

Island Lake Parent Council Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2021 - 7PM - Online

In Attendance: Sean Singh (Principal), Shan Robertson (Vice Principal), Tania Rooney (Chair), Ashley Hopkins (Secretary), Melissa Williamson (Treasurer), Tanya White (Teacher Advocate), Sarah Laughton, Tanis Knoll, Anna Michelle Smith, Jen Rothfuchs, Katrina Bishop, Melissa White, Aazim Abdullah, Tanja Schenkel

Welcome

- Tania welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves

Land Acknowledgement

- Sean did the land acknowledgement

November Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes - Katrina, second - Jen and Anna Michelle

Treasurer's Report

- Melissa presented the treasurer's report for us
- In November \$765.41 went to Teacher Class Supplies
- In December \$566.92 went to Teacher Class Supplies and \$500 was put towards Grad Awards
- Currently have \$26,493.31 in the accounts currently
- Motion to Approve - Anna Michelle, second - Tanis Knoll

Principal's Report

- 1) We are very happy to have all of the students back in the building!!! We would like to wish all of our families a happy Family Day holiday.
- 2) First Term Report cards will be going home on Feb 18th.
- 3) We would like to wish Mrs. Berenguer all the best as she leaves us on Friday to start her maternity leave. We have hired Ms. Malhi who has been at Island Lake on a number of occasions as an Occasional teacher.
- 4) Our Virtual Announcements have resumed – thank you to our Grade 8 students and Mrs. Manzerolle for hosting the google meet every morning with all classes to “Sign” the National Anthem” and share our announcements
- 5) In honour of Black History Month, the UGDSB is celebrating Black Heritage, Black Brilliance and Black Futures with a host of activities and teaching resources. More information can be found on the school website at <https://www.ugdsb.ca/islandlake>
- 6) This Friday will be a Spirit Day on the Island – it will be Hat Day!! Wear your favourite hat or get creative

New Business and Updates

- Virtual Events/Engagement ideas that we can offer to the school community - idea for a Family Trivia Night
- Idea of using Kahoot to do a Family Trivia Night - Dividing it up by topic and grades to help limit the numbers - Tania and Ashley to look into this
- Scientist in the School has reached out about offering Virtual Scientist in the School Nights - however there is a substantial cost involved
- Idea of doing an online family Bingo night - Tanja to get more information on this to share with council
- Tania has reached out to the Dufferin Parent Community Group - they have agreed to do a workshop just for parents of our school (virtually) if that is something that we are interested in
- Idea of doing Virtual Theme Nights to engage students (i.e., a Hawaiian themed Night)
- UGDSB and PIC are presenting Virtual Parent Engagement Nights - the next one is March 4th from 6:30 - 8:30 PM which focuses on Parenting for Student Success During a Pandemic - the first half we will hear from Dr. Robyne Hanley-Dafoe the second half are breakout sessions that focus on Mental Health and well-being - this information will be communicated with parents. There is also another session coming up on April 8th.
- Today is internet safety today - the OPP did a live facebook chat on Youth Internet Safety. They shared some good ideas around internet safety for youth. This is shared on their facebook page for any parents who may be interested

Other Business:

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 @ 7PM