

Ocean Cliff Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting Friday April 6th, 2018 @ 9am

CALL TO ORDER: Nealy C, President @ 8:59am

Attending: PAC Executive: Nealy C, Matt S, Rebecca K
Principal: Mr. Bobby Samra, 12 parents

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: 1st Suzanne, 2nd Lisa

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: from March 2nd, 2018 – 1st Christine, 2nd Kirk

REPORTS

4.1 Principal's Report - Mr. Bobby Samra

- Mme Mclean – SOGI Introduction: SOGI is not a curriculum, it is a mindset adopted by the District for the inclusion and acceptance of everyone regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity. More information can be found at www.SOGI123.com. The Surrey School District is committed first and foremost to its students, promoting inclusion and to providing a safe place for students to be themselves. Although we live in an inclusive society it is important to expand our understanding of inclusion. The term SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) is fully inclusive as everyone has a sexual orientation and gender identity. It will replace LGBTQ terminology which by definition divides people into categories of either LGBTQ or straight.
Mr. Samra: The School Board is fully committed to inclusion regardless of any personal or cultural beliefs that administrators may hold. Their focus is to accept, support, and take care of all students.

Video Shown: "Love has no Labels – Diversity and Inclusion"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnDgZuGlhHs>

Parent Discussion: When do we start teaching our children? The earlier the better, parents actions are the strongest teaching tool. It is important to choose our words carefully to not unintentionally create a 'divide'. Mr. Samra: Inclusion and acceptance is an ongoing conversation, we need to look at the bigger picture, people are people. The understanding of inclusion is organic and constantly growing.

- R.E.C. For Kids: Presented by Herjit Driver. R.E.C. for Kids is a non-profit organization that collects used sports and recreational equipment including bikes. Volunteers repair and refurbish donated items and distribute them to youth in need. ***Ocean Cliff will be hosting a sports and recreation equipment drive from now until the end of April. Please drop off of sporting goods and bikes at the office.***

- Destination Imagination: three teams from Ocean Cliff have moved on to the provincial tournament at Johnston Heights on Saturday April 7th. The top three teams from each division will move on the World DI tournament.
- Staffing: Recess Supervisor Jim Nichol has retired. Aki Hayes has joined the Ocean Cliff as his replacement. Ms. Notay was selected to travel to China to represent Surrey educators and will be presenting to Staff about her experience. Mr. Samra will be participating in a principal's exchange in July with a school in Australia. The Australian principal will be at Ocean Cliff for two weeks in October.
- Enrollment Projections 2018/19: 349 students are currently projected for Ocean Cliff in 16 divisions. This may require the multi-purpose room to be converted to a classroom, however, every attempt will be made to maintain a 15 division school so that the multi-purpose room can continue for its current uses.

Parents are welcome to contact Mr. Samra regarding class placements based on social/emotional/academic needs. Please avoid specific teacher names when requesting a placement. Staff at Ocean Cliff work very hard to address the individual needs of students when determining class placements. Although, all requests will be considered, it is not always possible to fulfill each one.

4.2 Treasure's Report – Nealy for John M

- ACCOUNT BALANCES:

General:	\$12,787.50
Playground:	\$ 4,790.00
Gaming:	\$12,279.89

4.3 President's Report – Nealy C

- No new business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Secret Garden Clean Up – April 18th 9am - Noon

- Andrea Sekhon is leading a school wide clean up of the Secret Garden and front garden areas of the school. **Parent volunteers and tools are needed.**

5.2 School Wide Play

- Sara has been attempting to contact Al Pritchler. Mr. Samra will assist to see if the School District has additional contact information.

5.3 PAC Executive Call for Nominations

- **PAC Elections are May 11th!**
- All positions are open for nominations, email rebeccakiesewetter@gmail.com to learn more, or, to nominate yourself for a position on PAC.

OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Fundraising Event – Spring Fling Casino Night May 12th

- Volunteers Needed!! Lots of opportunities available. Sign up to volunteer your time before or during the event, or, to donate a baked item.
- Donations are being collected for the Raffle. If you know of a small business who would like to donate an item, or, to sponsor the event, please contact Rebecca (rebeccakieswetter@gmail.com)
- www.volunteersignup.org/MFM99

6.2 Fundraising Event Mathnasium – April 12th 6-8PM

- Family Game Night this Thursday! **RSVP – FREE PIZZA AND PRIZES FOR ALL WHO ATTEND!**
- RSVP link www.volunteersignup.org/YM8YC

6.3 Family Event - Completed: Family Dance

- Lots of positive feed back from parents and kids. The older kids really enjoyed the games (limbo) and requested more for the next Family Dance.

6.4 Parent Event: Yoga with Line – April 16th & April 30th

- 60 minute flow yoga class suitable for all levels with a small donation to PAC
- **RSVP now – spaces limited!!**
- https://signup.com/mobileweb/2.0/vspot.html?activitykey=467030089401630086#choose_event_page

6.5 Parent Event: Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators Parent Info Night – May 1st

OPEN FORUM

- Upcoming school events:
 - May 2 Staff Appreciation Lunch
 - May 26 Parent Appreciation Lunch
 - June 8 Sports Day
 - June 11 & 12 Bookswap: Parent volunteers needed June 8 to move boxes of books to the gym after Sports Day for Book Swap set up.

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:55am

NEXT GENERAL MEETING MAY 11th

Respectfully – Rebecca Kiesewetter, PAC Secretary