

**Island Lake Parent Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 10, 2020**  
**Online - 7PM**

**In Attendance:** Sean Singh (Principal), Shan Robertson (Vice Principal), Ashley Hopkins (Secretary), Jen Rothfuchs, Anna Michelle Smith, Lindsay Watson, Jacelyn Alphonso (Co-Chair), Tara McLean, Melissa Williamson, Tammy Woods, Jenny Smith, Ashley Evans, Danielle Harris, Tanja Schenkel, Charmaine Spiteri, Melissa White, Tanis Knoll, Amanda Politano, Melissa White, Irina Goldobina, Katrina Bishop, Tracey Gear, Sarah Laughton, Tanis Knoll

**Welcome**

Jacee welcomed all members

**Land Acknowledgement**

Sean did the land acknowledgement. He also shared that November 2nd was Treaties Recognition Week and a lot of work was done around this with students

**September Meeting Minutes:**

Jenny motion to approve, Tanja seconds

**Treasurer's Report**

- No funding has been received in the past month
- \$4000 was budgeted for Teacher Class Supplies Reimbursement that council voted on at the last meeting
- No change in accounts from September to October
- Proposed changes to the accounts: remove the funds from the Milk Account and place them in the fundraising general account (because we are not running a milk program due to the pandemic)
- Motion to approve - Katrina, seconded by Tanis

**Principal's Report**

1. Thank you to school council for the generous gift of \$200 per classroom for our staff to purchase materials for our students for DPA or for their classroom. It is a wonderful show of support for our teachers and students.
2. Opt – In Survey for Reorganization was completed in October. The Board will be sending out messaging regarding the results sometime this week. Schools will be making plans for a Nov 30 switchover for students.
3. Progress Report cards will be going home on Nov 19th
4. Nov 27th PD Day for Parent/Guardian – Teacher Interviews

- Interviews will be done using Google Meet or via phone. Scheduling will be done via the Online Booking system as it has in past years. More info to come next week.
- 5. Our students are following the Health and Safety routines very well inside the school and in classrooms. We are still encouraging them to practice social distancing outside at recess.
- 6. Our Virtual Announcements have been successful – Grade 8 students have been hosting a google meet every morning with all classes to “Sign” the National Anthem (we follow along a video of a person using sign language to accompany O’Canada) as well as giving all of our students a weather update and reading the quote of the day after any announcements. Each class is scheduled to do the “have a great day, staff and students” by turning on their mic and camera so that kids get to see each other’s classes. The grade 8’s provided presentations and videos for students to view to celebrate Treaties Recognition Week (Nov 2-7)
- 7. Halloween was a great success – Mrs. Robertson created a slideshow of photos and added it to each Google classroom for students to view. We also put it up on the TV in the front foyer
- 8. We will be having a Remembrance day assembly virtually tomorrow. Mrs. Manzerolle and the grade 8’s have prepared a presentation and some resources for classes to use. Our classes have created artwork and have been learning about Remembrance Day in preparation
- 9. Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week is from Nov 15-22. Our CYC, Kyle Adams, has prepared activities for our students to participate

### **New Business**

- Hosting the Joint Dufferin Council Meeting on November 16th - we will share the minutes from this meeting at the next council meeting

### **2020-2021 Budget**

- Reviewed in the Treasurer’s Report
- We will continue to move forward with items that were already planned in our budget (i.e., the Bunkie for the Outdoor Classroom)

### **Teacher Funding Update**

- Gave each teacher \$200 to use for supplies in their classroom
- Teachers are able to buy what they feel they need to their classrooms and then we reimburse them
- The items purchased must be used to benefit the students in their classroom and need approval from Tania or Jacee before being purchased

- All teachers were also given a thank you card to show councils appreciation for everything they are doing

### **Possible Virtual Events/Engagement Discussion**

- Idea of maintaining a virtual component to Parent Council Meetings so all parents can attend
- Idea of having an online Virtual Family Games Night (maybe using Kahoot)
- Idea of doing a Virtual Paint Night for families - have someone leading a paint night that students could follow along with

### **Other Business**

- Question of whether or not the gyms will be reopened - Sean indicated that he would put this question towards the Superintendent to see what the next steps are. One issue is that the gym is being used for excess furniture and equipment to maintain social distancing in the classroom and that the space is being used for the K classes due to their size
- Question about Reorganization - Sean said the board would be sending more information out this week with the results of the survey that will let us know what reorganization will look like (it will take effect on November 30th)
- There was a Townhall Meeting about Police Presence in Schools - Melissa shared that if anyone has any thoughts or ideas on the Police Presence Task Force to let her know and she has connect you with individuals who are interested in your feedback

**Meeting Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn - Melissa, Second - Jen Rothfuchs

**Next Meeting:** January 12, 2021