

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC): October 28, 2014

Minutes

**Attendees: Kathy Morrison (Interim Associate Principal), Erin Sirianni (2<sup>nd</sup> grade rep.), Cindy Goodwin (Guest from MIYFS), Pat Braman (School Board Director), Allison Janshen (Resource Room), Jen Sadlier (5<sup>th</sup> grade rep.), Abigail Little (Kindergarten rep.), Mindy Smith (4<sup>th</sup> grade rep.), Asheigh Dickinson (PTA President) and David Hoffman (Principal)**

A. Introductions

B. Cindy Goodwin from Mercer Island Youth and Family Services (MIYFS) was guest speaker.

- MIYF is funded by the City and by a foundation; it is a private/public venture.
- Each school has a counselor. The high school has a drug and alcohol counselor too.
- Cindy shared some of the middle school and high school programs and community services: Diversion program, counseling services—kids, families, parents, couples— food pantry, rental assistance, seniors services, and referrals.
- Cindy provided an overview of MIYFS's healthy youth initiative.
- A youth advisory board meets to provide feedback for MIYFS.
- About 2 million dollar budget for MIYFS.
- MIFYS has a local thrift shop.
- Agency wants to hear from the parents about what is working and what is needed.
- There is fundraising breakfast every February.
- [www.mercergov.org/yfs](http://www.mercergov.org/yfs)

C. New News

- Schools Foundation phone-a-thon begins next week.
- IP has a food drive with donations going to MIYFS' food pantry.
- District staff worked hard with PSE to get power back on after the windstorm.

D. Grade Levels

Only 4<sup>th</sup> grade reported out; very positive feedback regarding the 20 Acre Farms Field trip.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Hoffman  
Principal