

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

In attendance: Sean Singh (Principal), Shan Robertson (Vice Principal), Tania Rooney (Chair), Liz Skinner (treasurer), Danielle Harris (secretary), Kaye Martin (new Principal), Jen Rothfuchs, Anna Michelle Smith, Ashley Evans, Jenny Smith

Welcome

- Tania welcomed everyone to the meeting, including new incoming Principal for the 2022-2023 school year, Kaye Martin.
- It's been nice to start bringing things back to the school since things have started opening up
- Thanks to Sean and Shan for their support over this year

Land Acknowledgement

- Sean completed land acknowledgement.

May Meeting Minutes Review

- May minutes emailed to parent members who were in attendance
- no questions from those members
- Motion to approve the minutes: Jen, 2nd Ashley

Treasurer's Report for April

- Money in was Dance-a-thon
- Outgoing – scientist in the schools sessions and paying for pizza days in May
- End of May balance: \$24, 142
- Déjà vu funds: still working through that process – Upper Grand Learning Foundation. Hopefully we will see it in June financials
- Waiting on Little Caesar's cheque and FunDrive – expected for June sometime and deposited
- Milk and pizza days money from March 2020 was in the safe, so that's been counted and will be added to June

Principal Update

1. Thank you to council for an outstanding year:
 - We appreciate all of the support that the School Council has given the school and wish you all the best for the summer. We hope to see you all back next year in September.
 - Thank you to our fearless leader, Tania Rooney and all of our parent members for their incredible effort and the time they have volunteered to make this a better place for our students. You are an integral part of the positive climate here on the Island.
 - We are excited to have seen a return to a more "normal" school year and are looking forward to September!!
 - We truly enjoy working with our Council. Consistent communication and focus on our students makes our partnership closer.

2. Events and Information Items:
 - Thank you for helping us with a very enjoyable Danceathon Week!
 - The Fill the Truck Day for the Fun Drive was very well organized and brought in a lot of clothing!
 - We are looking forward to the Mix and Mingle on the Island BBQ on June 14th
 - Track and field is set for grade 1-4 on Wed, June 15th with the 1500m race at ODSS starting at 5:30pm. Grade 5-8 will have their track and field day on Friday, June 17th
 - Play day on the Island is on Tue, June 21st – the same day our June Report Cards will be available for download
 - Our Grade 8 grad is set for Wed, June 22 at ODSS – we can't wait to celebrate our Osprey's achievements!
 - The Grade 8's are off to the Heart Lake Conservation Area for their end of year celebration on Tues, June 28th
 - The last day of school will be Wed. June 29th
3. We are looking forward to welcoming Kaye Martin to the Island as your new Principal. Kaye will be joining us at the Mix and Mingle as well. Kaye is an excellent fit for Island Lake PS. She is a competent, compassionate person who will continue to support all of the wonderful initiatives and learning that goes on in this building. The staff, students and parents will benefit greatly from her warmth, expertise and collaboration.
4. I consider myself very fortunate to have been part of the Island for such a long time. I am sad to go because I would have loved to have spent a couple more "normal" years here to see some of our Character Education, Equity, Language and Math initiatives through. This school and its community has taught me a lot. I thank you all for your support and I have learned much from all of the interactions over the past seven years, both positive and negative. Overall, I believe that together, we have moved our school forward, in the face of many challenges, and we continue to create a positive environment for our students to learn and grow. I wish you all the best for the future. Thank you.

New Business and Updates

- **FunDrive (clothing and household goods collection)**
 - Was amazing – great turnout, amazing volunteers
 - 4514lbs of items were delivered to the store
 - Looks like that will be around \$625
 - Store was shocked to see how much was collected!
 - Allowed to do this collection up to 4x a year – maybe consider doing a collection in the fall and spring
- **Dance-a-thon**
 - Happening in the school this week during gym periods
 - So far kids are having a blast
 - We have lights and just dance music for kids to follow along to
 - Sean: kids are loving it and the lights are making all the difference and ALL ages are loving and following along with the just dance videos

- Donations on School Cash Online are open until June 12
- First year we've done dance a thon without sending home envelopes
- \$ goes towards Scientists in the Schools

➤ **End of Year BBQ**

- June 14th from 5-7
- Truck will be delivered between 2-2:30 before buses come in
- Gives time to start pre cooking the food and have things ready to try to avoid line up
- List of volunteers coming out
- \$ for bbq comes from \$500 from Parent Involvement Committee – engage parents in the community
- Speakers from eco pac for music
- Executive voted to buy some bubble machines for council (\$30 each)
- Tania: will we have access into the school for bathrooms? Sean: we will have access to the Eco Pac. If need be we could station someone in the school to support washroom traffic
- Email went out to staff today so they have the chance to order food as well if they choose to join in
- Sean: if it's a rainy day, email will be sent out in the morning to cancel, if needed.
- Tania: Sobey's rep said no charge if cancelled due to rain because they can still sell items in store
- Sean: are we still planning for something in September? If so, might be worthwhile booking in advance

➤ **Outdoor Classroom Gardens**

- Trillium Outdoor Services – suggests if we want to put in plants, put in what we want and he can spot spray for weeds and mulch. Suggested they come every 2-3 weeks to pull weeds \$60/hour, ongoing visits are typically 1 hour or less at a time/ \$115/yard for mulch – 2-3 yards of mulch rec.
- Sean – gardens by outdoor classroom aren't bad.. they're green but weeds will get bad over the summer. No tulips came up this year.
- Tania: Do we want to approve mulch? And maybe once in July and once in August - \$500 – Members agree to this plan

➤ **Meal Days for 2022-2023 school year**

- Pizza Pizza not consistent in quality. Tania spoke with Kash from Pizza Pizza who stated that they got new electric pizza ovens and we weren't the only ones complaining. They switched us back to the regular stoves and it appears to be better. Kash also bought new pizza delivery bags to attempt to keep pizza hot longer.
- Tania approached Grabba Pizza about the possibility of being our pizza day provider. They are excited about the possibility and can offer deal of \$11 for x-large cheese pizza. In order to make the switch, Grabba would have to be put on Board approved vendor list.
- Thoughts?
- Jen R: could we trial Grabba for the first session and see how it goes and then make a decision? We don't know if we don't try!
- Tania/Danielle – order from Grabba Pizza often with no complaints
- Decision made: go with Grabba on a trial basis and see how it goes
- Likely able to add back other meal days come September What do we want to bring back??

- In the past we've done: pita, smoothies, pasta. Are there other options? Discussion to continue in Sept/Oct
- Reminder: no pizza on the last week of school, it only goes until the 20th

Other Business

- Open house for next year? Pre covid we had coffee and comfort for new JK parents
- Something to consider since many parents haven't been in the school since Covid, so many new parents/families at the school

- Ashley: Really liked the Little Caesars. Lots of great feedback from those who ordered

- Farewell to Principal Sean Singh, who, after 7 years at ILPS will be transferring to another school within the UGDSB. We appreciate all you have done for the school and alongside council.

**Through emails with parent members, it was agreed that Council would get a gift to present to Sean as a thank you and farewell. It was agreed up to \$200 could be spent. Tania will take care of getting something.

Motion to adjourn – Jen, Danielle