

Island Lake Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2020 @ 7PM

In Attendance: Dayna Osbourne, Charmaine Spiteri, Brenda Kinsella, Sean Singh (PRINCIPAL), Tania Rooney (CHAIR), Brian Rooney (Treasurer), Andrea Sproule, Ashley Hopkins (Secretary), Tanja Schenkel, Katrina Bishop, Tanis Knoll, Tammy Woods, Kim Soper

Babysitter: Trinity Crisostomo

Start Time: 7:00 PM

Welcome: Tania welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves. Sean did the land acknowledgement.

Approval of the November Minutes: Motion to approve – Tammy; Second - Brenda

Treasurer's Report

- Poinsettia fundraiser – we raised \$717 in total
- Day of sales for pizza day were \$155.95
- Some classes have used the funds for Scientist in the School (about 40% of classes)
- Expenses that came out: paying for pointsettias, council safe, deck the halls expenses and dilly bars for movie night
- Fundraising – our meal days are on pace in terms of profit with previous years
- Poinsettia sales were down about half – didn't have as many businesses purchase this year
- On pace with our projected budget for the year as a council
- Deck the Halls Event – donated \$405 to the Bake Sale, raffle and shopping raised \$2762.25 – expenses that came out – Leaf Tickets and general expenses – total profit for Deck the Halls was \$1593.00
- Motion to approve the November financial report – Andrea; second – Katrina
- Motion to approve the December financial report – Brenda; second – Andrea
- Transfer proposal – move the poinsettia funds from Classroom to Fundraising General (to be used for the School's Makerspace) – motion to approve – Dayna; second – Tanja
- Transfer proposal – transfer meal days – Session # 1 from Meal Days to Fundraising General – motion to approve – Brenda; second – Andrea

Principal's Update

1. Kindergarten Registration Week – new online registration process is in place
2. Grade 8 End of the Year Trip confirmed depending on Labour Action
 - parent info night has been held
 - 3 Day Trip to Ottawa
3. Professional Development Day – Friday, January 31st
 - Term 1 Report Card Writing Day
4. Recent & Upcoming Events, including trips and extra-curricular:

- please check the school website at <https://www.ugdsb.ca/islandlake>
- 5. Please check the labour relations page on the board website for further information about the ongoing changes for all unions <https://www.ugdsb.ca/board/labour-relations>
- 6. School has purchased 23 chromebooks and a chromebook charging cart for the school

New Business and Updates

Outdoor Classroom Bunkie

- Sean followed up with the board person for purchasing who has given us the go ahead that when the weather gets nice, we can go ahead with delivery for the Bunkie. We will have to pay the \$6000 to have the Bunkie installed (that money has already been set aside for this purpose)

Pollinator Garden

- In our Nature came and spoke with us about a pollinator garden put in at our school at the last meeting
- Received a plan and a quote from them – for all work, site prep, plants, planting, watering schedule, etc. the total cost is \$2921
- Council discussed that we need to ensure that there is a education piece involved for all students around the plants and the bees and the importance of a pollinator garden
- If we do decide to go ahead with a pollinator garden, Sean needs to file a “Greening Request” with the board
- Discussion around whether or not we need to put this out to tender – because it’s not equipment and is more focused around an educational program, the thought was that it should be fine to go with the original quote we have received
- Consensus was made by all council members to go forward with putting the Greening Request in to the board in an effort to get the pollinator gardens put in place before the end of the year

Science Night

- Scientist in the School – accommodates about 300 student participants, provides four activities for up to two hours (**Stations include:** Tumble bunnies – investigates friction, Hoopster Planes – experiment with lift as you build and take home an unusual airplane, Discovery Centre – a selection of biological samples including pelts, skulls, insect specimens, preserved marine and animal specimen, Elephant’s Toothpaste – a foam chemistry concoction), including all materials, includes four Scientists in School Presenters to run the activity stations; they would also add two student-led construction activities at no charge (Magnet Magic – student-run construction center with magnetic tiles, Gears, Gears, Gears – student-run construction center with gear building system)
- Cost is \$1360
- We are able to increase the number of activities if we feel we need more for \$170 per activity
- We have to provide gym space and tables

