



Indigenous Parents Advocacy Club (IPAC)

School District 71 (Comox Valley)

December 4, 2018

Hosted at **Lake Trail Middle School** (6:00-7:30pm)

Attending tonight: 7 parents attended this evening and children (attending Family Gym Night).

Brenda Beatson, Kathleen Hawksby, Bruce Carlos, Lelaina Jules, Tara McGraw, Leah Carlos, Bruce Carlos, visit from Sheila McDonnell and Janice Caton

Meeting Chaired by: **We wrapped gifts (books from First Canada books) to give our tomorrow night at IPAC party)**

Minutes taken by: **Bruce Carlos**

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Recognition of Territory

Welcome everyone. I would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional territories of the K'ómoks First Nation. We would like to thank them for the privilege of living on the land and the gift of working with their children.

2. Introductions of any new parents or guests.

3. FNESC

- No word on special grant for 2018-19
- Last word there is NO parents conference this winter
- Permissions to share photos from meetings / activities

4. Vancouver Island Parents Conference (March 2nd in Victoria)

- Send a rep / reps from IPAC? **Parents are interested!** 😊
- Funding? Bruce will check on if we have funds available to send parents.

5. Christmas Party hosted by IPAC

- Hosted by IPAC at Aquatic Centre **See invitation at end of Agenda below**
- Use swag and books we have as give-aways for all students attending
- Food / crafts 5:30-6:30pm
- Swim 6:30-8pm
- Give out gifts / food after kids come out of pool at 8pm
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January / February

- *apply for FNHA winter wellness grant for overnight mountain trip??) Missed deadline :(*
- Pool Party idea → back up plan if Wellness Grant does not work.

** **Skating???** costly to rent skates / go skating (about \$6 per child)

** \$10 for each adult to skate

*** **Tobogganing** party somewhere....on way up to Mount Washington ?

6. Good Samaritans fund

- Work needs to be done on a GSF application process / form (online form and paper copy)
- We will need a group to approve these funds (Good Samaritans Fund Advisory - 5 members).
- Invitation for IPAC parents to be part of this advisory
 - **Chettie shared an updated draft outline for GSF and a terms of reference.**
 - **Maximum cap of \$150.00 per funding application (exceptions may be considered)**
 - **Applications processed via online application from InEd Website (& shared with SD71 staff & IPAC parents).**
 - **Accept paper copies of application (for those who do not have access to computers).**
 - **Have an example of a filled in application.**
- **Tech department to develop online application**

ACTIONS:

- Finalize application paperwork
- Digitize forms and put on line
- Bruce to invite Chettie to go over paperwork and finalize
- Goal of offering Good Samaritans Fund ???
- **IN PROCESS**

7. IPAC clothing exchange

- seasonal exchange

ACTION:

- *we will need a champion to take on clothing exchange (decide at October IPAC meeting) Tara has agreed to help set up (Thank you!!).*
- *DONATIONS and INFORMATION poster to go out*
- *Collect donations every Tuesday until next Exchange*

**** HOLD CLOTHING EXCHANGE AT EACH IPAC MEETING**

8. DPAC representative?

- any IPAC parent interested in attending DPAC to represent IPAC? (**Brenda Beaton volunteered to attend**)
- First Monday of each month (6-8:00pm in Library at Valley View Elementary)
- Bruce plans to begin attending **DPAC meetings** each month until IEC member takes over.

9. IPAC Membership Drive

- Is It time to put out another call to all Indigenous parents to join IPAC?
- Ideas on how? When?

...for a holiday celebration!

Wednesday, December 5th, 2018

5:30pm - 8:00pm

Comox Valley Aquatic Centre
1377 Lerwick Rd, Courtenay

5:30pm *Kid friendly food / drinks will be available*
Christmas crafts

6:30pm *Swimming at 'Everyone Welcome' swim*

Door prizes at 8pm

*** Transportation assistance (bus passes) available*

Questions? Phone 250-331-4040

Why is it important to join IPAC? Benefits...

- Monthly clothing exchange
- Parent engagement
- Sharing ideas
- Childcare provided
- Healthy Snacks
- Family events
- Same night as Family Gym Night
- Advocating for Indigenous students / parents
- Opportunities to attend workshops / conferences
- VI Parents Conference / FNEESC Parents Club
- Cultural nights

ACTIONS:

January – invite parents to attend IPAC Poster to all parents)

February - invite parents to attend IPAC Poster to all parents)

**March – IPAC 3rd Birthday Party (invite parents to attend) ** hot dogs, chips, juice box
SPONSORSHIP opportunity?**

**** chili for chili dogs (Lelaina)**

**** Leah offered to sponsor food from her Little Sparks Early Learning Centre**

10. Any other business

- None.

11. Standing Agenda Items

- Fundraiser for IPAC Good Samaritans Fund
- Adult activities on Tuesday evenings at Lake Trail? ** grants / donations to fund?
- Summer Day Camps 2019

**Next IPAC meeting, Tuesday January 15th at Lake Trail Middle School
(one week later)**