

**Island Lake Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 15, 2019 @ 7PM**

In Attendance:

Tania Rooney (CHAIR), Kim Soper (CO-CHAIR), Ashley Hopkins (SECRETARY), Sean Singh (PRINCIPAL), Charmaine Spiteri, Dayna Osborne, Tammy Woods, Jacelyn Alphonso, Jennifer Smith, Melissa Burley, Tanya White (STAFF ADVOCATE), Natasha Reiche, Anna Michelle Smith

Babysitters: Josh Soper, Zaryna Leo

Start Time: 7:05 p.m.

Welcome – Tania Rooney – Introductions of Everyone; Land Acknowledgement done by Sean

Approval of November Minutes – Charmaine motion to approve, Jacelyn seconds

Treasurer's Report – Kim

November

- Poinsettia online sales went in and we paid Bradford Greenhouses
- allocated \$4700 for Scientist in the School
- regular debits for pizza
- no questions or concerns
- all in favour; motion to approve the November Minutes

December

- vote to move \$1712.10 out of Classroom and put it in to Fundraising General as the money for Poinsettia's was put into the wrong account (Classroom vs. General) – motion made, all in favour
- SC Classroom – Teacher Funding or special projects for classrooms, SC General – maintains a balance of \$5000 for maintenance of items that have been purchased by School Council (i.e., drums, play structure, outdoor classroom, etc.); SC Library – funds Forest of Reading; SC Dance a Thon – funds raised from Dance-a-thon; SC Fundraising General – any fundraising initiatives we do all funds go into this account; SC Meal Days – all funds for meal days go through this; SC Milk – invoices and debits for milk
- Further debits and invoices for pizza day
- No questions or concerns
- All in favour, motion to approve the December minutes

Principal's Update

1. Kindergarten Registration Week – Online process – process is new this year. Was successful. A few issues with the technology but it is all worked out. A huge thank you to Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. Lindsay

2. Rebranding of the school logo is in process – logos are above all water fountains, one above the library, one above the gym, one out front of the office and 2 in the stairwells. They look great and feedback so far as been very positive

3. New FDK teacher hired for Mrs. Berenguer's maternity leave

– Ms. Brooke Cation. Has been a smooth transition

4. Professional Development Day – Friday, February 1st

· Term 1 Report Card writing day

5. Recent & Upcoming Events, including trips and extra-curricular:

- all upcoming events and dates are on the calendar on the school website (<https://www.ugdsb.ca/islandlake/>)
- FDK trip to Orangeville theatre on January 11th – was a success
- Scientist in the Schools are continuing to happen (thank you to parent council)
- ILPS Hockey at Tony Rose – thank you to Mrs. Gear for organizing
- Grade 8 info night at ODSS is upcoming
- Skating Trips for Grades 1 and 2
- Grade 3's will go swimming in March
- Grade 8 Grade photos – January 22
- Cross Country Skiing for Junior Students is upcoming
- Reduce the Plastic Water Bottle Assembly
- Winter Play Day is coming up
- check the calendar on the website for all significant dates

New Business

Deck the Halls Recap

- great turn out
- positive feedback from all families
- Passport seemed to work really well and gave all participants a good focus
- The baskets were very well received and enjoyed
- Consider ways to make the Santa line shorter for next year

Meal Days

- pizza day is going great – we have 6 weeks left in this session
- the next round of sessions starts at March 4th
- pizza days will continue to be on Monday

- will get it up on School Cash Online soon to give parents time to order
- Simply Pasta – is now on the Board’s approved vendor list
- Pasta will be offered on Thursdays
- This will be offered in the second session – 15 weeks, students will have the option to buy in weekly or participate in all 15 weeks
- Meal days for the second portion of the year will go live on School Cash Online February 4th and stay open for 3 weeks

School Request for Funding

- School had a computer refresh and spent \$10,000 on Chromebooks this year
- Rebranding of the school has cost approximately \$3500
- School would like to request funds for additional rebranding (approximately \$3000) and for more Chromebooks (approximately \$2000) from Parent Council
- Question as to how funds get allocated for projects that the school is asking for funds towards when majority of the fundraising money is already allocated for the year – options included: the outdoor classroom allocated funds can be done over the course of many years and so we can use certain funds that were allocated towards that from this year for initiatives deemed important by the staff at the school, We also have extra funds from meal day initiatives done throughout the year and have \$4757.18 remaining from last years fundraising initiatives.
- Sean has put in a formal request for \$5000 from Council
- Decision to use the \$4757.18 from last year, plus a \$300 top up from SC General to support the schools request
- Motion to approve – Ashley, Second – Anna Michelle, All in favour
- A thank you was extended to Council on behalf of the students and school

Movie Night

- Emperor’s New Grove will be the movie
- Kim will do up a flyer
- Friday, February 22nd
- Dayna and Brenda can help with family movie night

Dance-A-Thon

- Friday, February 22nd
- Jacelyn, Maia and Natasha will help with Dance-A-Thon
- Will send out a song request list to each class
- Need to make a Kindie play list, Grade 1 and 2 Play List, Grade 3 and 4 Playlist and a Grade 5 and 6 Playlist
- Will inquire with teachers about whether or not to do dance-a-thon or a movie buyout for the Grade 7 and 8 students
- Kathy has the template for the envelopes – will need to get those printed and will send those home with the students

- Kim will get lights and purchase glo-sticks

Parent Involvement/Engagement Strategy

- going to try and offer more opportunities for parents to be involved
- Going to do a Survey Monkey for the Parents to determine where interests lie and what they would like to see in the school

Open Discussion

- balance beam, climbing wall and slide all need repairs on the playground – something to keep in mind. We are looking into repair options.
- A lot of the events council hosts are geared towards younger students. Would like to brainstorm ideas for events we can have that would be more focused towards the Intermediate students (i.e., a Science Night? Or a Tech Night – coding/robotics, game night, mental health night? High Ropes Night?)
- High Ropes is being offered again this year in March

Motion to Adjourn: Kim, second Natasha, All approved

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 @ 7PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 p.m.