



Indigenous Parents Advocacy Club (IPAC)

School District 71 (Comox Valley)

February 5, 2019

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 McGaw, Leah Carlos, Josie Andrew

Meeting Chaired by: Brenda Beatson

Minutes taken by: Bruce Carlos

MINUTES

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. Review Minutes from Previous Month

- No questions

3. Introductions of any new parents or guests.

4. FNEESC Parent Club

- a. Calendars (gift from FNEESC)
- b. Permissions to share photos from meetings / activities (to share our events with FNEESC)
- c. Our grant application for \$1000 was granted! Funds need to be spent by end of June.
- d. Budget proposed...discuss timelines

Parents Club Activity	Amount
Workshop Facilitator/Speaker Fees Cultural Activities (beading / cedar weaving_ Pay presenter \$25/hour x 2 hours week x 6 weeks (total 12 hours)	\$300.00
Resources/Materials Crafts workshop materials (\$100 for above <u>6 week</u> workshops)	\$100.00
Food/Catering Gym Nights healthy snacks and drinks (\$20 / week x 10 weeks)	\$200.00
Other (list): Recreational events hosted by IPAC; Skating x 1 event (\$100) Swimming x 8 weeks at local Aquatic Centre. (\$300)	\$400.00
TOTAL: (Up to maximum grant amount of \$1,000)	\$1000.00

ACTIONS:

3 weeks beading (invite Genie Lindsay)
3 weeks cedar weaving (Toni Frank)

** offer April to end May
** Brenda to donate Cedar

Offer weekly swim nights Feb 20 onward
until funds run dry (6:30pm-8pm)

Offer family skate (1 time) → at a public
skate at Vanier Sportplex (Sunday,
March 10 → 1:15-3:15pm)

5. VIHA Winter Wellness Grant

- a. Brenda (with Bruce's input) applied for FNHA winter wellness grant for overnight mountain trip
- b. Including 2 nights at VI Mountain Centre, snowshoeing, tobogganing for 40 people
- c. Grant of \$5500.00 applied.
- d. VIHA and LUSH Valley are partners as well.
- e. Will need to look for 'in kind' donations to support retreat.
- f. Grant submitted end of January...will hear back by end of March

6. Good Samaritans fund

- a. Work needs to be done on a GSF application process / form (online form and paper copy)

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
- shall we choose dates and advertise to our schools??

ACTION:

- *we will need a champion to take on clothing exchange*
- *Tara has agreed to help set up (Thank you!!).*
- *DONATIONS and INFORMATION poster to go out → **Tuesday, April 9th and 16th***
- *Collect donations every Tuesday until next Exchange*

8. Huukum Project

- Grad dresses / suits available to borrow
- Can be used for job interviews
- Contact Josie Andrew at Highland Secondary for information (250-339-5525)
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9. DPAC (District Parent Advisory Council)

- a. *Brenda Beaton volunteered to attend DPAC to represent IPAC*
- b. First Monday of each month (6-8:00pm at announced schools)
- c. Bruce plans to begin attending **DPAC meetings** each month until IEC member takes over

10. IPAC Membership Drive

- a. See poster attached to agenda.

ACTIONS:

Put out call to ALL parents / guardian of Indigenous students to build IPAC membership
Send out to Early Years parents as well...send out via Comox Valley Early Years Collaborative,
Preschool contacts / daycares / Aboriginal Head Start, community organization

Have IPAC Bulletin Boards (8½x11) reprinted, laminated and hung up by InEd staff at schools

Mid February - invite parents to attend IPAC 3rd Birthday on March 4th (poster to all parents)

March – IPAC 3rd Birthday Party – March 4th

** hot dogs, chips, juice box, slab cake from Costco

** chili for chili dogs (Lelaina)

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

→ Plan for 100 people

■ Press release

11. Invitation to IPAC parents to Professional Development Day on Feb 15th



12. Any other business

13. 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 March 5th at Lake Trail Middle School



We need your voice!

Parents / caregivers of First Nations, Métis or Inuit students are invited to be part of a community of dedicated parents in advocating for Indigenous students in School District 71

Indigenous Parents Advocacy Club (I.P.A.C.)



The benefits of joining IPAC;

- Monthly clothing exchange
- Parent engagement with other parents
- Sharing ideas
- Childcare provided at IPAC meetings (Family Gym Night)
- ✓ Healthy Snacks
- ✓ Planning Family events
- ✓ Advocating for Indigenous students / parents in our schools

First Tuesday of Month

Hosted at Lake Trail Middle School

(805 Willemar Avenue, Courtenay)

Meetings begin at 6:00pm in the staff room

(children can join our supervised *Family Gym Night* during meeting)

For more details about IPAC, please visit our webpage at www3.sd71.bc.ca/School/abed or contact us directly by at 250-331-4040 or email indigenous.education@sd71.bc.ca

