



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

**MEETING MINUTES – MAY 3, 2011**

**Call to Order and Welcome**

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

**Principal's Remarks**

Dr. Owner began her remarks by introducing the first grade team and commenting on their special approach and outstanding work. She then went on to report:

- SOL testing will soon commence but in an attempt to mitigate stress on the part of the students, effort is being made to downplay the testing.
- As part of planning for the coming school year interviews have begun with teachers interested in transferring to Island Creek.
- The school is now considered to be at capacity. New students can be enrolled at Island Creek as long as they reside within school boundaries. Those students who live outside of the boundaries will not be able to attend ICES next year with the exception of students who are already attending the school and entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade. An appeal process is in place for all other students outside of school boundaries who seek placement at ICES.
- The selection process for hiring the new principal is in its final stages. It is anticipated that an announcement regarding the selection will be coming soon.

**Minutes**

Secretary Pam Haberstroh presented the Minutes of the meeting held on April 5, 2011. Upon **Motion** duly made, **Seconded** and unanimously **Approved**, the Minutes of this meeting were accepted as presented.

### **Financial Updates**

- Donations in the amount of \$4,529.93 were received from the Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area.
- Revenue from Box Tops was \$585.50. The preschool recently had its party for winning and there are still a few more parties to be held.
- Because expenses are still coming in from the Croc Trot a final tally is not yet available. Donations from some sponsors are still outstanding as well. Some profit from the event is anticipated.
- Requests for funds to assist with the cost of field trips are being received.

### **Teacher Appreciation Week and Administrative Professionals Week**

The PTA recently purchased lunch for the administrative staff in recognition of Administrative Professionals Week. In addition, a luncheon is being organized later in the week for ICES teachers to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week.

### **School Supply Kits**

Information on how to purchase school supply kits for the coming year will go out in the Thursday folders later in the week. Kits can be ordered electronically or through the submission of an order form. It was arranged that a 10% discount would be passed along to parents.

### **Internet Safety Presentation**

It was announced that Lori Kelly and Tara Eydelman have volunteered to lead a presentation on Internet safety on Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 PM in the Island Creek cafeteria.

### **May Spirit Night**

Plans are underway for Spirit Night(s) to be held at Firehouse Subs and Noodles & Company. At this time it appears likely that the Spirit Night(s) will take place during the third week in May.

### **Celebration for Dr. Owner**

An ice cream social will be held to honor Dr. Owner on Friday, June 3, 2011. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

### **Croc Trot**

The following was reported:

- 120 runners took part in the event and results will be posted on the PTA web site.
- Feedback on this year's event would be helpful in planning the Croc Trot for next year. Plans will include submitting the necessary application to VDOT much earlier next year.
- Appreciation was extended to everyone who assisted/participated, including local Boy and Girl Scout Troops.
- Some of the leftover food was taken to a local homeless shelter and other food was shared with the teachers the Monday following the event.

### **Peeps Contest**

There were 18 entries in the Peeps Contest. Entries were judged by the teachers and Dr. Owner announced the winners.

### **Election of PTA Officers**

It has been suggested that the responsibilities of the Treasurer position be divided between two people to lessen the workload. With that in mind, candidates are still being sought for this position and it is hoped that an election will take place for this position in June. In the meantime, the following candidates were presented and unanimously elected to serve as PTA officers for the coming year:

President – Terri Maben

Vice President – Karen Patrick

Secretary – Stephanie Reybitz

Appreciated was extended to the outgoing officers for their work during the current year.

### **Adjournment/Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the PTA will be held on June 7, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.