

Island Lake Parent Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 21, 2023 – 7:00 PM – In-Person & Online

In attendance:

In Person: Tania Rooney (Chair), Kevin Tamming (Secretary), Eve Dosman, Jen Rothfuchs, Ashley Evans, Becky Smith, Kaye Martin (Principal), Sarah Laughton (teacher), Melissa White, Tanis Noll, Liz Skinner (Treasurer), Amanda James

Online: Tanya White, Shan Robertson, (Vice Principal), Christine Pellegrino, Shannon Gavrilos, Tammy Woods

Welcome

- Tania welcomed everyone to the meeting
- Everyone introduced themselves

Land Acknowledgement

- Kaye Martin (Principal) completed the land acknowledgement.

Treasurer's Report

- Liz (Treasurer) shared and reviewed the financial report.
- January month end balance was \$44,846.26
- Reviewed budget and where it is tracking for the rest of the year.

Meeting Minutes Review

- November minutes had been emailed to parent members who were in attendance at previous meeting.
- Minutes were posted to Council page on school website as well as on Council Facebook page

Principal Update

February is Black Heritage, Black Brilliance, Black Futures month. Morning announcements, school displays, class activities and lobby slideshows are all taking this important month into account. The school is flying the Pan-African Flag under the Canada Flag outside.

The grade 7/8 classes participated in sledge hockey. Various grades participated in a tennis program at Headwaters Racquet Club. Intramurals are up and running. Basketball will be starting soon, and a 1-day hockey tournament will be attended by our school made up of co-ed grade 7 and 8 students.

Some classes celebrated the 100th day of school.

A reminder that March 3rd is a PD Day. Teachers will be focusing on Literacy and Numeracy.

New Business and Updates

➤ **Meal Day**

- Ordering for the next session of both pizza and Boston Pizza is open on School Cash Online until February 28.
- There will be no meal days the week before March break (6-10th).
- Next session starts after March break.
- More volunteers needed to ensure meal days can continue to run two times a week.
- A discussion was had on if we should allow day of sales of Pizza slices. More investigation is needed to see if this would be beneficial. We will not offer day of sales for the next session of meal days.

➤ **Fundraising**

Little Caesars:

- 204 kits were sold.
- This will result in just over \$1200 coming back to the school. This will go towards the playground fund.
- Pick-up day is Wednesday, March 8, at the school between the hours of 3:30 and 7pm. Volunteers are needed to help with this.

Fun Drive:

- Fill the truck day is Wednesday, May 24th. Between the hours of 12 and 2:30 and 3:30 and 7 (the hour break allows for bus pickup of students)
- Items being collected include clothing, bedding, housewares, toys, books etc.
- Volunteers will be needed that day.

Canada Helps:

- The page is up and running.
- Anyone can go on at any time to make a donation to the playground fund
- Donors are issued a tax receipt

A suggestion was made to look into Party Rockers Dance as a possible fundraiser.

➤ **Dance-a-thon**

A discussion was had about whether we should have 1 day for the dance-a-thon (pre-COVID) or have a week – where each class uses a gym period for the dancing. The one day idea is what we will look at planning.

The money raised from this event has typically been used to fund a Scientist in the School workshop for all classes. To allow for a broader range of activities, it was decided

that all classes will receive \$250 in funds to put toward some type of science excursion / science course / or Scientist in the School.

➤ **Playground**

Tania has reached out to the Board approved playground companies. Three quotes are needed in order to move forward in the process. Once we have secured a company, further research in grants and other avenues of funding can be explored.

Next Meeting Dates

March 21

April 18

May 16

June 13

Meeting adjourned