

James Douglas Parent Advisory Meeting
March 22, 2004

Parents and Staff Who Came

Alison Muth, Raymond Wong, Sue Watkins, Carolyn Morgan-Chan, Astrid Visscher, Isabel Somerville, Harbhajan Saggu, Joyce Spencer, Candace Lau, Mary Yuen, Lauren Carter, Marie-Helene Humphries, Nalini Radhakrishnan, Barbara Claridge, Pam Biela, Ruth Martens

There was no business meeting this time because of the special presentation on Internet Safety.

A reminder that on **Monday, March 29** there will be a **discussion and vote on the proposed early Friday dismissal**. There will be further opportunities to vote throughout the month of April. There will be childcare provided for this meeting.

If this proposal does not pass, the schedule will remain what it is now, with a 2:10 dismissal on Wednesdays. This information is different from the previous minutes since the policy was just very recently changed.

Presentation - Internet Safety facilitated by Jan Sippel, Abuse Prevention Coordinator, and Drew Ann Wake, developer of internet safety programs

- A Canadian survey of over 5000 children showed that over 30% of 9-12 year olds, 60% of 13-14 year olds and 70-72% of 14-18 year olds go into adult chat rooms. This is very dangerous and not recommended.
- We discussed 2 case studies of a 12 year old girl and a 12 year old boy who started up conversations with a person they thought was their age through instant messaging. We learned how they were lured and manipulated and seriously harmed.
- We saw another video about cyberbullying where some children use the internet to hurt others.
- Drew Ann has produced a game called "Mirror Image". The grade 7's will have an opportunity to play this interactive game this week and discuss how to be safe on the internet.

Here are some things to think about when you initiate a discussion with your child.

1. When using a chat room or instant messaging (ICQ/MSN/AIM), I hope my child will:
2. When using e-mail, I hope my child will:
3. If my child encounters a website with sexual images, I hope my child will:
4. If a person my child meets on-line asks for their photograph or personal information, I hope my child will:

Next PAC Meeting April 19

7:00 at the Main School

childcare will be provided