

**Island Lake Public School Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2017**

IN ATTENDANCE: Kim Soper (CHAIR), Brenda Kinsella (CO-CHAIR), Ashley Hopkins (SECRETARY), Felicite Morgan (TREASURER), Jessica Cordier, Kim Shaska, Cherie McLeod, Rob Brown, Monika Maj, Tanya White (TEACHER ADVOCATE), Karen Cestra, Natasha Reiche, Dayna Osborne, Lisa Sandford, Anna-Michelle Smith, Erin Kipps, Janice Dampier (VICE PRINCIPAL), Sean Singh (PRINCIPAL)

START TIME: 7:05 p.m.

WELCOME: Kim – Introductions of Everyone

APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES: Erin, second by Natasha

APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT: June Financial report look at it, however was not a print off from the end of the school year and some items are missing so an updated report will be provided and reviewed at the next meeting

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW COUNCIL:

CHAIR: Kim Soper was nominated by Brenda Kinsella

VICE CHAIR: Brenda Kinsella was nominated by Kim Soper

TREASURER: Felicite Morgan nominated by Kim Soper

SECRETARY: Ashley Hopkins nominated by Kim Soper

ADMINISTRATORS SUPPORT:

1) Welcome and Appreciations to.....

- new students and their families
- thank you to council for all the ways they support the school
- office staff: Kathy Dickson and Tina Lindsay (who has increased from 2 days to 3 days a week this year)
- custodial team: Candace and Wendy

2) Start to the Year

- Excellent start up – very smooth transition to classes on the first day of school
- Enrolment – 520 students
- Welcome back Assembly – Sept 8

3) Reorganization and Staffing Update

- We have to reorganize some classes in the Primary Division. Notices have gone out to the community. Letters to students who are changing classes will be sent out tomorrow (Wed., Sept. 12)
- New staff list posted on the website – school is fully staffed

4) Upcoming Events: Look out for the Oct newsletter and calendar

- Sept 13 – School Council Free Family BBQ and Ribbon Cutting of Outdoor Learning Classroom

- Sept. 29 Ministry PD Day – AM: Numeracy; PM: Health and Safety Training
- Sept. 25 & 26 Intermediate and Junior Soccer Tournaments
- Oct 3 Picture Day

5) Parents are requested to sign up to receive emails – CASL requirements in effect

- Go to school website: <http://www.ugdsb.ca/islandlake/>
- Scroll to the bottom of the page
- Click on the button “Subscribe to email notifications”
- Need to try to encourage parents to sign up to ensure they are receiving these emails – perhaps post these instructions on the Facebook page?
- Upper Grand SB has an app that can be downloaded – will connect with the Island Lake Calendar

6) International Visitors

- We will have 22 Chinese students and 2 teachers visiting Island Lake P.S. to check out what school is like in Canada
- There will be an assembly to welcome them
- Will be here the week of Oct. 1 – Oct. 6th
- Grade 4 – 6 age
- Seeking families that would be interested in providing a HomeStay for the students

NEW BUSINESS:

BBQ FINAL PLANNING:

- 160 families registered (approximately 600 people attending)
- free event done yearly usually in June but was delayed because of the outdoor classroom construction
- the BBQ is done as a thank you from council to community and to continue to increase parent engagement
- Sobeys is booked
- Eco pack will be open for families
- Bubble station, hula hoops, balls, etc.
- Ribbon Cutting @ 6pm

BUDDY BENCH UPDATE:

- approval from board has been given
- Kathy will place the order
- Two benches will be installed: one in the JK/SK yard and the other in the Primary Yard
- Promotes inclusion and anti-bullying
- One bench will be red and one will be blue

MEAL DAYS

- meal days will be on Monday
- they will start on Monday, October 2nd

- two sets of forms will be sent out: 1st half of the year and then for the 2nd half of the year
- Cherie will organize meal days
- Natasha has said she can volunteer on all pizza day Mondays
- Still need more volunteers to assist with this

OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE:

- Planning started in 2014 and the outdoor space was built June 2017
- Three phases are left: 1) educational/curriculum totes for teachers to take materials out to the classroom need to be purchased; put the gardens in – hoping for this to be done at the end of September/early October. 2) JK/SK's and Primary Grades will plant bulbs, Junior students will plant the grasses and Intermediates will plant the trees so all students are involved in the building of the outdoor classroom; 3) sound wall to be built and installed
- Would like to put the equivalent of a whiteboard in the outdoor space as well

STUDENT ADVOCATES

- a letter was sent out to Intermediate students at the end of last year asking for a student advocate to sit on council
- another letter will be sent out to students seeking out this advocate

TEACHER ADVOCATES

- there are three teachers will be acting as teacher advocates this year: Tanya White, Sue Fraser and Lisa Gillis

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Question was asked about whether or not the school has a 3-D Printer: We do, it is in the tech room for the Intermediate students to use

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2017