

**Island Park Parent Advisory Council**  
**March 15, 2011**  
**3:45 – 5:15**  
**Dr. Loorem's Office**

**Members:** Nancy Loorem Principal, Emily Wion (Kindergarten), Kathy Gersch (1<sup>st</sup> Grade), Catheryne Nguyen (2<sup>nd</sup> grade), Miriam Finch (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), Katheryn Gile (4<sup>th</sup> Grade), Lori Coe (5<sup>th</sup> Grade), Debbie Hanson (PTA Rep), Teacher Representatives: Susan Hamp and Tiffany Nelson; Janet Frohnmeyer (School Board Rep), Mana Chun (ELL)

**Guests:**

**Members Not Present:** Katheryn Gile, Lori Coe

**Agenda**

**Welcome, Review Agenda**

**Nancy**

**1. Parent Topic – Classroom Party Celebration Foods**

**Emily**

How do we balance treats at parties? We will take a look at room parent guidelines; wellness health plan ideas suggest parents to bring bite-sized snacks, more healthy snacks. Parties are exceptions in which some treats are more allowed but still in moderation. Teachers do their best to remind parents but do not want to turn away a treat that a parent may bring in.

**2. Current Topics:**

**Representatives**

▪ **Grade Level Reports**

- **Kindergarten** – the issue about classroom parties, but otherwise all is quiet
- **1<sup>st</sup> Grade** – all is quiet
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** – all is quiet
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** – all is quiet
- **4<sup>th</sup> Grade** – seems to be fewer parent volunteers this year, a young group of students overall
- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade** – no report
- **PTA – Bridge the Gap:** are you getting the news about Bridge the Gap? Discussion about ways to get the word out. MIHS has sent out an email, IMS has a youtube video. Comment is it may not be as clear what the loss will be if we do not get the 1.2 million. We still do not know what the state budget will be and thus do not have a clear picture of what the impact will be. The feedback is the more local the impact, the stronger the response will be. The message should be what would happen if we get no funds, instead of if we only get the funds that we received last year. **Pancake and Pajamas Breakfast** is May 6<sup>th</sup> (7:30-9:00am) and Bridge the Gap fundraising will continue into June. There is still some room at the IP Breakfast of Champions table; if any want to join Debbie, let her know.
- **Staff** – Sock-Hop; Track Meet

**3. Island Park Mission Statement**

**Nancy**

- Important to have a clear mission statement that is aligned w/ the district 2020 vision
- From our EEP, having a well-known mission statement and focused staff development are two areas to look at
- Each of the parents were given an opportunity to look at the mission draft and then feedback was given to Nancy. That feedback will be joined with staff feedback for the next step. Nancy asked if we want to get more input from parents.

**Future Agenda Items:**

- Educate the broader community on what PAC is, it's role in the school, and how to best communicate with the parents in a regular manner
- 2011-2012 members of PAC selection process started- need to fill K, 2, 5, ELL, and one staff member