- Idea to potentially have this on a Saturday morning as a school run event – will have to talk to the Scientist in the School Program to see if they will do a Saturday morning
- The cost for this could be covered by our Dance a thon Fundraiser as it is specifically for Scientist in the School and we currently have excess funds in this account
- Idea to potentially have a passport for families when they arrive that encourage them to participate in all the stations and then they can enter their passport for a prize (i.e., a Science Kit)
- Look into whether or not our Grade 7/8 students would be able to volunteer to help out during this event
- Consensus was made to contact them to book this event – hoping to book them in April – will try to book for a Saturday and if not possible, potentially a Friday night

Arts/Mental Health Teacher Funding

- In the past, we have given every classroom teacher \$300 to do an art or mental health initiative in their classroom
- $\$300 \times 24 = \7200 total – last year we spent just over \$5000 and had activities such as: DrumFit, Yoga, Dance for Peace Program, Many Colours Program
- Need to decide if we are going to allocate these funds again this year and whether or not all teachers will get it, or just classroom teachers
- Agreed that we need to have guidelines in place to let teachers know what the expectation is in terms of what they use the money towards
- Lots of discussion around how to move forward this year because of the job action – decision was made to hold off on spending the funds this year
- Will focus on using the money typically allocated to this on school wide needs and initiatives

Sports Jerseys

- Last meeting we discussed the potential of getting new jerseys for the school
- Tania and Sean met with Jay from the t-shirt company – they were given two options: 1) a Sky Blue jersey with gold and white accents and the Osprey Logo on the middle
- 30 each youth small/medium/large
- 10 each adult small/medium/large
- Cost would be $\$27.99 \times 120 = \$3358.80 + \text{HST} = \$3795.44$
- Everyone in attendance was in agreeance to move forward with purchasing the jerseys
- Tania is also going to look into the cost of a tent for our teams to take to sporting events with the Island Lake Logo on it and will share at the next meeting

Dance-A-Thon

- Scheduled for February 14th
- Will need some volunteers to come and help out
- Idea to get black lights and have all students wear white so they all glow
- The Grade 8's are helping to update the playlists
- Discussion of doing all fundraising for Dance-A-Thon to School Cash Online or potentially having cash envelopes and school cash online for payment options

- Discussion about what to do with the Grade 7 and 8's – do a dance with them and maybe have some small games and activities for them to do
- Available volunteers should contact Tania
- Natasha, Tammy and Tania will be available to volunteer for Dance-a-Thon

By-Laws

- The By-Laws are completed
- All parent members and executive members voted in favour of the By-Laws to make it an official document to govern council

End of Year Event

- Our BBQ at the beginning of the year is a huge success – thought of doing something at the end of the year to celebrate the ending of a great year
- Could potentially do another BBQ, but are open to suggestions about potential ideas for an event
- Idea to have a Movie Night Under the Stars with Food Trucks

Movie Night

- Scheduled for February 21st

Family Ice Skating Day

- Scheduled for February 1st @ 3 PM Teen Ranch
- Need to let all families know that it is not a supervised event
- All skaters must be wearing a helmet
- Families will be asked to sign a waiver for any adult who does not have a helmet

Pro-Grants

- All boards are going to get a chunk of money for parent engagement
- The board is going to separate that money into regions. Each region will get around \$5000-\$6000 to run a parent engagement event which will include presenters, guest speakers, etc.
- Schools have been asked to let them know if we have any ideas of what we would like to see as a topic or guest speaker so if anyone has any ideas email them to Tania by Jan. 26

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to Adjourn – Katrina, second – Andrea @ 9:15 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 18 @ 7 PM in the Library