

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

**In attendance:** Sean Singh (Principal), Shan Robertson (Vice Principal), Tania Rooney (Chair), Jacelyn Alphonso (Co-Chair), Danielle Harris (Secretary), Jenny Smith, Martha Perata, Anna Michelle Smith, Tanis Noll, Liz Charpentier (Treasurer), Ashely Evans, Nicole Brown, Tammy Woods

**Welcome**

-Tania welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves.

**Land Acknowledgement**

-Sean completed land acknowledgement.

**February Meeting Minutes Review**

- February meeting minutes emailed to parent members who were in attendance in February
- No questions from those members in attendance
- Motion to approve the minutes – Anna Michelle, 2nd Danielle

**Treasurer's Report for February**

- No money coming in for the month of February, as expected
- Money going out for Scientists in the School, payment for Forest of Reading library program, and 4 pizza days
- Received Fundscrip money which will show up in the month of March

**Principal Update**

- A huge thank you to our School Council and its volunteers for providing Pizza Days on the Island! Feedback from families has been very positive!
- Grade 8 Grad Photos are taking place tomorrow, March 9<sup>th</sup>, in the gym.
- Some covid restrictions are slowly easing in schools. We are now able to have students working in groups again in their classrooms. Some primary classes have space to get their carpet areas back. Some clubs are starting up again and there are some class intramurals taking place in the gym at recess. A huge thank you to the teachers that have provided these opportunities for our students. We will continue with masking indoors, social distancing and remaining in class cohorts outside until we are given clearance by the Ministry.

- A reminder that our March Break this year is a little unusual. This Friday is a Board-Designated Holiday so our last day of school is Thursday, March 10 and we return on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- With warmer weather coming soon (hopefully), a team of our teachers has revised and updated the Dress Code to ensure it is equitable and inclusive to all. We have aligned it with the Board template for consistency amongst all schools. For your reference, we will be updating the school website with the revised dress code after March Break.
- We have begun the staffing process in Upper Grand, so over the next few months we will be preparing for the start of the 2022-23 school year.
- We welcome Ms. Berenguer, one of our grade 3 teachers, back from her maternity leave and wish Mr. Miehm all the best for the future.
- We wish all of our families a wonderful March Break together and are looking forward to the last stretch of the 2021-22 school year.

## **New Business and Updates**

### Meal Days

- Happening in the schools again and everyone is LOVING it
- Tania thanks the parent volunteers who help make pizza day happen
- Next session Apr-June, currently open on School Cash Online – closes March 27th
- Hoping to be able to add other meal day options in the next school year

### Fundraising

#### *Deja Vu Weekend*

- Original date changed due to shutdowns related to covid
- Raises \$3 for every kid's meal over the scheduled weekend
- We don't have to do anything on our end other than spreading the word
- our weekend is now Apr 9/10 which gives us more time to promote
- deal is eligible for dine in and take out orders, as long as it's a kid's meal
- parents to spread the word, no one has to state they want to support the specific school, it is automatically given to the school fundraiser for all kid's meals that weekend
- majority agreement shown through vote to proceed

#### *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

#### Thoughts/Questions?

-Sean: What is the timeframe for collection and pick up? Do we have to store it somewhere?

Tania: Other organizations have had a drop off date scheduled and then we have to drop it in Brampton, so no storage issue

-Tania: spring time would be good because that's when families are going through their things – beginning of May?

-Shan suggested after the May long weekend since a lot of people do their spring cleaning that weekend

-All in agreement to move forward

-Proposed Date: May 30th week for collection

-Sean: any day other than a Thursday (garbage day), the collection truck could be parked for the day in front of the garbage bin area

-Jacelyn – will drop offs happen outside of school hours as well? – Tania thought between 1-6/7pm would be a good timeframe

-Jacelyn – would we open in up to the community? – Tania: That's a great idea! We could absolutely do that Sean: Could be a good way to use some \$ to advertise in paper, etc. if it fits the parent engagement guidelines

-Will we have a backup plan if we need more space than the one truck – Tania has a moving truck lined up to collect!

-Anna Michelle: some local realtors have trailers that they may loan us as well – Bradley Harman (kids also go to Island Lake)

-Tania: We can start giving lots of notice now so that people can start gathering items immediately and setting them aside until the drop off date

-Ashley: would parking be an issue? Could there be a drive through option? – Sean: yes, parents could come in through the bus loop, but we would need to specify times so that people don't try to come during bus hours – busses are usually gone by 3:30, cars could come through before and after those times – loop is closed from 2:30-3:30

-majority agreement shown through vote to proceed

#### *Little Caesars*

-frozen pizza kits, bread sticks, cookies

-Kits are \$22 - \$29, \$6 from every kit comes to the school

-Entire order is delivered to the school and parents would pick up on delivery day

- Items are good at room temperature for up to 12 hours
- Kits don't come grouped by order, orders would have to be organized
- Rep suggested setting up stations for each kit and people pick up from each table

#### Thoughts/Questions?

- Sean: price points? What do you get for \$29? - Tania showed flyer/advertisement \$29 kit was 3 12" pizzas, Breadsticks 3 - 10" portions, cookies 30 cookies for \$22, etc
- Danielle: timeline? Tania – thinking April/May, wouldn't take long to organize getting orders in. Turn-around time is 2 weeks from orders
- Orders are done online with a fundraiser ID – no cash online
- Jacelyn: Is there minimum order requirement? Tania: not a minimum, but if we sell over 200 kits the delivery is free
- Tania: money could go towards playground fundraising. Can also offer this out to the community as they would likely be onboard as the whole community uses the playground
- Jacelyn: if order doesn't go through us, how do we get the order forms to hand out to families? Tania: thinks there is a portal that she can log into to see who has ordered what, but will follow up to make sure this is a possibility. Easier if we have the sheets rather than relying on families to bring something
- majority agreement shown through vote to proceed

#### *Dance-a-thon*

- money raised goes towards Scientists in the Schools
- because of co-horting we haven't been able to do it how we have in the past
- Looking at doing a Dance-a-thon week where classes would use their gym periods to dance to playlists/videos
- Talked about whether we rent lighting for the week and who would get those set up each day – Sean said it would be manageable to help out with this
- Tania wondered if parent volunteers could help out – Sean said this is definitely a possibility if needed

#### Thoughts/Questions:

- Jacelyn: What would be the date? Tania: Haven't picked one yet. Jacelyn: Wondering if things might change sooner rather than later, so maybe if we wait we'll be able to run it like we have in the past. Tania: We would just need a couple of weeks to fundraise so holding off would be a good idea
- Maybe we could set it up as an end of year party
- Tania: sounds like we are in agreement that we should move forward but we'll just wait on the date
- majority agreement shown through vote to proceed

#### **Other Business**

##### *Parent Engagement Funds*

- In other years it has been used for workshops, coffee and comfort for JK parent families

- Not in person right now, so feeling limited in ways we can engage
- Jacelyn: wondering if because we have been so removed from the school community, can we use the \$ for an end of year party similar to the BBQs we use to do at the beginning of the school years – Sean: yes, that would be a great idea, think about bringing in the Sobey's truck again
- Tanis: Food trucks would be a good idea – Sean: yes, we can see how things progress through the ministry and hope that things open up enough
- Jacelyn: can we start planning/organizing now and hope we can move forward. We won't give parents a date until we are given the green light – Sean: sounds good. This way we can lock in Sobey's or whoever else we go with
- Tania: let's keep this in our parent council group for now as we plan – we don't want to disappoint people
- majority agreement shown through vote to proceed

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn: Tanis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Danielle

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 5, 2022