

**Island Lake Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 10, 2017 @ 7 PM**

In Attendance:

Kim Soper (CHAIR), Brenda Kinsella (CO-CHAIR), Ashley Hopkins (SECRETARY), Sean Singh (PRINCIPAL), Janice Dampier (VICE PRINCIPAL), Tanya White (TEACHER ADVOCATE), Lisa Gillis (TEACHER ADVOCATE), Charmaine Spiteri, Kim Shaska, Silvia Giust, Dayna Osborne, Natasha Reiche, Cherie McLeod, Tammy Woods, Janice Quirt, Alaina Godfrey, Anna-Michelle Smith

Babysitters: Nayla Mirza, Zaryna Leo, Josh Soper

Start Time: 7:05 p.m.

Welcome – Kim Soper – Introductions of Everyone

Approval of September Minutes – Cherie approved, Dayna second

**Approval of Treasurer's Report – 2 to approve
June's Treasurer Report**

- 7 accounts discussed
- \$500 came out of School Council General for Grade 8 graduation
- \$1029.00 given to the Library (as these funds were raised during fundraisers for the library)
- Dance-a-thon debits – Scientists in the School paid for and prizes
- Deposits and debits for meal days
- \$503 debit for the staff appreciation lunch
- Approval of June Report - Brenda, Everyone in favour

September Treasurer Report

- SC Classroom: Payment to maintain the playground outside
- Outdoor classroom was paid for \$32,793.36
- Online meal day orders so far have brought in \$5,749.00
- BBQ cost us \$1159.15 for all the food, supplies and gift cards for volunteers
- Kathy took out \$2025.00 for milk tokens
- Amount of revenue thus far on meal days is low, many factors could be responsible for that – orders were collected until October 1st so some may fall on the October Report, we are doing three installments vs. 2 this year. If funds do not increase, will need to look at if Monday meal days are effecting participation
- Roll over report to next meeting as there is a \$500 error (double payment of Graduation funds indicated in June and September – shouldn't be on September's report and will be corrected)

Principal's Report

- thank you to council for the Buddy Benches and for handling parent concerns over the change in meal days.
- Sean spoke about the International Students visiting from China. The Grade 4-6 students attended classes at Island Lake from October 2 – 6th. International students were welcomed by the ILPS students, staff and Superintendent at an assembly. These students were buddied up with ILPS students in their host classrooms and got to see what school was like at ILPS. Mr. Broderick and Ms. Laughton hosted after school activities in the gym. At the end of the week they celebrated with an afternoon of culture. All of the host classes and visitors shared a pizza lunch, a talent show put on by the international students and gifts were exchanged
- Character Education – will have assemblies around this throughout the year. The focus will be on equity and inclusiveness. There will be on in October, December, February, April and June. Older classes tend to buddy up with younger classes to run the assemblies. Parents are always welcome to attend
- Intramurals and Special Events – Dufferin Phys. Ed dates are posted on the school website. The Cross Country event is on October 11th.
- District Support Visit – the board comes in and checks in on the school. They will tour the school, look at teaching methods, see what the students are learning, etc. Visit is on November 20th. This visit will generate ideas for the School Improvement Plan. Board will be giving the school Capacity Days to bring in Supply teachers who can release the teachers to help them work on, and towards, the School Improvement Plan
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Grade 3 CCAT testing – Oct. 10 – 13
 - Intermediate MADD Presentation – October 11
 - Grade 8 Trip Parents Info Night – October 16th
 - Special Olympics – Oct. 18
 - Dress Purple Day – Child Abuse Prevention – October 24th
 - School Improvement Plan/Report Card Writing PD Day – Oct. 27th

- Sean spoke about the Land Acknowledgement as a piece towards equity. Schools have been provided with plaques that talk about honouring the land and territory. All school events will have an introduction that honours the land and territory.

