

Island Lake P.S. Council

Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2024

Attendance

Present In Person: Tania Rooney (chair), Christine, Shannon, Steffany, Kaye (Principal), Shan (Vice Principal), Tanya (teacher), Sarah (teacher), Stacey (teacher), Todd (teacher)

Present Online: Colleen Shirley (secretary), Tanis, Becky, Ruzanna

Regrets Sent: Jacee (co-chair), Tammy, Ashley

Quorum (minimum 8 Parent Members): Yes-8 parent members present

Welcome and Introductions

Land acknowledgement read by Shan

Treasurer's Report

Reviewed by Tania. No questions

Principal's Update

1. Intermediate hockey and Badminton have started - both will be having tournaments after school
2. Jan. 26th is a PA Day - staff will be writing report cards
3. Report cards will be available Feb. 15th online - students with modified IEPs will be bringing home updated IEPs with term 2 goals
4. The colder weather has arrived - if the temp and windchill combined is extreme we will keep students in for recess. Please make sure your child has the appropriate outdoor clothing as we do try to get them outside when weather permits.
5. Grade 8s are starting to plan their course selection for high school - ODSS will be visiting on Jan. 18th.
6. Dental screening for JK, SK, 2, 4, and 7 happening next week
7. Grade 1s will be heading to Headwaters Racquet Club at the end of the month
8. Staff and students will be planning for Black Brilliance Month in February.
9. Inclement weather days - check the website - tasks will be on the google classroom
10. Staff parking lot - limited - closed before and after school for buses
 - a. No overnight parking

New Business and Updates

Grade 8 Funding Support

- grade 8 teachers, Stacey Manzerolle and Todd Schooley, joined the meeting
- there are 55 grade 8 students this year and 5 sets of twins/triplets
- the plan this year for the grade 8 trip is to do an overnight to Niagara Falls
- this will cost approx. \$450 per student
- as a way of helping all families with this expense, the teachers are looking for ideas to raise funds but not wanting to infringe on anything that council has planned or is already doing
- it was suggested that the Terra Cotta Cookie sales may be an easy one to run and to include the grade 8 students in a leadership role
- Tania will send along the information to Stacey and Todd

Composition of Council

- as Tania can no longer be chair of council as she is an UGDSB employee, we need a plan of who will take on what roles moving forward
- board bylaws state:
 - a school must have a council
 - the council must have a chair (who can not be a board employee)
 - council must meet a minimum of 4 times a school year (which we have)
- therefore, if no one agrees to take over the role, council is free to stop for the year (however, this means many things will have to be put on hold and may mean some regularly funded programs/initiatives will not be able to happen)
- the following parent members have volunteered to take the lead on specific events/initiatives:
 - Playground: Christine
 - Dance-a-thon: Tanis
 - Fill-the-truck: Shannon
 - Meal Days: Tania
- it we wish to do more events or fundraisers we will need others to take the lead on those
- Tania will send all the information she has for each event/initiative to the appropriate person
- Tanis N. has agreed to take on the role of Chair for the remainder of the school year

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024