

Island Lake Parent Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 18, 2022 – 7:00 PM – Hybrid: In Person and Google Meet

In attendance:

In Person: Tania Rooney (Chair), Jacee Alphonso (Co-chair), Kevin Tamming (Secretary), Eve Dosman, Jen Rothfuchs, Ashley Evans, Christine Pellegrino, Kaye Martin (Principal), Sarah Laughton (teacher), Melissa White, Tanis Noll, Ashley Hopkins, Shan Robertson (Vice Principal)

Online: Katrina Bishop, Tammy Woods, Shannon Gavrilos, Andrea Rideout, Anthony

Welcome

- Tania welcomed everyone to the meeting
- Everyone introduced themselves

Land Acknowledgement

- Shan Robertson (Vice-principal) completed land acknowledgement.

Treasurer's Report

- Tania (Co-chair) shared and reviewed the financial report, The treasurer (Liz Skinner) could not make the meeting.
- September month end balance was \$21,727.95
- A preliminary budget for the year was presented and discussed.

Meeting Minutes Review

- September minutes had been emailed to parent members who were in attendance at previous meeting.

Principal Update

Kaye Martin (Principal) first asked if the weekly end of week blurbs were welcomed. It was noted that they were still appreciated.

Extra curriculars are starting

- o Intramurals
- o Drama Club
- o Junior / Intermediate volleyball is starting

Take me outside day is tomorrow (October 19). Grade 5 students will be going to Island Lake Conservation area.

Professional Development day is October 24. Morning will be staff development; afternoon will be school report writing time.

November 11 – Remembrance Day ceremony. Information will be coming on if parents can attend.

IEP went home today (October 18). Feedback is more than welcome.

Halloween October 31 – At Island Lake, students are welcome to wear costumes (no masks, weapons, or blood/gore) or orange and black clothing on October 31st. Hallowe'en is a day that is not observed by all students or staff. It is considered a choice to participate as are all spirit days. Alternate and supportive accommodations are provided for students if they choose not to participate. As a school community it is our responsibility to have a space that is welcome to all. Students must avoid wearing identities and cultures as costumes. This includes appropriative costumes/cultural stereotypes, body-shaming and objectifying costumes, and costumes that joke about situations that have caused harm. Such costumes perpetuate stereotypes and can cause harm that can further marginalize and oppress community members.

New Business and Updates

➤ **Meal Day**

- Tania will receive orders this week on pizza slices.
- Grab-a-pizza is still not on approved Board List.
 - o Pizza Pizza will continue from October – December.
 - o Volunteers are already in place to assist on Pizza Days.
 - o First day is October 25, as the 24th is a PD day.
- Second Meal Day option poll
 - o 196 people participated.
 - o Boston Pizza was the preferred choice.
 - o Boston Pizza has been very accommodating. They will do two separate delivery times to keep the food warm.
 - o It will run as a trial in November for four weeks on Thursdays.
 - o A poll will be conducted at the end of four weeks to see if we should continue in the New Year.

➤ **Fundraising**

Last year the Fun Drive raised \$706, and Little Caesars pizza kits raised \$1854. Discussion was had around both ideas. They were well received and not much work so it was decided to do these again.

➤ **Dance-a-thon**

The dance-a-thon last year raised \$2645. This money is used for Scientists in the School. A date will need to be picked for when to hold the dance-a-thon this year.

➤ **Donations to the playground fund**

People have asked if they can donate to the playground fund directly. The Upper Grand Learning Foundation is a way you can donate through the school board. This seems rather cumbersome as there is an online PDF to fill out.

CanadaHelps.org is an online way to donate to the Upper Grand Learning Foundation. This process is much easier. It needs to be investigated on how to access the funds once they are donated.

➤ **Playground ideas**

We will be reaching out to other local school Parent Councils that are farther along in the planning and fundraising for playground ideas.

➤ **Winter Celebration – previously “Deck the Halls”**

- It was recapped of how we did it pre-Covid (4 Years ago).
- A date of Thursday, December 8 was chosen.
- Planning will need to happen through polls and email.

➤ **Movie Night**

These were always well received so we will look into planning a movie night for the Spring of 2023.

Other Business

➤ **Before school protocols for children**

- No sports equipment before school as there are far too many children, younger siblings, and adults on school property.
- Children can move around and play.
- When the bell rings, the children are required to line up before going into school.

➤ **Post-Pandemic Mental Health Webinar**

- November 8 – 6-7 p.m.
- It will be led by Kevin Cameron, the Executive Director at the Centre for Trauma Informed Practices
- He will share information and strategies relating to post pandemic children mental health.
- Information on webinar will be sent home to parents.

Next Meeting Dates

November 15
January 24
February 21
March 21
April 18
May 16
June 13

Meeting adjourned