

Island Lake Parent Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 5, 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), Liz Skinner (Treasurer), Tanya White, Sarah Laughton, Jen Rothfuchs, Martha Peralta, Anna Michelle Smith, Ashley Evans, Katrina Bishop, Nicole Brown

Welcome

- Updated parent numbers according to those who have been in attendance to the majority of meetings
- Tania welcomed everyone to the meeting

Land Acknowledgement

- Sean completed land acknowledgement.

February Meeting Minutes Review

- March meeting minutes emailed to parent members who were in attendance in February
- No questions from those members in attendance
- *Motion to approve the minutes – Jen, 2nd, Jackie*

Treasurer's Report for February

- Some Scientist in the School payments came out – still quite a bit of money left for this
- Fundscrip money came in - \$530
- Pizza Day money came in –
\$14 000 for 3rd semester – still have to pay for pizza each week (around \$700 a week), should make around \$6 000 profit for this semester
- *Motion to approve: Jackie, 2nd Jen*

Principal Update

1. Thank you to our new volunteers for Pizza Day - without them Council may not have been able to run our Meal Days. Thank you to Tania for being proactive and getting the message out!!
2. Students are managing well with the revised Covid restrictions. We thank all of our community for continuing to demonstrate kindness, compassion and patience as we move towards a more normal life at school.
3. Wise Ones and Grandpals programs have started for our grade 8 and grade 5 students. At this time they are still virtual meetings but students are engaged in learning about their partners!
 - Tania asked if funds are need for this program this year from Parent Council, Sean said, no, not this year.

4. Director Peter Sovran is scheduled to visit sometime in May. We are looking forward to having him join us on the Island.
5. EQAO for grade 3 and grade 6 students will be happening in May and June. Details to be confirmed and communicated.
6. An in-person graduation ceremony for our grade 8's has been approved. It will be held at ODSS and planning has begun! *Funds needed for awards, etc. from Parent Council (\$500)
7. For those students and staff who are observing Ramadan this month, we have designated a space for lunch/recess and we have a prayer room within the school for any that wish to use it.
8. The staffing process for the 2022-23 school year is in progress. The process continues until mid-September.
9. We wish all those celebrating Easter, a Happy Easter. The school will be closed for Good Friday, April 15th and Easter Monday, April 18th

New Business and Updates

- ***Pizza Days:***

- 2nd session started yesterday
- 644 slices – up by 100 slices from the 1st session
- We were in a bind for volunteers but new volunteers stepped forward after Tania called out through FB and emails
- Profits from meal days go toward general funds like graduation, etc. , not assigned to anything specific
- Runs until June 20th, last Monday there will be no pizza!

- ***Fundraising:***

Deja Vu Weekend

- Apr. 9/10
- \$3 from every kids meals, dine in or take out comes to the school
- Spread the word – people don't have to specify the school fundraiser, will apply to any and all kids meals ordered
- Sunday has breakfast with the Easter bunny, so we may get extra people eating in the restaurant this weekend!

FunDrive (Clothing and Household Goods Collection)

- Email went out to families to introduce the event to families
- Families asked to collect items at home
- 3 weeks before the collection date, families will be sent a google form to inform FunDrive how much we expect to have coming in
- We will add some extra bags to the item total, to account for any items not tallied
- June 6th is collection date – moving truck secured
- 12-2:30/3:30-7 drop off times
- Will need some volunteers, Tania to send out a call closer to the date

- We are responsible to deliver and unload the truck at 10am on June 7th, so we will need volunteers there as well
 - Items will be weighed and they will tell us on the spot how much we raised
- Thoughts & Questions:*
- Jacee: are we going to make a poster or something we can send out to the community? Tania: might be difficult now because we have to submit numbers... maybe we can advertise through FB and Tania could send the link to the google form?
 - Jacee: maybe we can just add even more bags to our total to make up for the possibility of extra donations from larger community
 - Sean: could we drop off at multiple locations? Tania: no, bc it's a scheduled drop off date/time
 - Jen: Leave the info more general on the FB post and have them message someone specific for more specific information re date and drop off... that way we have a sense of interest
 - Likely to have more people wanting to support since it is for the playground that many groups use, not just the kids at the school.

