

**Island Lake Parent Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 8, 2022 – 7:00 PM – Online (Google Meet)**

**In attendance:** Tania Rooney (chair), Sean Singh (Principal), Shan Robertson (Vice Principal), Liz Skinner, Jen Rothfuchs, Ashley Evans, Tanis Noll, Danielle Harris, Nicole Brown, Martha Peralta, Sarah Laughton

\*\*No approvals or decisions made due to lack of quorum.

**Welcome**

-Tania welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves.

**Land Acknowledgement**

-Sean completed land acknowledgement.

**November Meeting Minutes Review**

-previous meeting minutes not reviewed or approved due to lack of quorum.  
-approval will take place via email with Parent Members

**Treasurer's Report for October**

-Liz shared treasurer report for November, December and January.  
-incoming funds included those from Fundscrip and Pizza Days  
-outgoing funds included those for Fundscrip and our first pizza day as well as for the outdoor garden clean up  
-motion to approve did not take place due to lack of quorum

**Principal Update**

1. BLACK HISTORY MONTH/ UGDSB Black Heritage, Black Brilliance and Black Futures month: Throughout the month of February a variety of resources and supports centering on Black histories, experiences and contributions are highlighted and made available in order to support learning and celebration across all grades in the UGDSB. We are excited to present a collection of opportunities for all our students to celebrate and learn.
2. WHY SURVEYS: Beginning on February 14, the Upper Grand District School Board is collecting information on student health and well-being from youth, parents/guardians/caregivers and school staff. The *Well-Being and Health Youth Surveys* are designed to help us understand how well we are doing creating safe, welcoming, and inclusive environments in our schools. It also provides important information about

the physical and mental health of youth in our area. Link to the parent survey – open until Feb 28 - [Parent Survey](#)

3. PIZZA DAYS: Thank you to all of our School Council volunteers who are sorting, delivering and distributing pizza!! We appreciate all you do.
4. Feb 11 – Random Act of Kindness Spirit Day on the Island!! Come up with some ideas to participate in Random Acts of Kindness!! – let’s show each other how much we care.
5. Feb 14 – Valentine’s Day - Students are welcome to bring in Valentine’s Day cards for their classmates, please do not send any treats from home. Teachers can provide a class list with students First Name and Last Initial (for privacy reasons). Please reach out to your homeroom teacher if needed.
6. Feb 17 – Term 1 report cards available for download – more info to come from the Board about this process
7. Feb 21 – Family Day – no school for staff or students – Enjoy some time together!

## **New Business and Updates**

### Secretary Position

- Jenny Smith, who was voted in as Secretary at the beginning of the school year, is now an employee of UGDSB
- She can remain a voting parent member however cannot hold an executive position.
- therefore, will need a new parent member to take on secretary position
- Tania explained what the role would entail, which this year, only includes taking the minutes of the meetings and emailing them to Parent Members
- this role could also be shared among a few Parent Members.
- Danielle Harris agreed to take on the role, which will begin at the March meeting

### Meal Days

- pizza days have begun
- good number of orders for this session, with 550 slices being ordered
- we pay \$10.25+tax for a pizza of 10 slices and charge \$2 per slice
- meal days that were postponed in January will be held in March.
- next session will run April – June. Ordering to open the beginning of March through School Cash Online.

### Fundraising

#### *Fundscrip*

- we had a very low number of families, only 15, participate
- still raised just over \$400 from those orders
- money raised has been requested and will arrive at the school as a cheque this month
- all money raised will be deposited into the Playground account
- it was mentioned that through the ongoing direct buy option, by paying with a credit card, much of the percentage that would come to the school is taken away in fees.

- Tania mentioned that, in fact, credit card payments take about 1.9% off of the donation percentage and that paying through electronic funds transfers results in no fees being taken off.
- Tania will send out a reminder to all parents about this buying option, with a how to guide.

### *Deja Vu Weekend*

- our weekend through Déjà vu Restaurant is Feb 26/27th.
- \$3 from every kids meal purchased over the weekend comes directly to the school
- all we have to do is promote it and encourage people to go
- question was raised about whether this would include take out meals
- Tania will contact Déjà vu to inquire
- Tania will send out information to all parents through email and Facebook

### *FunDrive*

- Clothing and Household Goods Collection
- a fundraising opportunity through Value Village
- the idea of the fundraiser is that families collect items from around their homes that they would like to get rid of.
- they pay by weight for 4 different categories of goods that we collect. The categories and payment amounts are:
  - Soft Goods in bags: clothing, shoes, accessories, linens
  - Housewares in boxes: kitchen items, décor, toys, games, small appliances
  - Books in boxes
  - Media in boxes
- possibly to run end of April beginning of May, when families are switching over clothes for season and doing spring cleaning
- discussion postponed until March meeting due to lack of quorum for decision making and approval

### *Little Caesars*

- frozen pizza kits, bread sticks, cookies
- discussion postponed until March meeting due to lack of quorum for decision making and approval

### *Dance-a-thon*

- discussed options of how to run Danceathon this year with Covid restrictions around cohorting and no parent volunteers
- Sean suggested that instead of a danceathon day, we could run it as a week long event
- each class would use one of their gym periods during the week as their Danceathon
- playlists/Just Dance lists could be made available to teachers
- funds raised through Danceathon is used to fund Scientists in the School
- also discussed that there is money in our budget to fund Scientists in the School for teachers this year and a few teachers have already booked their sessions

Playground

-Tania has emailed a few parent council members from other local schools who agreed to speak with her

-she has not heard back yet but will continue to make contact.

**Other Business**

-no other business discussed

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 8, 2022