New Business:

- Tammy Woods is responsible for Pita's; Cherie is responsible for Booster Juice and Pizza Day
- First meal day was a success

A) Buddy Bench

- last year we were quoted just over \$3000 for 2 steel buddy benches
- now getting wooden benches
- they will say Island Lake P.S. Buddy Bench – one will go in the Kindergarten yard and one in the Primary Yard

- they were ordered on October 10th
- the board will install them once they arrive

B) Outdoor Learning Space – Phase II

- waiting on a quote from the contractor who built the learning space for a sound wall
- looking for ideas around Teacher Totes
- council wants to fund Totes that classroom Teachers can use to take out to the outdoor classroom and use for learning opportunities
- Copernicus is a company in Arthur that supplies Teacher Totes that has contacted Sean and is interested in helping us to put Teacher Totes together – one of their ideas was to put a whiteboard in the outdoor classroom. This has also been supported by teachers
- Tanya and Lisa (Teacher Advocates) will go back to the School’s Direction Team and get recommendations and suggestions
- another recommendations is a storage space out near the outdoor classroom to store all of the materials for the Outdoor Classroom
- idea of a “Giving Tree” with leaves on it each indicating things we would like for the Outdoor Classroom and the price of them and then parents could donate money for a specific item. This Giving Tree could potentially be out and available during Parent-Teacher Interviews. There could also be a donation outlet available on School Cash Online. – Concerns were brought up about this as we don’t want the community to feel as though they are having to supply the Outdoor Classroom and we don’t want to tax our community financially
- Sean indicated that the school has money in the school budget that they will be putting towards supplies for the Outdoor Classroom
- we are still needing: plants, the wall, a whiteboard and a shed – Council is being asked to focus on helping to build the Infrastructure for the Outdoor Classroom
- bulbs were provided and our Kindergarten classes will plant them in the Outdoor Classroom

C) The Arts at ILPS

- request for teacher opinion on how to bring the A into “STEAM” so that students are embedded in the Arts
- Sean spoke to Allison (a Grade 7 Arts Teacher) who is interested in doing an Arts Day at the school – would need to connect with the Dufferin Arts Council
- asked Teacher Representatives to speak to the staff and get a sense of what direction they would like to take with regards to an arts initiative
- Kim put forward a motion to approve \$6300 (\$300 per class) for Arts initiatives for each of the classes in the school (21 classes), everyone was in favour
- Janice is going to do some research about recommendations for Artists so that the teachers have a contact list of various artists and initiatives they can use in their classrooms

D) Movie Night

- Halloween Movie Night – Wednesday, October 25th @ 6PM
- Movie: Monsters University
- Kim will do up flyer
- Doors Open at 5:30
- Pizza and Dilly Bars will be available for families to purchase
- Popcorn will be given to each individual as they walk in and that will be the only popcorn that is distributed for the evening

E) Poinsettias

- Delivery Date is November 21st
- have requested a morning delivery date
- Order forms will go out Nov. 1st and will need to be returned on Nov. 13th
- Corporate orders will be collected as well
- Alaina will give Kathy all the information that she needs to post

F) Deck the Halls

- Need to decide if we are going to do Painting of Frames or the Children's Store as our activity for students during this event. Another idea brought forward was to provide students the opportunity to participate in various craft activities/tables that we will then donate to a local agency or Seniors Home – another meeting will be called to discuss this and to make further decisions
- Lisa and Janice will contact TOYS about performing at the event
- Santa and Mrs. Claus are already booked
- Date of Event: Thursday, December 7th from 5:30 – 8pm

Open Discussion:

- How are spirit days communicated to parents? Parents need to check the Calendar on the school website
- you can email Kathy if you have something that you want shared with the community and it will be put on the school website
- Council applied for a ProGrant and we received \$1000. We are going to work with Montgomery Village to put an event on with these funds

Motion to adjourn: Alaina, Tammy seconds.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 7th @ 7 PM

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:35 p.m.