

Island Park Elementary School

# Parent Advisory Council

November 14, 2017

Welcome, and  
thank you for your  
time and support.



## Agenda/Notes

**Attendees:** Kelly Rorem (staff), Kerida Millison (staff), Amy Tubach (4<sup>th</sup>) Ralph Jorgensen (school board), Leslie Poole (3<sup>rd</sup>/ PTA), Ingrid Killian (5<sup>th</sup>), David Hoffman (Principal), Guillaume Wiatr (1<sup>st</sup>)

- Welcome / Introductions
  
- SIP (School Improvement Plan): David explained the school improvement process including goal setting and data collection. He reviewed the goals in the areas of reading, math and social/emotional. He shared the finalized SIP plan that was approved by the school board. It will be posted on the school's website.
  
- Board Update: Approved the February 13 levy ballot. The board listened to elementary school improvement plans.
  
- Grade Level Sharing (K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, ELL, PTA, Staff)
  
- "Parking Lot Issues" - Issues to return to at a subsequent mtg.  
None

**Rep. Grade Level Sharing:**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Homework. Is there too much? We discussed how, on an average, there should be about 10 minutes per grade level beginning in first grade (1<sup>st</sup>-10 mins. 2<sup>nd</sup>- 20 mins. 3<sup>rd</sup>-30 mins, etc.). We don't grade homework. We don't spend a lot of time correcting homework. Homework teaches students to be responsible and provides an opportunity to practice skills learned during the day. We respect families' schedules. We understand that students cannot always complete homework. We encourage students and families to communicate with classroom teachers about homework issues.

Shared concern about whether students have enough time to eat. Students are always permitted to stay in the cafeteria and finish their lunches.

Third Grade: Offered support for students having homework---helps teach responsibility.

Fourth Grade: All is well. Shared supportive feelings about homework Kudos regarding Veteran's Day assembly.

Fifth Grade: Learning states and capitals.

Kerida: We're busy enjoying school. Suggested we might want to teach a "Game of the Month" to students to play at recess.

Kelly: Interested in parents feelings regarding conferences (three days off). Calendars are set three years in advance. Numerous views regarding when to have conferences. Families and staff vote on the district calendar.

PTA: Grants have been approved. About \$23,000.00 has been granted. Grants went mostly to support literacy and diversity initiatives. International night was great. Brunch and Browse raised \$1,100.00. Movie night is postponed until February. Talent show is coming up December 7.