



# Indigenous Parents Advocacy Club (IPAC)

School District 71 (Comox Valley)

**March 5, 2019**

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

**Attending tonight:** 15 parents attended this evening and many children (attending Family Gym Night).

**Meeting Chaired by:** **Brenda Beatson**

**Minutes taken by:** **Bruce Carlos**

## ***MINUTES***

### **IPAC 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Party CELEBRATION**

**\*\* we started our evening with 60 + parents, children and guests  
enjoying hot dogs, chili, snacks and cake!**

**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**

**3. Introductions** of new parents or guests.

**4. FNEESC Parent Club**

- a. Our grant application for \$1000 was granted! Funds need to be spent by end of June.
- b. Budget proposed...discuss timelines

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

**ACTIONS:**

3 weeks beading (invite Genie Lindsay)

3 weeks cedar weaving (Toni Frank)

\*\* April to end of May \*\*

\*\* Brenda to donate Cedar

Offer weekly swim nights **April 3<sup>rd</sup> onward** until funds run dry (6:30pm-8pm)

Offer family skate (1 time) -- hold

**\*\* Due to the Lake Trail Middle School Gym being closed for April due to a gymnastics set up in school gym, we will host a weekly Family Games / Crafts Night...**

**5. VIHA Winter Wellness Grant**

- Brenda (with Bruce's input) applied for FNHA winter wellness grant for overnight mountain trip
- Including 2 nights at VI Mountain Centre, snowshoeing, tobogganing for 40 people
- Grant submitted end of January...will hear back by end of March

**\*\* no word on Grant application as of today's meeting**

**6. Good Samaritans fund**

- 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 – additional person via Indigenous Education will be assigned to complete this task**

**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 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**
- Collect donations every Tuesday until next Exchange*

**\*\* POSTER and send out on Social Media**

**8. DPAC (District Parent Advisory Council)**

- Bruce reported on DPAC meeting he attended last night at Airport Elementary School.
- Bruce shared highlights from meeting – Sex Education, reporting child protection issues to MCFD, communication to parents from District

**9. IPAC Membership Drive**

- Posters shared out with all Indigenous parents and on Social Media
- We will continue to reach out into community via upcoming Indigenous Education Enhancement Agreement consultation process this spring

**10. Any other business**

- Brenda shared her experience at the VI Parents Conference

**11. Standing Agenda Items**

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

**Next IPAC meeting, Tuesday April 2, 2019 at Lake Trail Middle School**

***Family Gym Night **CANCELLED** for month of April  
due to the need for school to use space for school activities.***