction.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Haberstroh, (outgoing) Secretary