

# **Island Lake P.S. Council**

## **Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2023**

### **Attendance**

Present In Person: Tania Rooney (chair), Tanis Noll, Ashley Evans, Shannon Gavrilos, Steffany Slade, Ruzanna Maranjyan, Linda Grandilli, Kaye Martin (Principal), Shan Robertson (Vice Principal), Tanya White (Teacher Rep)

Present Online: Colleen Shirley

Regrets Sent: Jacelyn Alphonso, Tammy Woods

Quorum (minimum 8 Parent Members): Not met- Only 7 parent members present

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Agenda read by Tania Rooney

Land acknowledgement read by Shan Robertson, Vice Principal

### **Treasurer's Report**

Review financials for the month of October-there were no questions. Note the playground repair maintenance invoice has not yet been received, which will come out of the General account.

### **Principal's Update**

1. Jr Volleyball team did a great job representing Island Lake last week
2. Int. Volleyball tournament is happening next week
3. CCAT scores for grade 3s will be coming home soon
4. Progress reports available online Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>
5. Parent/Teacher interviews are happening the evening of Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and all day Friday (PA Day)
6. Book Fair is also happening on Nov. 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>
7. Snack Program is expanding – classes will be having their own bin and thank you to the LRC-10 class for taking on the job of managing the food and keeping track of what is being used.
8. Headwaters Racquet Club will be visiting to teach classes tennis

## **New Business and Updates**

**Executive Changes:** Tania, our current Chair, has accepted a new position with the UGDSB that does not allow her to continue as the chair of Council. This will be the last meeting Tania can be the chair. We need a new chair so anyone on Council who is interested should reach out to Tania for more information.

**Recipes in a Jar update:** Orders close this Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. 198 items have sold so far. Earned about \$800 so far. Once orders close on Friday, we will receive the delivery date. We anticipate it will be early December. Volunteers will be needed for the handing out of the orders. Every jar and pouch that is sold = a pouch of minestrone soup for the school to donate.

**Meal Days:** Next session of meal days will be open on School Cash Online from November 24<sup>th</sup> - December 10<sup>th</sup> for January/February meal days

**Committee Updates:** Playground committee and the Winterfest committees have been formed. There is still time to sign up for the Playground committee.

**Winterfest:** Plan created

Colour Theme: Blue, White & Silver

Library: Kid's Secret Shopping area \$2 per ticket

Gym: Raffle Baskets. Tickets can be purchased. You must be present to claim prizes

Bake Sale: "pay what you can" bake sale

\*\*The shopping area, raffle baskets and bake sale all require donations to come in from the school community.

Photo Station: winter themed decorations

Face painting: kids can choose between 4 basic winter themed designs. Will use volunteers to do the painting (students, if possible)

Colouring Station: tables with easy winter themed colouring pages

Refreshment Station: hot chocolate, and popcorn-free

Front Foyer: Scavenger Hunt page given to each child

Ticket Sales for raffle baskets and secret shopping. Playground donation bin.

Volunteers: we will need a number of volunteers for this event. A google form link has been circulated. Tania will also connect with the grade 8 teachers about student volunteers.

**Fundraising Plan:** Full discussion deferred until January.

Did discuss doing Terra Cotta Cookie Day in the early new year.

There have been inquiries about whether council will be holding FunDrive (clothing donations) again this year. Will discuss further in new year.

A parent also wondered about bringing back Movie Night, which is a possibility. The board has rules about the movies that can be shown. Free popcorn, people could order pizza and dilly bars.

Party Rockers was asked about however council is not allowed to host as per the Board due to too much of a liability.

**Funding Request:** A funding request was received from Kristen, school CYC. 2 presentations from UPower Presentations, one K-grade 3, and one grades 4-8. Provide strategies to enhance resilience and emotional and mental well-being. Total cost is \$1,350.00. The Principal stated that if parent council is willing to contribute half the cost (\$675) the school could cover the rest. This money would come out of the Fundraising general account.

Decision could not be made on the funding request due to lack of quorum. An email will be sent to all parent members to make final decision. Those present at the meeting (7 of 8 needed) all voted yes.

## **Other Business**

**Council Communications:** The question was asked about the way we currently send emails and whether they could include more graphics etc. to grab the attention of the reader. Response: Due to accessibility rules with the board, the current format cannot be changed.

It was also discussed whether parent council should expand their social media from only having Facebook to having Twitter, Instagram etc. This will be looked into.

**Next Meeting Dates:** Tuesday, December 12, 2023