

**Island Lake Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2020 @ 7 PM**

In Attendance: Tania Rooney (Chair), Jenny Smith, Andrea Sproule, Jacee Alphonso (Co-Chair), Brian Rooney (Treasurer), Tammy Woods, Ashley Hopkins (Secretary), Brenda Kinsella, Jen Rothfuchs, Sean Singh (Principal), Tanis Knoll, Nicole Brown, Danielle Harris

Babysitter: Trinity Crisostomo

Welcome: Tania welcomed everyone. Sean did the land acknowledgement

Approval of January Minutes: Brenda, second Jacee

Treasurer's Report

- Classroom account – moved money to the general account as per the approval at our last meeting
- Spent \$35 for dance a thon envelopes
- One class did their Scientist in the School this past month
- Ice rental for Teen Ranch Family Skating Day came out
- Deposit for jerseys approved at the last meeting came out
- Purchased three tables for council to use within the school (\$169. 40)
- Paid for our portion of Summit Climbing (\$2500)
- Motion to approve – Jacee, second - Andrea

Principal's Update

1. Thank you to council for running the Meal Days, an incredible Dance-a-Thon (feedback from all involved was amazing – special thanks to Tania and Brian Rooney for all of their efforts) and the Movie Night this month. We hope you all had a wonderful Family Day Weekend
2. We thank all members of our community; families, students and staff; for continuing to show kindness and consideration for each other in these trying times. The Labour Issues that we are facing as a province are affecting all of us in very different ways. The positivity and collaboration shown throughout the Island Lake Community is heartwarming and speaks to the relationships that we have established. Thank you to all of the members of our community. We are all hoping for a quick resolution.
3. 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 generations. The program impacts the youth's 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) or Mardell Miller (Mardell.miller@ugdsb.on.ca) if you know any seniors who might be interested in this amazing program.
4. Have switched the dates of the Challenge Course due to the labour disputes to June 15th – 19th

New Business and Updates

Dufferin Joint Council Meeting Overview

- At these meetings all the Dufferin school council chairs attend and collaborate. Tania just attended one a few weeks ago at Parkinson Public School. They had a guest speaker come and speak about the Farm to School Food Bags Program that Island Lake participates in. Many schools seem to be working on improving their outdoor space and their fundraising initiatives are focused there.

Event Updates:

Mental Health Presentation

- Had Sonia McDonald come from Edify to speak about Positive Mental Health and supporting our Children. We had 10 parents attend and many were able to ask very specific questions and get feedback from the group and from Sonia. Good information about mental health vs. mental illness, signs and symptoms to look out for, tips to keep youth mentally healthy and provided parents with a list of resources available to them within the community (i.e., Kids Help Phone who also have a new text line for Kids to utilize). Info shared from Sonia is also available on our Facebook Page (or below at the bottom of these minutes)

Family Skate

- Rented the ice at Teen Ranch for an hour. Had about 110 skaters on the ice. Everyone seemed to have a great time. We had coffee and hot chocolate donated by Mocha Berry. There was music playing and had a small photobooth station for families to utilize. The event was very easy to run and ran smoothly

Dance-a-Thon

- Successful event. All the Grades participated. We rented black lights from Long and McQuade. The kids loved following along to the Just Dance songs.

Follow Up From Previous Meetings

Science Night

- Science Morning. Will take place on Saturday, April 25th at the school. It is booked. Will take place from 10 – 12 PM. Gym is already booked. They will require some time before and after for clean-up. Some volunteers will be required to oversee the two stations that will not have a Scientist. Otherwise, they will take care of everything. There will be six stations in total – four will have a scientist with them, the other two are self-directed.

Jersey's and Tent

- Being done by Print T's. We have paid a 50% deposit and the jerseys should be in within the next week.
- We have asked for a quote on getting a logo put on to the tents that we currently have and are waiting to hear back from Print T's
- The school will be doing another school-wide shirt order in the near future so families have another opportunity to order school clothing

Pollinator Garden

- Met with the individuals who run the Pollinator Garden and talked with them about the educational component of the program. They have some PDFs that will be shared with families and assemblies that will be done to help educate the students on bees and what benefits they bring for our community
- They will also work with classes to help further their education on this topic

Annual Plan Review

- Review of the events that have taken place so far (Family Skate, Dance-A-Thon, Movie Nights, etc.)
- We will be unable to do the Family Night with Summit Climbing due to insurance issues with the board so this will be put off for this year
- Have some upcoming Parent Information Nights however our turn out in the previous nights has not been great. Question of whether there are different activities that might be better to do that will bring more families out. Idea to do a Family Paint Night/Art Night, a Family Just Dance Night or a Family Zumba OR Yoga Night.
- Council will look into different artist options to setting up a family art night
- Idea to do an event on a Sunday afternoon when more families are around and available
- End of the Year Event – idea to do a Family Play Day outside with local food trucks on June 12th (5:30 – 7:30)

Principal Leadership Input

- Every year the board asks for input on Principal Leadership for us to give input in the event that our Principal is moved
- This provides us with an opportunity to share our vision, needs and initiatives as a school with the board
- Will review this again at the next meeting

Other Business

- In the last meeting, it was decided that we are pausing the mental health initiative funds for this year. The teachers were told and have also been given the new by-laws and the request for funding forms if they would like to request anything from council
- Pizza Day was brought up – there have been some complaints amongst parents that the quality of the pizza has gone down. Council will make note of that and contact Pizza Pizza about the concerns
- Question around the playground at the back of the school, it is requiring maintenance. They tried to repair it last year, however there have been some roadblocks around getting it fixed (i.e., you can't get the same type of slide, etc.). Need to look into more options around what to do next. – discussion around replacing the whole climber and that potentially this should be our next major fundraising initiative
- Discussion around how to allocate the remaining funds in the budget- decision was made to wait and see if any teachers or staff make requests in the next month

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to Adjourn – Andrea, Second - Brenda

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 24 @ 7 PM in the Library