

Island Lake Parent Council Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2021 - 7PM - Online

In Attendance: Sean Singh (Principal), Shan Robertson (Vice Principal), Tania Rooney (Chair), Melissa Williamson, Sarah Laughton, Tanis Knoll, Anna Michelle Smith, Jen Rothfuchs, Katrina Bishop, Melissa White, Christine Pellegrino, Jenny Smith, Ashley Evans, Liz Charpentier, Alicia Johnson, Anna Ventrano, Danielle Harris, Jacelyn Alphonso (Co-chair), Ashley Hopkins

Welcome

- Tania welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves

Land Acknowledgement

- Sean did the land acknowledgement

Meeting Minutes for May

-May meeting minutes reviewed, allowing all time to read them

- Motion to approve the minutes (2020-2021 Parent Members only) – Jenny S, second Jen R

Treasurer's Report May & June

-Not a lot came in and out

-\$110.52 in from Fundschrift that was sitting from pervious years

-Bunkie was paid for to finish off the outdoor classroom

-refund from Summit Climbing

- Motion to Approve (2020-2021 Parent Members only) – Jenny S, second – Jen R

Treasurers Report September

-Playground repairs came out for \$2437.95

-Motion to approve- Alicia, Second- Stephanie

-Accounts need money moved around to keep set minimum balance in each account

-Tania asked to have meal balance of \$1153.56 moved into General account, and more from Fundraising General to top it up to the minimum \$5000 for that account.

Motion to Approve- Tanis, second Stephanie

Principal's Report to School Council- Sept/Oct 2021

1. Welcome and Appreciation to...

- New students and their families
- Our previous/new School Council

2. Start to the Year :-)

- Excellent start up – very smooth transition to classes on the first day of school
- Focus is on Student Re-engagement to school, Student Mental Health and Connection and Diagnostics to determine gaps in learning

3. Reorganization & Staffing Update:

- Huge reorganization this year for ILPS
- As we have a number of Long Term Occasional teachers, we will be seeing some staff turnover as the LTO teachers are applying to Contract positions that have opened up due to reorganization across the board

4. Covid Protocol Reminders: in order to continue to keep our staff and students safe we are reminding students on a regular basis to maintain their distance in class lines outside, wear their mask when inside and stay in their class groups at recess.

5. Upcoming Events:

- Please check the school website for current and upcoming events
- Oct 8 Picture Day – was a success – we were able to get through all of the individual
- Oct 29 Ministry PD Day – Report Card Writing

6. Parents are requested to sign up to receive emails - CASL requirements in effect ·
Go to school website <http://www.ugdsb.ca/islandlake/>

- Scroll to the bottom of the page
- Click on the button “Subscribe to email notifications”

New Council for 2021-2022 School Year

-went over the roles of Parent/Parent Member/Executive and commitment to each role

- Because we are virtual, people were asked to write their names in the chat to volunteer for positions

-New Parent Member Volunteers; Melissa White, Jenny Smith, Katrina Bishop, Tania Rooney, Ashley Evan, Anna Michelle Smith, Liz Skinner, Alicia Johnson, Anna Vetrano, Christine Pellegrino, Jen Rothfuchs, Danielle Harris, Melissa Williamson, Tanis Knoll, Jacelyn Alphonso

Executive positions were also done by placing your name in the chat to volunteer for the position

Chair, Tania was the only person to come forward, she will continue in this role

Co-Chair, Jacelyn was the only person to come forward, she will continue in this role

Secretary, Jenny Smith was the only person to come forward, she will take over this role from Ashley Hopkins

Treasurer, Liz Skinner was the only person to come forward, she will take over this role from Melissa Williamson

New Business and Updates

-Bunkie

- Has been installed and has now completed the outdoor classroom
- Gardens have become very overgrown and need regular maintenance
- Danielle asked if parent volunteers could help with cleaning out the garden and splitting some plants

- Sean said the school would be on board with having parents clean up the gardens, but would like the classrooms to also have some responsibility in helping and working with the gardens
- Tania proposed setting up a committee with volunteers to create a schedule to keep the gardens from getting out of control again
- The first clean up will be paid for by council and the students can take over maintenance now that they are back in the classroom
- Tania will contact company for the first big cleanup
- Some of the mulch that the board brings to the school will be used in the outdoor classroom to help with maintenance.

-Playground

- Repairs were made, the slide with the three slides had to be removed as it was dangerous and beyond repair
- There are limited years left with the current playground, it has become too old to fix broken parts
- We will need fundraising to pay for a new playground, they are extremely expensive but a very integral part of the school yard that the students really enjoy
- Other schools have had to raise \$100,000 for their playgrounds
- Meal days would typically be our big fundraiser to help with this bringing in around \$16,000/year
- Sean asked about leaving the current bones of the playground and just getting pieces added slowly so the students who helped fundraise would get to use it, or to start slow and buy new pieces at a time to build up to the bigger finished project
- Playpower did the park in the Fieldstone Community and it cost \$130,000+HST
- Tania asked what other families would like to see added; accessibility for all students was an important component, climbing nets and domes were also suggested
- Everyone present was asked to notice what they see kids liking at the parks and to make note to bring back to council as this will become an ongoing discussion as we try and fundraise for this project

-Fundraising Ideas

- Fundscript can be used all the time under ILPS login, % goes back to the school and they have amazon, grocery store etc gift cards that can be purchased

- Santa's Little Helper has gift wrap and bags for purchase but must have the order in soon to get with the deadline
- Mom's Pantry has frozen goods, muffins, cookie dough etc to be purchased through order forms
- Pizza Night order through Pizza companies to make a pizza night at home, Little Caesars has make our own pizza kits with \$5 donated back to the school
- Mabels Labels account % goes back to the school if people search for our school name
- Read-a-thon run much like our dance-a-thon, students get sponsors and log their reading minutes online. Parent Council would create incentive for students/classrooms with the most logged hours

Tania suggested a fundraising committee to work on researching ideas and then reporting back to council with ideas

Volunteers for the Committee; Christine, Danielle, Tania, Tanis and Jenny

-Scientists in the classroom

- Last year our program was changed to accommodate the needs of the classrooms during the pandemic. Teachers were given the funds to use as they saw fit in their own classroom, we would like to bring it back as it was originally planned for and have the "Scientist in the Classroom" still happen but virtually.
- Many families agreed it was a wonderful learning experience for their kids, and a benefit to the teachers as an addon to hands on learning that is preplanned for them.
- Approval to move forward was unanimous

-Meal Days

- Not allowed from the school board still
- Restaurants themselves have also contacted the board and have not heard back regarding if/when we will be allowed to restart.

Sean spoke about keeping our school inclusive and wanting to make sure we try and reach all members of our school community regarding up coming holidays and celebrations such as Halloween. Making sure costumes are appropriate.

Sean and Tania thanked everyone for being part of our meeting and are excited to work together to support students, families and teachers this year through council.

Motion to adjourn, Jen R, Second- Katrina

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52 p.m

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Nov 9, 2021 @ 7PM