

# St. Patrick's Parents' Committee St. Patrick's Parents' Committee



## St. Pat's PAC Mtg Oct. 4 7:30 pm

### **1. IT Presentation – Mr. McKenzie**

- IT Steering Committee's work is to look at IT needs of all schools in CISDV
- New IT manager will be in place by November
- Our computer lab will need to be upgraded soon
- Smartboards – confirmed 2 boards have been supported for this school. Teacher champions are important to be successful.
- Will come back in the Spring with a roadmap for our school

### **2. Principal's Report**

- 42 new families – down 5 students right now but have 4 registered for January
- New this year – full day kindergarten, lunch switch – play then eat
- New IT course has started with grades 6 and 7's
- Big conference at the end of October – schools and churches working together
- Online selection of parent teacher interviews
- By end of 2011 each teacher will have a website linked to school site
- 26 students going to WE day
- Out of school care program – increased numbers 40 to 60 but brings issue of space

### **3. Council Report**

- First meeting at the end of September – portfolios were assigned
- Board of Directors – looking at more transparency

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

- More money than projected

### **5. President's Report**

- Fall fair – Oct. 14 – fair and dance – 10 more volunteers needed
- Innisbrook/Magazine – Oct. 12 deadline, so far \$650 through online orders
- Parent Education program – Safe kids for Parents – level 1 – approved, cyber bullying – check with Saanich Police to see if they offer a course, Meg Hickling – coming to Victoria
- Casino night – Nov. 26 – might have a sit down dinner pre-casino, silent auction, band – idea: perhaps offer babysitting
- Purdy's fundraiser – proceed? Yes.
- Surplus – approximately \$40,000 – think of ideas for next meeting – bus, computer?

### **6. Teacher Requests – Angela McLeish**

- Explorations – digital media – 46 photo albums requests, 2 tripods, digital cameras/batteries - \$2080 – decision: ask parents for gently used cameras
- Art workshop - \$180

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- Grade 4 – magazine request – check and see if it is in the fundraiser
- Kindergarten mats - \$1500 both classes
- First two come out of exploratory budget
- Cathy makes a motion to spend up to \$1500 on k-mats – second by Julie – vote passed