

**Island Lake School Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 19, 2019 – 7PM in the Library**

**In Attendance:** Tania Rooney (CHAIR), Ashley Hopkins (SECRETARY), Tanya White (Teacher-Advocate), Brenda Kinsella, Jennifer Smith, Sean Singh (PRINCIPAL), Janice Dampier (VICE PRINCIPAL), Jacelyn Alphonso, Kim Soper (CO-CHAIR), Jen Rothfuchs, Monica Bond, Nikki Hughson (TEACHER), Nicole Brown, Jenn Marnie, Charmaine Spiteri

**Babysitters:** Josh Soper and Zaryna

**Start Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Welcome:**

Tania – introduced all members in attendance. Land Acknowledgement done by Sean.

**January Minutes**

Motion to approve January minutes - Jenny; Second - Jacelyn

**Treasurer's Report**

**January**

- allocated accounts column represents funds that have been specifically allocated already this year
- blank column indicates additional funds that school council has raised this year
- Manzerolle and Miller did Scientist in the School workshops – funds were allocated
- Funds from last year were moved to the appropriate accounts (SC General) to maintain a required balance of approximately \$5000 in this account (kept for maintenance of drums, climber and outdoor learning space)
- Available cash flow is approximately \$11,254
- Available cash in the Dance-a-Thon Account and in the Milk Account (as there is an excess in this account)
- Motion to Approve January Treasurer's Report - Charmaine, All in favour

**Principal's Update**

**New Business**

- 1) Thank you to Council for running Meals Days, Dance-a-Thon and the Movie night this month. Pizza Days have been running very smoothly. Administration hope everyone had a nice Family Day Weekend
- 2) Bell Let's Talk Day – there was an excellent display in the front foyer featuring students demonstrating the power of positive self-talk. Thank you to Mr. Byers and Mrs. McPherson for leading this initiative
- 3) Report cards come home on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Please sign and return the tear off
- 4) Recent and Upcoming Events, including trips and extra-curriculars:

- please see the Island Lake Calendar on the school website <http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/islandlake> for a list of the extensive extra-curricular opportunities being offered by the teachers. A big thank you to the teachers for putting all of their time and effort to offer so many amazing extra-curricular opportunities for our students
  - please read the February Newsletter for more information on upcoming events
- 5) We're looking for Seniors who'd be interested in participating in the Wise Ones Program with the Grade 8 students. The purpose of this intergenerational program is to foster cooperation, understanding, and friendship between the generations. The program impacts the youths attitudes towards aging and understanding the past. It also promotes feelings of life-satisfaction and self-worth for the older adult. Please contact Stacey Manzerolle ([Stacey.manzerolle@ugdsb.on.ca](mailto:Stacey.manzerolle@ugdsb.on.ca)) or Mardell Miller ([mardell.miller@ugdsb.on.ca](mailto:mardell.miller@ugdsb.on.ca)) if you know any seniors who might be interested in this amazing program. The Wise Ones Program is connected to the Grandpals Program.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Dance-A-Thon and movie night**

- upcoming this Friday – some families have just received their collection envelopes – suggested that we extend the due date for the envelopes and allow students more time for fundraising – will provide students with an extra week (March 1<sup>st</sup> due date) – will put announcements in all week to promote fundraising
- Need to ensure that the teachers are given all of the information in an email to they have a good understanding of what is happening with the various events
- Tania and Kim put together a play list for the Primary and Junior students for the Dance-A-Thon
- The Grade 7/8 students are doing a buy out and will watch the movie “Middle School” in the afternoon
- Volunteers for Dance-A-Thon: Jenny, Jacelyn, Tania, Natasha and Kim
- Movie Night – Dayna and Natasha will volunteer
- Consider for next year making it possible for students to submit their donations through School Cash Online (make options available in increments of \$5) – Credit Meadows has done this in the past – could be a good source of reference about this

#### **New Community Event/Fundraiser**

- idea for a Mighty Machines day – Fire trucks, police, tractors, tow trucks, etc. – different “machines” children would like
- have them all here on a weekend and have an open event for the community where children can come and explore/play on the Mighty Machines
- Have food trucks on site with some proceeds coming back to the school
- Charge an entry fee (\$10/family)
- Would help to fund the walking path/track which could be used during gym and at recess time for all students
- The walking path/track would cost approximately \$12,000

