



Indigenous Parents Advocacy Club (IPAC)

School District 71 (Comox Valley)

May 1, 2018

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

Attending tonight: 7 parents attended this evening.

Brenda Beatson, Kathleen Hawksby, Chettie MacDonald, Bruce Carlos, Tara McGraw, Val Hargreaves, Leah Carlos,

Meeting Chaired by: Brenda Beatson

Minutes taken by: Bruce Carlos

MINUTES

(including notes from April 10th meeting)

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

3. IPAC T-shirts

T-shirts Bobbie booking Friday with shop - in progress will email group with date shortly bags are \$5.50 each (up to \$600).

ACTIONS:

- Source out draw string back pack packs with IPAC logo on them.
Brenda – canvas bags are up to \$5.50 per bag all in....
- Source out water bottles (plain water bottles?) – Commercial order or in community?
- Source plastic super sticky stickers from SD71 print shop for water bottles

ACTION:

- ***Order 101 canvas bags (Brenda to set up with Wachiay). Use for giveaways / prizes.***
- ***Water Bottles (both AbEd and IPAC logos on water bottles). Order over 1000 bottles.***

4. FNEsc Annual Parents Club Grant. Applied for \$1000 grant to support family swims and food for Gym nights.

**** Bruce submitted report to FNEsc in late April.**

5. Plans for winter / spring activities hosted by IPAC

Family Swims @ Wave Pool

ACTIONS:

IPAC will utilize FNEESC grant funding to provide 'free swims' for IPAC families every Wednesday night until funds run out (will update IPAC on cost each month this spring).

UPDATE:

- *Funding will sustain weekly swim nights until end of June.*
- *Bus passes available for families upon request.*
- *No requests for car pooling support*

Indigenous Parents Advocacy Club (IPAC) Family Swim Night

Hosted at:

Comox Valley Aquatic Centre (wave pool)

During Everyone Welcome swim, 6:00-7:30 PM (Waves & Slides Open)

Parents who are not swimming can enjoy visiting in the main pool lobby.

Snacks / drinks provided at end of swim

*****Carpooling available** for families looking for a ride (coordinate through Aboriginal Education)

*****Family Public Transit Bus passes** available (limited passes available through Aboriginal Education)

OTHER IDEAS for gatherings / give-aways;

- ** book LINC centre for a family gathering (next fall)
- ** purchase summer outdoor pool swim pass (10 punch pass)
- ** Invite families to community events and host IPAC parents at the event – rock climbing, bowling
- ** fundraise to charter a bus for a winter family experience for IPAC families

*** **NEW from April meeting: We love the other ideas listed! Possibly apply for FNHA winter wellness grant for overnight mountain trip.**

YEAR END event bowling evening

SUMMER event picnic / BBQ at Air Force Beach, or Lewis Park, Simms Park ???

ACTION:

- *Bruce to purchase outdoor swim punch passes with any remaining IPAC funding (\$18/10 pass for children and \$35/10 pass for adults).*
- *Purchase single use passes for children and adults.*
- *Picnic / BBQ at Air Force Beach (Tee Pee Park) in June 23rd / 24th (need to book spot)...Chettie to look into and confirm.*

6. Fundraiser for IPAC Good Samaritans Fund

** discussion about hosting a fundraiser at Komoks First National Aboriginal Day (baked salmon)

Josie to check on this possibility

- Information tabled until April meeting
- In progress, checking with planning committee

7. 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

ACTIONS:

- Volunteers → Bruce to email out for volunteers to join GSF advisory (Brenda for sure)
- **UPDATE → Chettie MacDonald assisting as part of her Social Worker practicum)**
Chettie shared her draft outline and terms of reference (thank you Chettie!)
- Review at next IPAC meeting.

8. IPAC clothing exchange

- seasonal exchange

May 8th @ Lake Trail Middle School

poster now done and on Facebook page

9. Summer Family Camps and Culture Day Camps (April meeting)

- Dianne McLean (through a grant) sponsoring food and cultural activities
- August for two nights, 3 days (during early August)
- 10 families who are camping
- More families if not staying overnight

10. Standing Agenda Items

- Welcome Back BBQ
- Summer Family Camps and Culture Day Camps (April meeting)
- Parent Back to School Fundraiser

11. Any other business???

**** We talked about rotating gym nights to spread them around the valley... 6-8 weeks or seasonally next year.**

While a great idea, not feasible due to access to schools.

**** Next IPAC meeting Tuesday, June 5, 2018**

CLOTHING SWAP



TUESDAY MAY 8TH
6-7:30 PM
IPAC OPEN GYM
NIGHT

BRING CLOTHES TO TRADE! KIDS
MEN'S, LADIES, SHOES,
OUTERWEAR, ACCESSORIES....

GREAT FOR THE
ENVIRONMENT AND
YOUR WALLET.
WHATEVER ISN'T
CLAIMED AT THE END
OF THE NIGHT WILL BE
DONATED TO THE FREE
STORE.