

**Island Lake Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 22, 2019 - 7 PM**

In Attendance:

Tania Rooney (Chair), Jacee Alphonso (Co-Chair), Brian Rooney (Secretary), Ashley (Secretary), Sean (Principal), Andrea Sproule, Katrina Bishop, Jenny Smith, Anna Michelle Smith, Charmaine Spiteri, Tammy Woods, Monica Bond, Paula Lavery, Andrea Millard-Lunnie, Cherie McLeod, Tanya White (Teacher Advocate), Brenda Kinsella, Eve Dosman, Dayna Osborne, Tanis Noll, Kyla Lightfoot (Vice Principal), Melissa Coey, Natasha Reiche, Melissa White, Felicite Morgan, Kim Soper, Jen Rothfuchs

Babysitters: Mya, Jenna Myatt

Start Time: 7:00 PM

Welcome: Tania welcomes everyone and introduces herself. All members introduced themselves. Sean did the land acknowledgement.

Approval of the September Minutes: Motion to approve September minutes – Brian, second - Jacee

Treasurer's Report:

- Money coming in was from meal days (pizza and pasta)
- Money out was for Family transition place, welcome BBQ, Coffee and Comfort Event, Outdoor Classroom invoice
- Discussion around maintenance of the Outdoor Classroom and hiring someone over the summer to maintain it – something council will have to discuss
- Will be moving \$2600 to the general account to keep the balance at \$5000; moving \$1000 to Library fund for the Forest of Reading; about \$1200 to be moved to the fundraising account which remained from last year
- Motion to approve moving \$2663.90 from Meal Days to the School General Account – No questions or comments, motion to approve – Kim, all in favour; Motion to move \$1000 from Meal Days to School Council Library Account – No comments or questions – Motion to Approve – Kim; All in favour – all voting members; Motion to move \$1218.28 from Meal Days to Fundraising General – no questions or concerns – Motion to approve Kim; all in favour – all voting members.
- Reviewed the Council Budget – our starting amount in the account is \$27, 817.33. Based on the proposed plan for the year and the funds that have been allocated for various events, activities and initiatives, as well as what we project we will fundraise it is estimated we will have \$16,326.49 remaining in the account at the end of the year (see budget sheets for further details)
- Budget – questions or concerns – motion to approve – Cherie; all in favour – all parent members

- Summary of money brought in on fundraising initiatives to date for council was done

Principal's Update

1) Welcome and Appreciation to –

- Ms. Kyla Lightfoot, who will be our temporary Vice Principal while Mrs. Robertson is on leave. Many thanks to Mrs. Dampier who came back from retirement to assist in the office until Mrs. Lightfoot was assigned to our school. Kyla worked at the school last year as an instructional math coach and is knowledgeable in curriculum areas and a great asset to the school
- School Council volunteers for their support around meal days. It has helped the program to run smoothly and to ensure that all students receive the correct orders
- Staff for offering a wide variety of extra-curricular activities for our students to participate in

2) From Sept 30 – October 5th – Island Lake Public School once again hosted a group of 23 International students and 5 teachers visiting from China. The Grade 4-6 students attended classes at Island Lake PS for the week. They were welcomed by the entire school and Doug Morrell, the Superintendent in Charge of the International Student Program, at an assembly on Monday morning. The students were buddied up with ILPS students in their host classrooms to get a taste of school in Canada. Island Lake's community welcomed our visitors with open arms and made the most of the opportunity to meet, play with and learn about our visitors from China. The week culminated in a celebration of culture on Friday afternoon. All of the host classes and our visitors shared in a pizza lunch, a talent show put on by the international student's and an exchange of gifts. We thank Mr. Morrell, and his assistant, Anna Chen, from providing this opportunity for us to establish global connections and promote inclusiveness.

3) Character Education

- Char Ed – Equity and Inclusivity Focus – put the "I" in K_ind – and Growth Mindset

4) **UG Connect** – smartphone app is available for download with access to our school website, calendar and much more. This will be an important method of communication for the school to families so all are encouraged to download and use this

5) **Recent and Upcoming Events:** Please check the website for dates and for more info

- Gr 3 CCAT testing
- Intermediate MADD Presentation
- ECE Appreciation Day
- World Teacher Day
- Dress Purple Day – Child Abuse Prevention
- School Improvement Plan/Report Card Writing PD Day – Nov 1st

New Business and Updates:

By-Laws

- By Laws were needing to be updated

- Last year a By Law Committee was put together - Kim, Felicite, Brenda, Tammy and Tania – and after reviewing document and mandates, they put the new by-laws together
- The new by-laws were sent out to all voting members to review and members were asked to bring any revisions or any concerns they had with the by-laws to tonight’s meeting
- Council agrees to table the By-Law process so that the By-Law Committee, Executive and Voting Members can meet again and address the questions and revisions that have come up and finalize the By-Laws
- Question arose about the different memberships on Parent Council – three roles on council – Parents – any parent that has a child at the school; Parent member – elected position and individuals that have the final vote on items that are tabled; Executive Members – four elected positions that lead the council. All parents have a say and can attend meetings and bring up thoughts, ideas, concerns, etc. the parent members and executive have the final vote if there is an issue that the council cannot agree on

