

Island Park Elementary  
Parent Advisory Council Meeting  
September 30, 2014  
4:00 P.M. Principal's Office, Island Park

Attendees: Abigail Little (Kindergarten), Jen Sadlier (5<sup>th</sup> grade rep), Melissa Prock (1<sup>st</sup> grade rep), Ashleigh Dickinson (PTA President), Mindy Smith (4<sup>th</sup> grade), Heather Fowler (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), Allison Janshen (teacher rep), Amy Kerby (1<sup>st</sup> grade rep), Pat Braman (School Board), David Hoffman (Principal)

### **New Business**

- Cindy Goodwin (Director, MIYFS) would like to come speak with this group about MIYFS services. David will extend an invitation.
- School Board meeting on October 2nd - Mr. Hoffman will be presenting I.P.'s School Improvement Plan (SIP) to the board. Mr. Hoffman reviewed MISD Draft School Improvement Plan 2014-2015. Once it has been approved by the board, it will be posted on the school's website. All the schools have a commitment to working together and sharing resources to support SIP goals. All elementary schools share literacy and math goals. Each individual school has chosen a third goal (Mindfulness training for Island Park).
- Board Member Pat Braman noted that there used to be a lot of competition between schools. There has been a shift. The schools are now working together. Very excited to see development over the last five years.
- State SBAC –grades 3 -5—test will be in the spring and is on computers. Mr. Hoffman added that students who piloted the state exam last spring liked the new format (computer) of the test. This is going to be a learning year for every school in the state.
- Board member Pat Braman shared that she was excited about the boundary committee. Mr. Hoffman is a member of that committee along with parents from all three schools and community members at large. The first meeting is tomorrow, October 1.
- Board member Pat Braman shared that three positions on the school board will be open a year from now. Positions are four-year terms. She believes that we live in a community with wonderful people, and if they have the time, they can make a meaningful contribution.
- Mr. Hoffman shared that Representatives/trainers from the publisher of the new K-2 literacy curriculum are coming to Island Park on October 7 to demonstrate lessons.

The reps are classroom teachers from Texas and Australia. There will be integration of the new curriculum with LAP, learning support, ELL, etc.

- There was a discussion about eating snacks outside. There are challenges regarding monitoring food allergies and litter when kids eat outside. Teachers appreciate instructional time and not having to spend time monitoring snacks in the classroom. It was agreed that students would continue to be allowed to have snacks outside. Mr. Hoffman will continue to monitor outside snacks. Student council will address the litter situation.

#### Grade Reports:

Kindergarten / Abigail Little: People are just getting in the groove of elementary school. Asked to explain the substitute teacher process.

First grade: No report.

Second grade: No report.

Third grade: How will the E. Coli day be made up? Make-up day will be March 16.

Fourth grade: No report.

Fifth grade: Some 5th grade parents are concerned with date of Islandwood overnight experience. It is immediately after spring break. Mr. Hoffman said they don't have choice over the timing, but he said that parents are welcome to drive up students if they miss camp days due to extended vacations.

PTA: Steps for School went well. Wondering about feedback from parents about parent pack.

Mindy Smith: Some parents wondering about 4<sup>th</sup> grade Oregon Trail field trip. As in previous years, it will be submitted as a grant request to the PTA and MISF (Mercer Island Schools Foundation).

Staff (Amy Kerby): Thank you to everyone for being here.