

**Island Lake Parent Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 25, 2018**

**In Attendance:**

Jacelyn Alphonso, Brenda Kinsella, Kim Soper (Co-Chair), Tania Rooney (Chair), Ashley Hopkins (Secretary), Sean Singh (Principal), Janice Dampier (Vice Principal), Tammy Woods, Melissa White, Anna-Michelle Smith, Natasha Reiche

**Babysitters:** Josh Soper, Zarina

**Start Time:** 7:05 p.m.

**Welcome:** Tania – welcomed everyone to the council meeting and thanked everyone for attending; all attending introduced themselves. Sean did the land acknowledgement.

**May Minutes and Minutes from September Meeting** – Motion to approve May Minutes – Brenda, Second: Kim; Motion to approve September Minutes – Kim, Second: Brenda

**Treasurer's Report**

- Kim will pass Treasurer's report responsibilities to Felicite effective immediately

**May**

- School Council has 7 accounts – Classroom (used for Classroom events); General (Mandatory \$5000 balance that has to be in this account for repairs to initiatives that we have put into place – i.e., outdoor classroom maintenance, etc.), Library (to support initiatives in the Library – i.e., Forest of Reading), Dance-A-Thon (used for Scientist in the School Program in each class); Fundraising General (used for any general fundraising that we do - i.e., Movie Days, Deck the Halls, etc.); Meal Days; Milk
- Profit on the programs we ran last year by the end of May was: \$27, 815.62
- Motion to approve: Anna-Michelle; second: Natasha

**June**

- final profits on the year for all council initiatives: \$23, 488.52 – change from May was because we had another expense on pizza days that had to be debited
- Motion to approve: Natasha, second: Brenda

**Principal's Update**

**1) Welcomed all new members**

- Approximately 525 students

- Welcomed Tania as the new School Council Chair and thanked Kim for all of her years as Chair of the Parent Council. Kim has put in an incredible amount of effort and done a large amount for the school and we appreciate all the time and effort that she has put in.
- 2) We have had a great start up to the year. Classes were re-organized in the Primary division resulting in an additional Kindergarten class. The teacher has been hired: Rachel Berenguer who has been here before as a LTO; Carla Van Alastine is the ECE who has supplied here before – both are familiar with staff and students. We are waiting for a portable, which will be coming in shortly for our Grade 5/6 class.

### **3) Upcoming Events**

- September 19 – we had our School Council Free Family BBQ and Meet the Teacher Night – was a great success
- October newsletter will be out on October 1<sup>st</sup>
- September 28 – Ministry PD Day – Teachers will be working on numeracy in the morning and be doing Health and Safety training in the afternoon
- September 24 and 26 – Intermediate and Junior Soccer
- Picture Day – Oct. 2 (Individual Pictures only)

### **4) Parents are requested to sign up to receive emails – CASL requirements are 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”

### **5) International Visitors**

- we will have 30 Chinese students and 4 teachers visiting Island Lake PS
- 1 week visit – Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>
- Grade 4 – 6 age

## **New Business**

### **Meal Days**

- in the past we have done Pita Pit, Booster Juice and Pizza Day
- profit on pizza is \$1.00 a slice, pita pit profit is \$0.75 per pita (Pita volumes are not huge); Booster Juice has increased their prices so our price point will have to increase as well (\$4.00)
- **Simply Pasta Presentation** – a new lunch initiative to consider adding in; Jason Soper did a presentation for Council about Simply Pasta – Simply Pasta offers a meal day option for students which include: whole grain penne pasta in tomato sauce, bowtie pasta in Alfredo Sauce and Macaroni and Cheese; all meals are delivered in warming bags to each individual classroom. All pastas are individually packaged in eco-friendly thermal containers; pasta meals could start as early as the end of October

- Pizza Day will continue weekly on Monday's – parents will have the option to order for the entire time frame (i.e., October – February) and only the option of cheese will be available. Day of sales (\$2.00/slice) will be available. All in attendance in favour; Kim motions to approve, Brenda seconds.
- Second meal day will be added weekly – Pasta Thursday's – parents will have the choice of opting in or out. Pasta will run on a three week rotation – Week # 1 – Whole Grain Penne Pasta in Alfredo Sauce; Week # 2 – Bowtie Pasta in Alfredo Sauce; Week # 3 – Macaroni and Cheese; All in attendance in favour; Motion to approve: Brenda, Second: Jacelyn. Orders will be done through Cash Online and run from October – February
- Booster Juice and Pita won't be offered at this point – Tania to contact both companies and let them know.

### **Outdoor Classroom – Phase II Update**

- we are waiting on approval of the plans to get the plants in and are also waiting on the order for the plants to go in. It is hoped they will be put in ASAP
- Second phase includes: fences, signs, a bunkee for storage and a path around the outdoor classroom which will include benches for students
- We are waiting on quotes for these steps
- Hoping to get the fences in before winter but if not everything will be put in place in the Spring

### **Deck the Halls**

- Will do Deck the Halls again this year – Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – 6PM – 8PM
- bring back the baskets for the parents – have the option to buy tickets to win the different baskets – idea would be that each class has a theme and generates a basket of donations that we would then raffle off
- Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in attendance for students to take pictures with
- Concept of having a passport with different stations that families could work through – crafting, gingerbread men, etc. (5 – 6 stations)
- Hot Chocolate (donated by Mocha Berry)
- Approach TOYS Choir about performing or potentially have the school choir perform
- Deck the Halls Sub-Committee – Motion to approve: Brenda; Second – Kim – Sub-Committee will meet on: Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Kim Soper's House – 7PM

Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month (except for January and March which will be held on the third Tuesday of the month). Council Meetings will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to Adjourn – Kim, Second - Jacelyn

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>