

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.
 - The Capital Projects levy includes a tech levy
 - The levies are part of a six year cycle
 - 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.
 - The technology portion of the levy pays for digital curriculum, the ipads program and other classroom/curriculum-based technology.
 - The transportation levy maintains and replaces buses
 - Levy cost is the same as current level.
 - 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:
 - Substitute teachers have shared that they really enjoying working at Island Park. Our students are well behaved and the teachers are supportive.
 - 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).
 - A new report card is being developed that will better reflect current curriculum and common core standards.
 - 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:

- CMIPS has been a vital organization in getting the word out regarding levies, as school boards are not allowed to campaign.
 - Our last bond was for *new* construction; the February levies are for maintenance.
 - 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
 - Fifth Grade: Nothing to report out at this time
 - Fourth Grade: Asked that David let each grade know who their PAC member is
 - Third Grade: Nothing to report out at this time
 - Second Grade: Nothing to report out at this time
 - First Grade: Nothing to report out at this time
 - 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.
 - ELL: There is community interest in understanding the election process, school funding, and volunteering opportunities.

Respectfully Submitted by,

David Hoffman
Principal