Deck the Halls Committee Updates

- Deck the Halls Committee meeting last week
- A great turnout with a lot of great ideas generated
- Ideas have been shared with Sean
- Main concepts/Ideas – Event will take place on December 4th, Santa will be here and will be in the gym. To save families time, individuals will be given a number and will be called by their number to come and see Santa. This will allow everyone to enjoy the night rather than wait in line to see Santa. We will also be having a Kids Shop whereby families will be asked to send in donations based on a theme for each class and these items will be available for purchase (\$2 each) and the kids can come in to the shop and “buy” gifts for their family for Christmas. There will be some crafts for kids to enjoy. Will have the passport idea available to guide families around the event. Children can punch their passport at each station and then enter their passport in a draw for a gift card. There will also be a raffle that families can purchase tickets for and try to win. We will be collecting raffle items from local community businesses and families. We will also have a bake sale that will be by donation and all proceeds will go to the charity that we select.
- TOYS Choir is being approached to see if they can come and sing. Also the idea of adding caroling for families
- We were unable to get tables ordered for Deck the Halls so we will be reaching to local organizations to see if we can borrow tables

Meal Days

- Update on Pizza – 520 slices per pizza day (up slightly from last year)
- Update on Pasta - 1382 bowls of pasta ordered in total over the few months (up slightly from last year)
- Smoothies – Booster Juice – is very interested in coming back - \$3 for an 8oz Smoothie and will waive the HST and then we can determine our selling price to parents. They have three different flavours – Strawberry, Mango and Fruit Blossom. They would be

delivered during 1st nutrition break. Said they can do for no additional charge they would special order fully compostable cups, lids and straws. Pita Pit is also \$3 for a smoothie and have four flavours. Do not have compostable cups. Pita Pit make all of their smoothies on the weekend for the week and keep them frozen until the day of.

- We would sell smoothies for \$3.50
- To run a smoothie day, we will need 1 parent volunteer to ensure everything got handed out successfully
- Idea to survey the community to see if there is enough interest in bringing back smoothie days and how often they would like to see it if there is enough interest – this was agreed upon (Tania will do the survey) and we will discuss the survey results at the next meeting

Poinsettia's

- Order forms need to go out soon
- Last year we offered Pink, Red and White
- All flowers were ordered from the Bradford Greenhouses
- Proposal to only go with Red and White this year as Pink did not sell overly well
- Bradford Greenhouses will now deliver every day of the week now to Orangeville so we can organize the delivery based on when we need to distribute them (to be delivered Wednesday, November 27th)
- Will arrange for a distribution on November 28th & November 29th (Parent Teacher Interview Night/Day)
- Ashley, Tania, Andrea Sproule, Jenny and Jacee will help to organize Poinsettia's on the Wednesday night (Nov. 27th)
- Melissa and Andrea Millard-Lunnie will help with distribution on Thursday night
- Jacee and Cherie will be here on Friday morning to help distribute the orders
- Forms will be sent home but all orders must be done through School Cash Online
- Orders from Local Businesses will still be accepted and these businesses can pay cash

2019 – 2020 School Year Plan

- Council's Plan for the Year of various events was shared – this can be seen on the School Council Bulletin Board in the front foyer of the school
- Request to add what the purpose of each fundraiser is so that parents know exactly where the money is going for each fundraiser that we run as a council
- Parent Information Nights – we have another evening coming up in November on Internet Safety (November 26th); we also have Sonya from the Edify Centre coming in January to do a Mental Health and Wellness in Children Presentation
- When we have the Ropes course coming in, we will be having a Fun Night for families to come in and try the ropes course that their children are doing during the day (this will be a sign-up event for community engagement)
- Scientist in the School Family Night – Scientist in the School will come and set up an evening with stations for families to come in and participate in different science centres and experiences. There would be four structured stations with a "Scientist" and some free flow stations and would cost council \$1400 to run this night. If agreed upon, it

would take place in the Spring. The idea to use this amount of money instead to purchase robotics and items to enhance our Makerspace at the school and then have the student run a STEM night with the new materials that have been purchased. It was proposed that a survey be sent out to see what families would rather and we will re-address at the next council meeting

Other Business:

Parking:

- Need to consider the safety of our students when it comes to parking at the school during peak times (before and after school)
- If you go on the school site, under resources, there is some information that has been posted (Routes to School Maps and On Street Parking Maps)
- There have been issues with the fact that there is not enough parking spaces and that individuals have been parking and blocking resident's driveway. The primary concern on the school's end is the safety of the students due to this, parents are NOT allowed to come into the school parking lot before or after school
- Idea to have Walking School Buses came up – volunteers would have different meeting points in the neighbourhood where students could meet with an adult who would then walk “the bus” to school

Pollinator Gardens

- Idea to have a pollinator garden or butterfly garden put in
- A company has approached about the potential for us putting one in and want to come to do an education night to inform families about why these gardens are beneficial
- Mrs. Hughson has shared that we do have a pollinator garden already
- This is run through Sustainable Orangeville
- They will also go into the classrooms to help educate our students on the benefits of a pollinator garden
- Idea for them to come to a council meeting and share with us what the options are and how the program works – Tammy will arrange for them to come to our November meeting
- Mono Pollinator Garden has also offered to provide us with plants for free

Front of the school

- Issue of the woodchips at the front of the school being spread everywhere and being musty
- Suggestion that council may want to look into helping to fix up the front of the school
- Will need volunteers to do this
- The board maintains and inspects the woodchips and will add more if needed
- In the summer of 2020, the board is looking into re-doing the tarmac area around the school

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting – Charmaine, Second – Kim

Next Meeting: November 19, 2019