

Island Lake Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2018

In Attendance:

Kim Soper (CHAIR), Brenda Kinsella (CO-CHAIR), Ashley Hopkins (SECRETARY), Janice Dampier (VICE PRINCIPAL), Dayna Osborne, Tanya White (TEACHER ADVOCATE), Rob Brown, Erin Kipps, Cherie McLeod, Natasha Reiche, Anna Michelle Smith, Felicite Morgan, Tammy Woods

Babysitters: Josh Soper,

Start Time: 7:05 p.m.

Welcome – Kim Soper – Welcomes everyone to the final school council meeting of the year

Approval of April Minutes: Erin Kipps approves the minutes, Dayna seconds

Treasurer's Report (April)

- debits for Dance-a-Thon supplies (glo sticks and other materials); donation to SPCA for Carnations, final payments for pizza and pitas
- credits for final meal days
- Motion to approve: Erin, all in favour: All who are present

Principal's Report

1. Thank you to council for another great year – The Staff at Island Lake appreciate all of the time and energy that council has put in to everything from meal days, to movie nights to special events. The support that the School Council has given the school has made a real difference for the students, and has helped to create a welcoming environment for parents and guardians.
2. **Events and Information Items:**
 - Students have participated in many special activities and events since the last Parent Council Meeting including: Fire Safety Presentations for Primary Students, the Grand Pals Program for Mrs. Shaw's and Mrs. Hughson's students, golf in the schools for Grades 4-6, the grade 7 visit to the Turtle Island Heritage Festival, and the Career Pathways visit for our Grade 8 students. In addition, over 200 Grade 5 – 8 students from Island Lake attended Empowerment Day
 - Congratulations to our basketball teams on a great season, coached by Mrs. Jamieson and Mr. Broderick
 - Scientists in the Schools will be visiting kindergarten classes May 10 and 11. Thank you to School Council for supporting this educational opportunity

- May 11 – The Grade 8 students will be visiting O.D.S.S. for a One Voice, One Team leadership presentation with Orlando Bowen
- May 14 – Eva Olsson presentation at C.M.E.S.
- May 15 – Grade 7 Immunization # 2
- Thanks to Mr. Beasley for organizing the Bike “Roadeo” that will take place on May 17.
- May 18 – The Festival of Trees trip, organized by Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Lindsey, will take place for all of the students who met the criteria for the Forest of Reading program
- EQAO Provincial Assessments will be taking place between May 22 and June 4
- June 8 – PD Day – No School for students – Class Placements and Report Card Writing. 9 – 10:30 AM Kindergarten Visit for New Parents
- June 13 – 15 – Grade 8 Ottawa Trip
- Kindergarten Graduation Ceremonies – June 26 and 27
- June 27 Grade 8 Graduation
- Tanya thanked the Parent Council for the funding the ‘A’ in STEAM and shared that several classes have already enjoyed different activities such as Zumba

New Business

a) Outdoor Classroom – Phase II Update

- still don’t have approval from the board to move ahead – hoping to get it before the end of June so we can move forward during the summer (to have a fence built)
- can’t order the bunkee, have the fence built and the sign installed until the board approves it
- in 2019 we will focus on the pathway
- have sent an email out to Dufferin Gardens about a plan for plants in the Outdoor Classroom – still waiting to hear back from them

b) Carnations

- being delivered on Wednesday, May 11th
- Natasha and Kim to help with ensuring they are carefully given to the Grade 8 class for distribution on Friday

c) Movie Night

- Brenda and Kim to pop popcorn
- Ian (student) will be coming to do A/V

d) Popcorn

- still trying to determine a date (probably first or second week of June) – funds raised will go towards Grade 8 Graduation decorations

e) Buddy Benches

- have been delivered but we are still waiting on an installation date
- organization called “Get In Touch for Hutch” that has an individual who comes to schools to do presentations introducing the Buddy Benches and their meaning – we will consider inviting them to come in to introduce the Buddy Benches (potentially in September)

f) September BBQ

- potentially on Thursday, September 20th

g) Teacher Luncheon

- because of Janet and Ali's Retirement lunch, Council will not be doing a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon but instead will do a Staff Appreciation Breakfast on Friday, June 8th which will be catered starting around 8am (will get quotes from Lavender Blue and Déjà Vu). Budget: \$500; Motion to approve – Felicite; Second – Erin and Brenda
- Ashley will get quotes for the breakfast

Open Discussion:

- Nikki Hughson applied for a Grant for funding for the Community Garden. She received more money than she needed so she donated \$300 to School Council to help fund plants for the Outdoor Classroom. Ms. Hughson and Ms. Shaw also came with a help request of funding for bussing to get to the Grand Pals Final Celebration – because this program is a Community Outreach Program and falls under the umbrella of Parent Council Mandates council will approve up to \$500 for bussing – Motion to approve: Ashley, Second: Anna Michelle
- Orlando Bowen will be doing a presentation in the Cafeteria at O.D.S.S. at 7 pm (One Voice, One Team Presentation)
- Has been an issue with the teachers upstairs not picking up or returning their Booster Juice – have asked that all classrooms ensure that these materials are picked up and returned right away – Tanya offered to get students from her class to partner up and go collect the trays from the classroom upstairs on Booster Juice Days
- Need to start looking for a New Chair or Co-Chair to share the responsibilities and learn the ropes of the role – Kim to put a request for new individuals to consider sharing the role

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn - Brenda ; second - Dayna

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2018