Little Caesars (Frozen meal kits)

- Brochures went out last week
 - Email and FB messaging has gone out
 - Apr. 21 is the deadline to place orders and pay
 - So far we have had 16 kits, \$96 raised so far
 - We have to have a minimum of 100 kits sold, otherwise orders will be refunded
 - 100-149 kits = \$75 in delivery, 150-199 kits = \$50 in delivery, Over 200 kits = free delivery
 - Delivery and Pick up date is May 11
- Thoughts & Questions:*
- Tania: can this be inside the school or does it have to be outside? Sean: Can be inside as long as it's after school Tania: Foyer or Gym? Sean: Foyer is likely easier so people are in and out
 - Sean: We are maintaining the doors being locked, so if we're in the foyer it's easier to see people coming
 - Volunteers will also be needed for this – Nicole and Danielle happy to help. We won't know how many volunteers we'll need until orders are finalized

Dance-a-thon

- Probably best to stick with a dance-a-thon week so we can run it smoothly and not worry about mixing classes
- Students will still raise funds
- Will use class gym periods as their dance-a-thon times
- Lighting will be rented and some just dance play lists will be ready for teachers to play
- Incentives for top fundraising will still take place – individuals and classroom
- Pizza party for top class and gift cards for individual prizes
- Funds go towards Scientists in the School
- Waiting to find out when EQAO dates are so we can schedule a date around that

- In the past we have done glow sticks but switched to black lights to minimize waste and glow sticks were breaking/being broken
- **End of Year BBQ:**
 - Now that we can be in person, we can hold our BBQ
 - Tania secured the BBQ truck from Sobeys
 - June 14th, *no rain date*
 - Minimum order of \$500 – was around \$1000 in the past
 - Google form created, each family member can select one item for no cost
 - Will need volunteers to cook the food, take tickets, etc
 - Do we want to have other activities? In the past it was during meet the teacher night
 - *Thoughts?*
 - Anna Michelle: music outside, chalk, bubbles, also nice to just see people!! – dunk tank for the principal 😊
 - Staff/Teachers are certainly invited too!
 - Tania: do we need individual condiment packages?? Group: have hand sanitizer available! Sean: maybe Sobeys has the large pump bottles Shan: volunteers to help with condiments? Katrina: works in food industry and might be able to source the pumps out
 - Danielle: Is there an option to cook the veggie burgers on a separate BBQ as some don't eat meat for religious reasons and may not feel they can eat the burger if cooked on the same BBQ as meat Tania: In the past we have kept the veggies burgers in their own section with designated utensils, etc. If we feel the need to have a separate BBQ we could look at borrowing one?
- **Gardens:**
 - Keith from Trillium Outdoor Services contacted, he will look at gardens and will let us know what the cost would be if we wanted some spring work done
 - Sean: Do we have funds to purchase plants? Tania: not a ton for excess plants Sean: may be something to consider to extent of what we're planning – maybe just clean up and do mulch to keep up maintenance
 - Jacee: Didn't we vote to keep him on? Costs allocated? Tania: I think it was just for the fall, so just once a year – come in August to clean up before kids return to school Tania: will go back to check minutes
 - Class involvement??
 - Sean: how long do tulips last? Group: around a month Sean: nice easy thing for Kindergarten classes to plant. Could be nice low maintenance for Spring blooms
 - Danielle: Community donations of low maintenance plants from people splitting their plants? Tania: If we could get plants at no cost from donations that would be ideal
 - Sean: we have to think about plants that don't need a lot of water. Maybe we can talk to Keith and ask him what types of plants would be ideal. Tania: will keep in contact with him and keep the group posted

- Sean: drain is blocked up again in the outdoor classroom. Can we ask Keith about this? Jacee: wonders if maybe it is because the ground is still frozen

Other Business

Virtual or In Person meetings moving forward?

- We have been given the go ahead to proceed in person if we wanted
- Pros and cons to both options
- Jacee: could we do both? It's nice to have the option – many are still joining while out at an arena or in the car Sean: from a technical aspect, it gets really difficult because we only have one microphone on a computer for the people joining virtually. Hybrid model gets really tricky
- More people seem to be able to join virtually
- Tania: Should we just remain virtual for the remainder of the school year? Group: agrees to move forward for the last two meetings and relook at the process come September

Stream of Dreams:

- Danielle: are there plans to update the faded fish?
- Sean: This is definitely something we can look into. It would have to be a school based project. We would need to take a look at how the fish are attached
- Sarah: thinks they were originally done in 2010, so they held up really well
- Sean to check with staff to see if there is interest in repainting the fish

Volunteers:

- Tania: Should we send out one email showing all of the volunteer opportunities or separate?
- Danielle: Nice to see everything that is needed in one spot and where there are open spots/needs Ashley: maybe put it in a google doc
- Sean: School council page - calendar may be able to be set up so people can find dates easily and also include volunteer charts. It would be nice to utilize the website more
- Jacee: it's also nice for the larger school community to see everything that Parent Council is involved in and how they can help out as well

Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn: Jackie, 2nd Danielle*

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 10, 2022