

Island Lake P.S. Council

Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2023

Attendance

Present In Person: Tania Rooney (chair), Tammy Woods, Colleen Shirley (secretary), Steffany Slade, Shannon Gavrilos, Ruzanna Maranjyah, Linda Grandilli, Jacelyn Alphonso (co-chair), Suman Multani, Ashley Evans, Kaye Martin (Principal), Shan Robertson (Vice Principal), Tanya White (teacher rep), Sarah Laughton (teacher rep)

Present Online: Tamara Anderson, Amanda Jones, Karen Miller

Quorum (minimum 8 Parent Members): Yes

Welcome and Introductions

- Agenda read by Tania Rooney, no additions suggested
- Introductions from all present in person as well as online
- Land acknowledgement read by Shan Robertson

Treasurer's Report

- Tania reviewed the September financial report
- there were no questions

Principal's Update

1. Terry Fox – raised \$1,154.00
2. Thank you to Family Transition Place
 - a) Grade 6s and 7s have completed their Inspire and Power programs with success
 - b) Grade 8s are still participating in the I AM program
3. Playground repairs – hoping to open it this week-awaiting final inspection
4. EQAO Results have been released
 - a) Gr. 3 Reading 62% at/above grade level – UGDSB 70.3% - Province 72.6%
 - b) Gr. 3 Writing 60.3% at/above grade level – UGDSB 63.1% - Province 65.4%
 - c) Gr. 3 Math 50% at/above grade level – UGDSB 56.9% - Province 59.7%
 - d) Gr. 6 Reading 91.8% at/above grade level – UGDSB 85.6% - Province 83.7%
 - e) Gr. 6 Writing 95.9% at/above grade level – UGDSB 85.3% - Province 83.6%
 - f) Gr. 6 Math 49% at/above grade level – UGDSB 52.7% - Province 49.5%
5. Intermediate volleyball has started
6. IEPs went home today/Progress reports available Nov. 16th online

New Business and Updates

Meal Day Update

- session #1 begins next week (October 23rd) with Pizza on Mondays and Boston Pizza on Thursdays
- 632 slices of pizza ordered for Monday, and an average of 325 orders for Boston Pizza days
- Question asked: could Parent Members make decision on meal days at meeting in June to allow a September earlier start to meal days? – This will be considered

Review and Approval of Annually Funded Initiatives

1. Remembrance Day Wreath: A wreath purchased for \$85 and will be placed November 11th
Vote- approved by parent members present
2. Forest of Reading: \$1000 given to purchase books for library for yearly Forest of Reading program. Students read the books and vote on favourite books.
Vote- approved by parent members present
3. Family Transition Place Program: A program for grades 6, 7 and 8s that teaches conflict resolution, self confidence, how to respectfully share opinions and ideas, and life skills that will follow students throughout their lives. It's a very engaging program that receives positive feedback from students. This program must be booked in 2023 for the 2024-2025 school year. Discussed booking for 6 classes in total at \$1890 (which is half of the total cost as the school covers the other half). At this time, due to FTP policy on integrating students from other classes and with how many classes ILPS books, the grade 6s of any 5/6 split classes are currently not receive programming.
Vote- approved by parent members present

Question-a program is available for grade 5, should we add a grade 5 option? Voted on and decided to table discussion for now. We need more information regarding what is currently available to grade 5 students.

4. Grade 8 Graduation: Council has given \$500 towards grade 8 graduation. A Parent Member has asked if more can be contributed by council to amp up the graduation celebration.
Suggestion: Ask the grade 8 students to organize themselves and decide what is meaningful to them for their graduation. Present this idea to Parent Council and ask for the dollar amount they need.
Vote-continue to contribute \$500 but open to contributing more, depending on what the students come back with.
Tania will inform grade 8 teachers of the new funding idea and process.

Winterfest

Indoor winter celebration involving crafts and raffles. The event is free to attend. Should we have the event this year?

Vote-Yes.

Discussed possible dates in early December. Wednesday, December 6, 2023 from 5pm-7pm was agreed upon.

A committee will be formed to plan the event

Playground

The parent members voted to make the repairs to the playground. The repairs will hopefully be completed soon.

A committee needs to be formed to have a group who are working together towards the building of the new playground.

Fundraising Options

Do we want to do a fundraising event before the holidays?

Vote-Yes

Options discussed included Recipe in a Jar, FlipGive, Little Ceasars Pizza Kit, Terra Cotta Cookies, Krispy Kreme Donuts

Vote- will do Recipes in a Jar leading up to the winter break and will look at other options for throughout the year.

Recipes in a Jar

- dry ingredients in a mason jar for products such as brownies, cookies, soups etc.
- most schools charge \$12/jar \$10/pouch
- all orders and payment online
- delivery to school for pick up
- products are delivered in bulk and orders would need to be sorted for/during pickup

Other Business

Funding Request

The LRC10 class requested \$300 for a wagon and also support for grocery gift cards for their cooking program. 2 parents have offered their wagons as options so this will be explored first. If these options do not work, funds needed for wagon will be approved.

Vote – approved for \$300 wagon, if donations are not appropriate for need

Vote -approve \$200 for groceries and will revisit contributing more if needed.

Snack Program

The school has received a grant from PC for \$15K with a requirement to fundraise for 20% (\$3K) to show the school is making an effort towards the program. Currently, the school provides a basket of snacks in the office. Students can go to the office to get a snack when needed but some do not use the program due to the stigma. Ideas shared to increase dispersion of snacks and possibly increase what is available to students to include sandwiches and other food options. The snack program is a school based and not a Council based program. More information is needed prior to Council contributing to this program.

September BBQ

Suggestion: Dedicate separate BBQ for veggie burgers and consider bringing back music playing through the school yard.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023