

Island Lake P.S. Council

Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2023

Attendance (Parent Members Underlined)

Present In Person: Tania Rooney, Becky Smith, Tanis Noll, Tamara Anderson, Kamal Sandhu, Amanda Jones, Tammy Woods, Leighton Gordon, Ashley Evans, Anna-Michelle Smith, Lydia MacFarland, Colleen Shirley, Jessica McGachy, Kevin Persaud, Sandy Persaud, Jessica Barbetta, Elissa Carr, Kim Shaska, Shannon Gavrilos, Steffany Slade, Sarah Laughton, Tanya White, Ruzanna Maranjyan, Kaye Martin, Shan Robertson

Present Online: Jacelyn Alphonso, Christine Persaud, Lindsay Groves, Reeti Ahluwalia

Quorum (minimum 6 Parent Members): Yes (2022-2023 Parent Members for this meeting, to close out year)

Welcome and Introductions

- Tania welcomed all in attendance, both in person and online
- everyone did introductions
- Kaye completed the land acknowledgment

Treasurer's Report

- Tania presented the financial statements for both May and June
- at year end, the closing balance (all accounts combined) was \$38,680.74

Principal's Update

-Kaye shared the following information

1. Great start to the year. School currently has about 570 students in 25 classes
2. Small re-organization has taken place, which affected only a small number of primary students
3. Soccer will be starting shortly
4. Terry Fox run is scheduled for September 26th (rain date of September 27th)
5. Grade 7 and 8s will be heading to Island Lake Outdoor Ed and participate in the indigenous program they are offering
6. Grade 1s will hopefully be heading to the international plowing match happening in Dufferin County Sept. 19th-23rd
7. School Cash Online is currently down board wide. Until it is up and running, trip payments and meal days will be on hold

8. A parent delivered flowers to classroom teachers today - brightened a rainy day - very thankful!
9. SWIS (Settlement Workers In Schools) is hosting a virtual information session on "Connecting to the School" for Dufferin and Wellington County families on September 14, 2023 at 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. The link is on our website.
10. If anyone has any Hosta plants for the front gardens and is willing to donate them, it would be appreciated
11. We are looking for a volunteer to take over the Food & Friends Program coordination. The volunteer would be responsible for placing the snack food orders, tracking delivery and inventory and ensuring the program is operational. Please contact the office if interested.

New Business and Updates

Election of 2023-2024 Council Members

- Tania reviewed the roles and responsibilities of each type of member (Parent/Parent Member/Executive)
- parents in attendance were asked to self nominate if they wished to be Parent Members for this school year
- the Parent Members for the 2023-2024 year are:

Tania Rooney
Jacelyn Alphonso
Colleen Shirley
Kamal Sandhu
Tanis Noll
Tammy Woods
Christine Persaud
Reeti Ahluwalia
Amanda Jones
Ashley Evans
Shannon Gavrilos
Steffany Slade
Ruzanna Maranjyan
Becky Smith
Lindsay Groves

- Parent Members were asked to self nominate for the Executive Positions (Chair/Co-Chair/Secretary/Treasurer)

- the Executive Members for the 2023-2024 year are:

Chair: Tania Rooney
Co-Chair: Jacelyn Alphonso
Secretary: Colleen Shirley & Kamal Sandhu

Treasurer: remains vacant (with no interest shown, Tania may take on the treasurer role)

Financials

-need to top up some accounts and clear out meal day account to start fresh for this school year

-propose the following funds be moved from Meal Days into the following:

- \$1607.69 into General (to be at \$5000 to cover playground/gardens etc)
- \$999.35 into Library (to be at \$1000 to cover forest of reading)
- \$3321.29 into Dance-a-thon (to cover possible total amount of Scientist in Schools/science funding)
- \$10710.30 into Playground (to close out the rest of meal days)

-approved to move these funds

-Tania will contact office coordinator to make these changes

Meal Days

-Tania reviewed possible meal day options, including pricing and other included items

-it was agreed to go with:

- Toppers pizza, to be held on Mondays
- Boston Pizza, to be held of Thursdays

-it was also suggested that special meal days could be held throughout the year to offer more variety, such as Pita Pit, Smoothies etc.

-Tania will let Toppers and Boston Pizza know we will be moving forward with them for meal days

-the start of meal days will be postponed due to the School Cash Online outage and the ordering process will begin once it is working again

-meal days can only run with the help of volunteers. A call for volunteers will go out through email and on our Facebook page

Back to School BBQ

-scheduled for September 28th 5pm-7pm in conjunction with Meet the Teacher

-Sobeys BBQ trailer is reserved and all items must be purchased through them (minimum \$500)

-Google Form ready to go out to collect orders from families (each person attending can order 1 free item)

-we will need volunteers for this event and a call for volunteers will go out through email and on our Facebook page. This would also be appropriate for high school students.

Playground

-the board inspection in the spring found damaged areas (rusty areas, missing and loose pieces)

-the estimated cost to repair current damages is \$2500

- the playground must pass inspection again in the Spring and are likely to find more areas to need repair after the winter weather
- discussion was had around the question, “do we want to spend this money to repair or tear down?”
- board will remove playground with no charge
- at what point are we wasting money by completing repairs, money that can go towards a new playground build
- reviewed Active Playground Equipment (APE) options from catalogue with some tentative pricing (able to do large structure with added freestanding climbers. A discussion took place about the order that these things could go in, to best suit our needs)
- Tania will continue to work with playground companies to get quotes
- question was asked, “Could we do nothing right now and wait to see what the spring inspection brings?”
- Kaye will check with the Board around liability if left unrepaired and will let Tania know
- a vote will take place over email with the Parent Members about what to do with the playground once we hear from the board
- need committee to focus on new playground build. Hope to form this committee at the next council meeting. Committee to focus on sourcing larger funding options, such as grants etc.

Other Business

Meeting Schedule

- it was agreed that Tuesday evenings at 7pm worked for everyone
- meetings will take place on Tuesday evenings again this school year

Meeting Delivery

- a discussion was had about the delivery format of the meetings
- as it is convenient for people to be able to attend the meetings virtually, if needed, the meetings will continue to be held both in person and online

Next Meeting Dates

October 17
November 14
December 12
January 16
February 13
March 19
April 16
May 14
June 11