

**Island Lake Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 14, 2017 @ 7PM**

In Attendance:

Kim Soper (CHAIR), Brenda Kinsella (CO-CHAIR), Ashley Hopkins (SECRETARY), Sean Singh (PRINCIPAL), Janice Dampier (VICE PRINCIPAL), Lisa Gillis (TEACHER ADVOCATE), Dayna Osborne, Tammy Woods, Alaina Godfrey, Erin Kipps, Lisa Sandford, Charmaine Spiteri, Karen Cestra, Kim Shaska

Babysitters: Nayla Mirza, Josh Soper

Start Time: 7:05 p.m.

Welcome – Kim Soper – Introductions of Everyone; Land Acknowledgement done by Sean

Approval of October Minutes – Brenda Approves, Alaina seconds

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report – Sept.

- \$500 debit removed from School Council General because it was from June
- Motion to approve: Alaina, All in Favour: Everyone

October Treasurer Report

- Motion to approve: Brenda, All in Favour: Everyone
- Balance for meal days as of June 2017 was \$13,916.27 (when deducting the cost of Buddy Benches and Family Transition place – which was allocated from last year – we are left with \$10,631.27
- \$6300 of these funds will be placed in the SC Classroom Account for funding for Arts @ ILPS Program; \$1000 to SC Library for the Forest of Reading 2017 – 2018; \$1000 to SC General for bumping up funds to improve Playground, Drums and Outdoor Classroom Maintenance and \$2, 331. 27 to SC Fundraising Account for use by School Council for School Events
- Motion to Approve \$6300 of these funds will be placed in the SC Classroom Account for funding for Arts @ ILPS Program – Alaina, second Felicite; All in Favour: Everyone
- Motion to Approve \$1000 to SC Library for the Forest of Reading 2017 – 2018 – Dayna, second Charmaine; All in Favour: Everyone
- Motion to Approve \$1000 to SC General for bumping up funds to improve Playground, Drums and Outdoor Classroom Maintenance – Charmaine, second Brenda; All in Favour: Everyone
- Motion to Approve \$2, 331. 27 to SC Fundraising Account for use by School Council for School Events - Erin, Second Dayna; All in favour: Everyone

Principal's Report

- thank you to council for: organizing the pizza days, poinsettia fundraiser, movie night and Deck the Halls; subsidizing the Family Transition Place presentations and purchasing the wreath for the Grade 5 Classes to place at the Cenotaph; for providing Fall bulbs for all K's to plant in the Outdoor Learning Space
- Great Remembrance Day Assembly on Nov. 10 – remembering those who have fought and celebrating peace
- **Special Days Coming:**
 - Mustache Spirit Day – Nov. 17
 - Bullying Prevention Week Kick-Off Assembly – Nov. 17
 - Baba Williams is a presenter who is coming in to work our Grade 7 and 8 classes to do drumming activities with them and will tie in to bullying prevention (taking place on Nov. 17th)
- **Grade 8 End of the Year Trip** – students will be going to Ottawa
- **Professional Development Day** – Friday, November 24th for Parent Teacher Interviews – Online Interview booking information on website as of November 16th. Report cards go home November 16th.
- **Recent and Upcoming Events:** (Please Check the website Calendar for a full list)
 - Intermediate Volleyball Intramurals and Upcoming tournaments
 - Sarah Gillis (former student) Perseverance Presentation
 - District Support Visit on November 20th – Superintendent and Individuals from the Board will be visiting the school and offering suggestions for any changes or improvements
 - ILPS Book Fair: November 20th – November 24th – Evening Hours Set for Thursday night Interviews and time on Friday Mornings during Interviews
 - ILPS won the Farm to School Prize from HFFA – trying to determine a prize that will best fit the whole school population
 - ILPS won the Board Walk to School Day Prize – Two days of Dance classes for all Grades – 2 classes per period in the gym

New Business:

The Arts at ILPS

- arts at ILPS was approved
- Great feedback from Teachers – they are very excited about the initiative and are very positive about the opportunity

Movie Night

- went well
- a few things we learned from the night: all popcorn and pizza was available outside of the gym and people picked it up as they entered – this helped to minimize movement during the movie; having the pizza labeled made it easier to distribute when families came to pick it up; dilly bars were

- organized into family groupings and placed in paper bags that were labeled with the family name – made distribution much easier
- Family Day Movie Night: Date TBD
 - April Movie Night: Date TBD

Dance-a-Thon

- Considering having a Grade 7/8 Buyout so students can watch a movie rather than do the Dance-A-Thon
- Also considering doing a food drive event in connection with the Dance-A-Thon

Poinsettias

- 170 plants were ordered
- 6" item was the most popular plant – 102 of these were ordered
- Delivery will be Tuesday, November 21st
- Volunteers to help sort Poinsettias during the day on Tuesday (between 11 am – 2pm) –Felicite, Tammy; 3:30 – Brenda and Ashley to do the after school shift; Kim and Erin will do the 5-7 shift

Deck the Halls

- Christmas Pajamas and Pancakes theme
- Sean to get access to 12-15 tables
- Will need table cloths – Brenda to get
- Alaina will organize how the tables will be set up and organized and will talk to the photographer about potential options for backgrounds to be used for pictures
- Tammy will organize the Santa photos
- We will use the chairs in the staffroom for the Santa Photos
- Kim to talk to Janice about confirming the pancakes from Déjà vu Diner
- Kim will order warming plates from Parties Plus
- We have an Olaf and an Elsa
- Students and Siblings wear their Pajamas
- Students can decorate their pancakes with icing sugar and/or cocoa by using stencils – approach Zehrs and Metro to donate gift cards that we can use to purchase the food items as well as paper plates and napkins
- Alaina will do announcements to share with the school
- Brenda is overseeing the bake sale
- Elf Hats
- Lists are posted in the school for Grade 7/8 volunteers to assist with the event

Open Discussion

- How can we ensure that families are aware of all the fundraisers and activities that are going on at the school? Suggestion is to use the School Wide Email system (Sean can distribute on behalf of Parent Council), put announcements in and use Social Media

- Would be beneficial for Council to have a Communication Liason who would be responsible for putting together the announcements and emails to be sent out
- Parent Council will be sending out it's own newsletter ASAP which will share information about Deck the Halls

Motion to Adjourn: Brenda, Dayna Seconds

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 9th @ 7PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35p.m.