

**Island Natural Science School**  
**School Council Meeting Minutes**  
**November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Acceptance of minutes from last meeting
3. Chair Report
4. Principal's Report
5. Halloween Party
6. Treasurer's Report- Shannon Clancy
7. Open Forum
8. Adjournment

Meeting called to order at 6:07

Motion: Called to order by Stephanie

As this is our first meeting, we don't have minutes as of yet, we will provide minutes of this meeting at our next School Council Meeting.

Stephanie introduced the Island school Council Team, members introduced themselves and shared who their children were and what grades they were in. Stephanie thanked Scott Woolford and Barry North for coming.

Because we had such a small number of parents, everyone introduced themselves.

**Chair Report- Stephanie Wallcraft**

Stephanie began with a general statement of the 2016/2017 school council's vision.

We sort of have 2 arms that we are going to focus on this year:

The first being community building within the IPS community, and the other being fundraising to bolster the activities and facilities at the school.

We want to ensure all that we do is to make the school community a better place for our children. IPS offers our children some amazing opportunities that we as a council want to continue to strengthen and support. These will be the overarching themes that we will have for the council this year.

We have already started some community building activities. We have set the full meeting schedule for the year. We will meet on the last Wednesday of the month at 6pm at Loblaws on Queens Quay. The dates are as follows:

November 30, January 25, February 22, April 26, May 31.

We hope that this predictability will help parents come out and join us. We can have childcare but notice will need to be given to Scott.

The other initiative we have taken on and have finished was the Halloween Party. From the perspective of community building, it was very successful in providing parents and families the opportunity to get to the school more frequently. Having events at the school will also foster community building, when opportunity arises, we will try to make this happen as soon as possible.

We are now transitioning into a fundraising mode for the holiday season. We will be communicating about the funscript program, poinsettia sales, there is the Indigo link that we can use and it will activate a code that will send monies back to the school. Also the QSP and the United Way initiatives. The holiday season empowers us to remind families and new families know what fundraising we have.

Poinsettia Drive: hopefully we can have some communication out soon. Laura Maria suggested reaching out to the condos in our community. We are looking for some parents to reach out to condos and see if they will buy from us rather than from corporations.

In terms of families, even if 50% of the population bought the small poinsettias, we can raise some great monies for our kids and our school. Reminding that buying from the school will put money back into our kids.

We can add a sign that says thank you for supporting IPS.

Upcoming: events- there are a few dates for the skating party, planning has started, and traditionally that has been on the Thursday prior to the PA day... that would be January 19<sup>th</sup>. We will further examine the plan for this event and communicate with families as we have more solid plans.

Other Dates and Events that are in the works:

Ski Day- that has traditionally been on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

BBQ is Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup>

There has been discussion around a Valentine's Event. There was a dance-a-thon last year, which raised money for the 5/6 trip. Nadine suggested that the kids choose a focus to raise money with a social justice issue.

There is our \$1000 pro grant approved, the focus is supporting mathematics at school. We have approached Zachary Hawes, he works with OISE and Western in teacher education.

Khan Academy 3-6, relates to the inspirational math, Prodigy, Razz-Kids.

Khan Academy has programs that kids can record themselves teaching math.

We are looking at also including some events that will be interactive for parents.

Post March Break or Early April- date to be finalized.

Parent Rep Program- no longer happening this year, somewhat inequitable, happening in some classes.

Parents want to ensure that we continue to develop a sense of community within the classrooms.

We can revisit it if parents feel that they are not getting the benefits of the program.

### **Halloween Party Report: Laura-Maria**

The party was a big success, there were 400 people, total sales was \$3878, with about \$1200 in expenses, we are still finalizing numbers. We can expect about \$2800 in funds raised.

Thanks to Jen and Laura-Maria and Nadine for all their work and effort.

Parents added that the popcorn machine was great, good seller. Pizza went well.

Comments: this year was pizza vs. hot dogs, easier to serve. Line ups were better.

Tickets sent home the day of.

If we are going to do another take home gift, then we will try to better ensure that kids can take one home.

### **Principal's Report- Scott Woolford**

- In regards to the Halloween Bash, thanks to the ferry, bus and school council.
- The island has been very busy over the last month with the weather and tourists.
- We have a new bus company, so the busses are working hard to get us back and forth.
- Sending kids back and forth was great for the party.
- Thank you for the letter from council for the school wish list, divisions are getting together to plan based on school improvement plan

- School improvement plan is a new process with the new director and is a working process that should be better examined every 6-8 weeks.
- Scott will go into more detail by the 30<sup>th</sup>
- EQAO results will be shared in more detail next year.
- Public info is on website, school gets a more detailed report and will delve deeper into areas for growth.
- Math: continuing to examine 3-Part math, reflect on what we have done and where we will go. Again Scott will expand on this more on the 30<sup>th</sup>.
- EQAO is a snapshot. It includes all students, even if they are exempted. It is an example of student voice in Ontario.
- EQAO individual results should be mailed soon.
- Thank you to our teachers who have supported our kids in EQAO.
- Remembrance Day assembly next Friday
- Progress Reports 1-6 as well as SK Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>
- Interviews on November 17<sup>th</sup> and on the PA day November 18<sup>th</sup>
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> PA day- ministry directed
- Website needs to be updated, some connectivity issues, as corrections happen, Scott will update the site.
- Winterfest: Kindergarten: December 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Grades 1-6 December 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Teacher Report- Barry North**

- We scare hunger... donations at the dock in the morning, given to Daily Bread Foodbank, brings awareness to the kids that there are many in need. Focus on Global citizenship
- Musical- Seussical... kids are very excited
- Primary and Junior dance clubs
- Interschool athletics
- Co-Ed flag football, went to competition, kids tried a new sport, great success. They won their third match.
- Entering a division 3 school and Ossington Old Orchard came and had a full day of skill development and scrimmage. Hopefully this will foster a relationship, like pen pals with this class.
- Ultimate Frisbee is a plan for the spring.
- This year there was a coed baseball team as well.
- Basketball team for the winter session, usually a coed team.
- Coding Club
- Chess Club
- Junior choir- will be competing at a TDSB event. Students will perform in front of different schools, choir will either do one or two "competitions".

- Staff are trying to ensure there are activities for kids of a great variety, looking at running clubs for about 2 months, clubs will continue to change and adapt as the year progresses.
- Eco Club: the turn out that we have and interest level is so incredibly high. Kids are showing extensive consideration and care for the environment.
- Girls Club

**Open Forum:**

At what grade are students invited to audition in the musical? Usually Grade 3.

Grades 1, 2, 3 are usually the chorus. They take turns on night performances.  
Auditions Grades 3+, also junior can be part of the stage crew.

Maggie used to take a group shot and we sold them for \$10.

Wondering if there might be a parent who could video tape and burn a DVD.

Can we examine a private YouTube channel for parents to see videos?

Nursery will take part of the Winter concert.

Scott can add what grades are parts of clubs on the calendar.

Meeting Adjourned.