



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

MEETING MINUTES – March 1, 2011

Call to Order and Welcome

In the absence of PTA President Jane Horowitz, Vice President Andrea Caulfield welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Principal's Remarks

Dr. Owner began her comments by introducing the Fourth Grade Team. She explained that fourth grade is especially challenging because of testing and the expectation of a greater level of independence on the part of the students. Dr. Owner introduced Fourth Grade Team members Ms. Connell and Ms. Berman (who were both present) and proclaimed them excellent examples of the outstanding faculty at ICES.

Dr. Owner went on to report that a meeting will soon be held to determine school staffing needs for the coming year. Projected enrollment is used to estimate the staff needed. Staffing needs are then subject to revision as the new school year approaches and actual enrollment information becomes available.

Dr. Owner closed her remarks for this portion of the meeting by announcing that Read Across America Day is approaching and that many fun activities have been planned. She also reported that every child at Island Creek is in the process of publishing a book during the school year.

Minutes

Secretary Pam Haberstroh presented the Minutes of the PTA meeting held on February 8, 2011. There being no revisions, upon a **Motion** made, **Seconded** and unanimously approved, the Minutes of this meeting were accepted as presented.

Financial Updates

Treasurer Jane Kelley announced that information is still forthcoming regarding the final revenue figure for Basket Bingo. Event chair Lorie Kappeler was congratulated for the success of this event.

Spirit Nights

The following was reported:

- The amount raised through February Spirit Nights at Delia's is not yet available.
- Silver Diner will be the site of March Spirit Nights on March 30 and 31. Dr. Owner reported that she is working to recruit staff to work in the restaurant both nights as servers/greeters. To encourage the staff to volunteer Dr. Owner has created an incentive so that each participant will get funding for a "big wish" and a "little wish" from the proceeds. A flyer will be distributed about the event that will also contain information on the "Eat Well, Do Well" program in which ICES is participating with Silver Diner. The flyer may also contain two \$10 coupons that can be used at Silver Diner.
- Lucky's will be the site of Spirit Night in April. Date(s) will be announced as soon as they become available.

Box Top Count

Toni Shipe reported that \$579 had been turned in so far this year. This is more than was raised at the same time last year. This is especially impressive because most of the box tops are being turned in by the preschool classes. Although the fall is always higher because of box tops collected over the summer, everyone is encouraged to continue collecting and submitting them to the school.

Peeps Contest

No new information was available as of this meeting.

Croc Trot

As of this meeting a response has not yet been received from VDOT to grant permission for the event. Time should be used while waiting for approval to determine sponsorship levels and likely sponsors to approach. Letters for other types of donations are ready to go. Registration will commence once approval is received.

Other

- Spring Fundraiser – Various possibilities are being explored including the sale of Krispie Kreme donuts, possibly in conjunction with Mother's Day and Father's Day.
- Candy Bars – There are still a couple hundred candy bars left to sell. They will be sold on Friday's afternoons at school.
- Giant Safeway Gift Cards – It was suggested that this also be explored as a possible fundraising opportunity.
- April PTA Meeting – It was agreed that an invitation should be extended to Brad Center, Vice Chairman of the Fairfax County School Board, to speak at the April PTA meeting. Of special interest will be the budget for the upcoming school year.
- Retirement – Dr. Owner announced that she will be retiring at the end of this school year and relocating to North Carolina. She then reviewed elements of the selection process for her replacement.

Adjournment

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00 PM.