- Will look into this further and re-address at the next council meeting

### **Farm to School Presentation**

- Jennifer Payne – from Headwaters Food and Farmers Alliance
- Local non-profit organization – they offer monthly meals in a bag which features local food and recipe bags
- Volunteers pack them up each month and a coordinator takes the orders and supplies the recipe card which also shares information about the local individuals who have grown the crops
- Program is in line with the new food guide of eating more vegetables
- Gluten free packs are available as well
- Island Lake has always been a big supporter of this program and Jenn Marnie in particular has been working with students in our school to make the bag meals with various classes
- 10% of the funds come back to the school and we have used this towards getting extra bags so that Jenn Marnie is able to come in and cook with our students
- there has been a drop off in sales amongst the Island Lake Community – questions as to why? Is thought that maybe because orders are no longer done through the School Cash Online System families have been less likely to purchase (families need to order directly through the Headwaters Food and Farmers Alliance website; Also suggested that more reminder emails should be sent out to encourage families to place their orders
- it was also suggested that letting families know ahead of time what the meal was they would be receiving would encourage them to purchase it (especially those with young children who are picky eaters)
- is there an option on School Cash Online to just have families click on a link that will re-direct families to the Headwaters Food and Farmers Alliance website?
- Jennifer will follow up with their contact at the board to see about options with School Cash Online
- Also the suggestion to get the word out to parents earlier in the year so they have a better understanding of what the program is and what it offers

### **Committee Updates**

#### **By-Law Committee**

- has been established (Brenda, Tammy, Charmaine, Kim, Felicite and Tania)
- meeting next week for their first meeting (Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM @ Royal LePage Office)
- each school has two sets of by-laws – one written by UGDSB, and one written by each individual school – they are a set of guidelines that establish our purpose and what governs our decisions. It also outlines the roles and responsibilities of the members of the Executive
- they were last written in 2013
- should be updated annually

#### **Parent Communication Committee**

- would like to form a committee that works to engage more parents in council
- if you are interested in being a part of this committee, email or speak to Tania
- Idea of having a Communications Officer who is specifically responsible for Communication between the Parents and the Council (help to bridge the gap between home and school)

## **Other Business**

### **Grandpals Program Funding Request**

- Ms. Hughson spoke to the council about the three classes who are going to travel to the Lord Dufferin Centre and participate in the Grandpals Program. Students will create a life story about seniors in our community to give back to them. There is a request for council to assist with bussing costs. The buses are \$100 per trip and they go to the Lord Dufferin Centre 10 times. The team is asking for \$500 and will then charge families \$8/student instead of asking them for \$15 each.
- Grandpals is seen as an “enrichment” program that takes what they are doing in the classroom and allows them to extend their learning to real life lessons
- In the past this program has received some funding from the Ministry however this year, there is no funding being provided
- Discussion around where funds would come from – have extra money in the Dance-A-Thon Account and in the Milk Account
- Motion to Allocate \$1000 to the Grandpals program, All in favour – everyone in attendance, Motion to approve – all in favour, everyone in attendance
- \$1000 allocated to the Grandpals program from Parent Council

### **Teacher Funding**

- \$300 per teacher to allocate towards an arts initiative for their class or a mental health initiative for the class
- will look to Mrs. Gear and Mrs. McPherson to provide a list of ideas for mental health initiatives that teachers could use in their classrooms
- 24 classes x \$300 = \$7200
- No questions, comments or concerns
- Motion to Approve – everyone, all in favour – everyone in attendance
- Motion to move \$4712.80 from the Milk Account to the School Council Classroom Account – Motion to approve – Jacelyn, All in favour – everyone in attendance
- Motion to move \$3399 from Dance-A-Thon to School Council Classroom Account – Motion to approve – Brenda, All in favour – everyone in attendance
- Moving these funds into School Council Classroom will cover the cost of the Grandpals allocation as well as the funds that have been allocated to each classroom for the Arts/Mental Health initiative

- Loveable Labels – Island Lake has an account with them and we receive money back – idea of also starting an account with Mabels Labels and then promoting this during Kindergarten orientation
- Question as to why Booster Juice was removed – discussion around the increase in price and how we would be selling at a loss to council – can reconsider putting this back in place next year or approach Pita Pit about doing Smoothies
- Live Free Day is March 1<sup>st</sup> – information will be coming home for all families, students will be asked to bring in a toonie, 100% of that goes back to the school and goes towards putting a snack bin together for students who don't have a lunch or are needing something extra
- Suggestion to have an option to donate \$2 every time you purchase an item on School Cash Online that goes towards the School Food Program to support students who need an extra snack – something to consider putting in place

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn - Kim; Second – Brenda

**Next Meeting:** March 19, 2019 @ 7PM