Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
Minutes from 10-27-2015 Meeting

Present: Amy Kerby (Kindergarten Rep.), Abigail Little (PTA co-president and 1st Grade Rep.), Erika Brown (2nd Grade Rep.), Heather Fowler (4th Grade Rep.), Mindy Smith (5th Grade Rep.), Adair Dingle (School Board Rep.), Ching-Mang Chang (ELL Rep.) Jen Sadlier (PTA co-president) and David Hoffman (Principal)

• Introductions were made.

• Mindy Smith (representing CMIPS) shared information about the February 9, 2016 Capital Projects and Transportation Levies.
  o The Capital Projects levy includes a tech levy
  o The levies are part of a six year cycle
  o The Capital Projects levy examples include roof maintenance for the elementary schools, carpets, lights, paving and other building features. It also intends to repair and renovate the Mary Wayte pool.
  o The technology portion of the levy pays for digital curriculum, the ipads program and other classroom/curriculum-based technology.
  o The transportation levy maintains and replaces buses
  o Levy cost is the same as current level.
  o Ching-Mang suggested that a meeting be held to help the local Chinese community understand the levy issues/process.

• Principal Report—David reported the following:
  o Substitute teachers have shared that they really enjoying working at Island Park. Our students are well behaved and the teachers are supportive.
  o Parents will be receiving a survey shortly asking for input regarding future school year calendars. The calendar will then be negotiated between the district and MIEA (union).
  o A new report card is being developed that will better reflect current curriculum and common core standards.
  o The Bookshop reading curriculum is now being taught in all grade levels. It is a comprehensive program that includes: read alouds, shared reading, guided reading, oral language, word study, partner reading and independent reading. Plans are underway to offer parents a chance to learn more about the literacy curriculum at district-wide forums like was done last year.

• School Board Updates--Board Member Dingle shared the following:
o CMIPS has been a vital organization in getting the word out regarding levies, as school boards are not allowed to campaign.
o Our last bond was for new construction; the February levies are for maintenance.
o Swimming pools are in a shortage in King County. It’s nice to have a local swimming pool site especially for late night practices or swim meets.

• PAC Representative Reports

  o Fifth Grade: Nothing to report out at this time
  o Fourth Grade: Asked that David let each grade know who their PAC member is
  o Third Grade: Nothing to report out at this time
  o Second Grade: Nothing to report out at this time
  o First Grade: Nothing to report out at this time
  o Kindergarten: Asked if notices could be sent to kindergarten families promoting and describing school events as everything is new to them if they do not have older siblings at Island Park.
  o ELL: There is community interest in understanding the election process, school funding, and volunteering opportunities.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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Principal