

IPS School Council Meeting - Nov 22nd, 2017

Call to order – 6:05pm

2.) Welcome and introductions

Parents introduced themselves

3.) Acceptance of minutes from meeting on May 31, 2017

Minutes accepted Sema Moved Sarah Seconded

4.) Executive Report

Connie:

Spoke to prior IPS meeting Waiting for wish list from school to set fundraising goals, to satisfy wish list

Dec 20th meeting booked. In lieu of a meeting, have a meeting / social for parents Community spirit event as opposed to a counsel meeting

January will be the Skate party - Charles skate rink

Advocacy group is following up on ferry boat design

Scott Woolford on Ferry Boat Design:

is on the committee for the ferry design. Last winter, meeting in Feb at Pam McConnell's office. Designers, stakeholders there (York QQ, Island Association, Scott, Montessori). Went over design and were asked to offer feedback on design. Didn't go as they planned. They had a lot more ferry capacity for vehicles, and all of the seating area was up the stairs (capacity was 1300 people - this does fit the needs of stakeholders, would replace the Angera and run all year round) Difficulty were stairs required to get to inside area, and inside area can only hold 150 people. This all happened and Scott didn't hear much until recently. KPMG is now managing input from all stakeholders. Scott was able to bring 2 people to information sharing session, and round table - put in all your thoughts.

Many different nights they were doing this type of format. Now, they go back and make recommendations. Seems to be a more organized and formal process, so the expectation is that things will start to go faster

Scott on new Ferry Terminal:

he asked for a specific entrance for schools. \$8M set aside just for the entrance. Connie: students got off the boat upset about the trees having been cut down Parent: not safe with the work vehicles on the walkway to the ferry, with the work they are doing

Fundraising

LM Update:

Poinsettias being delivered Friday Want to sell left over toques Thinking about doing a hot chocolate bar, in December

Scott:

we do have a hot chocolate station. Docks may allow us to do this as a fundraiser. I can find out Tie in a fundraiser for grade 5/6 grad trip

Connie:

can also tie into the skate party. Pizza fundraiser was successful

Events

Jen:

have GAP event coming up on Dec 10th. Also have Fundsript gift cards. 10% comes back to the school from purchases made A portion of all sales will come back to the school on this day as well

Yorkdale - have to mention that you are shopping for IPS Fundsript: can purchase many different gift cards - these cards are used as normal. Pay \$1 for postage, they mail you the gift card. If it's Indigo, buy the card through Indigo - they give IPS 20% back (Fundsript only gives 4% back.) Mabels Labels: have a few promotions going on right now. Can select IPS, and a certain % comes back to the school

Advocacy

John Street Bicycle Corridor

Connie:

proposal for bike lanes. Have been approached by a parent to see if we would write to the Minister of Env and Climate Change about supporting the idea of this. As a counsel, we support the environmental focus on this initiative. We felt that it does fit into this mandate How does the broader group feeling about sending a letter in support of this initiative

Barry:

so many kids are taking their bikes to school. Physical component Scott: The bike path connects to the Waterfront catchment school. Connie: safety of children on bikes is important
Everyone in support of sending letter in support of the corridor, from the IPS council

Communications

Jason:

emails to families are working. Continue to use Facebook, Twitter. Email communications about above fundraising initiatives will be going out soon via email First week of Dec - will do a survey to look at meeting dates. Perhaps change from Wednesdays, different times of days, rotating times of days. Haven't booked Jan - May meeting, so would like to incorporate feedback for the planning of these meetings

Wanted information about how vote was made for members of the IPS Feels as though he didn't know what happened. Should send a communication to remind parents that they can be a part of the IPS

Brian:

Asked about timing of availability of access to email list Scott: timing was similar this year as last / prior years

Connie:

There was a vote. At AGM, vote on parents who wanted to participate. Then a role vote at the last IPS meeting Didn't want any parents to feel as though they couldn't be a part of the IPS council. As a council, decided to have a slate of whomever wanted to join, and a motion to have the slate join. Reminded group: need to wait to get approval for email addresses. So there is a timing issue as it relates to when the IPS can communicate with the parents. AGM has to happen at a specific time; and then have to wait for access to the email list.

Jason:

With AGM communications - want to work on getting a better on boarding process Good to explore an on boarding / warmup process in May, to get people interested and aware that they can become involved

5.) Principals report - Scott Woolford

Had remembrance day assembly, reflected, had a lot of student voice, when you close your eyes and think about peace what do you see - put responses on I wonder bulletin board Student teacher meetings were successful. If anyone needs to follow-up, teachers will be in contact. Was a progress report - so will be continuing on this. Term 1 report comes out middle of Feb

Photography challenge has kicked off Dr. Bondar came. Classes chose a question that they wanted to ask Dr. B, so she would see this before she walked into the classes. Students asked

fantastic questions at the general assembly, talked about it with great excitement. Dr. B always had a different answer to similar questions. Fantastic. She worked with eco kids ambassadors on how to work the cameras etc. - these are the leaders who will go into the classes to help facilitate

Cashless schools - will send out another reminder of this - saves so much time for everyone involved

Winterfest - have 2 days as normal. Had to do a change up - on Thurs, Kinder to grade 2, and then Gr 3 to 6 will be on the Friday. Due to numbers. Dec 7th for K-2

AussieX coming for 3 days. Dec 6th starts. Doing workshops with kids and parents

Class conversion update: construction has begun. Dining hall is quickly getting converted into 2 classrooms. Walls are up. Looks like could be done end of December. Classrooms are separated from gym by hallway; rooms are soundproofed.

3 Focii - still waiting for data in order to complete this report / focus. Achievement goal is still related to math, well being goal is related to engagement - this encourages clubs to pop up. Looking at a Boys club (Boys to Men), equity plan is about inclusion. Doing this through the lens of Inclusive Design - look at student voice, instructional design, parents, the third teacher - analyze data and look through lens of inclusive design. Having another PLC meeting next Tuesday to go through this again. Perception data done last spring has not come through yet.

6.) Teachers report

Barry:

Thanks to families for we scare hunger Grade 3/4 took a strong interest in this initiative. Family support fabulous. Great to see the tradition continue

Kids excited about new musical for the year -Shrek! Auditions have started

Number of clubs going on - different club every day of the week at lunch. Dance, talent, girls group, math.

On past Monday - recognized that it was universal day of the child. Human and children's rights. Introduced last years right to play ambassadors. This group is coming back to the school. Greatly received by the kids

Yesterday - visit from Dr. ? - environmental initiative. Set of school cameras that the students will be able to use to examine the environment through a different lens. Presence of Roberta in the school was fantastic - students ate it up - always something great going on

Athletics: Introduced girls basketball, tournament Dec 14. New boys volleyball competing Nov 30th. Developmental team Dec 4 - 6. Boys basketball girls starts after Christmas, ball hockey for Gr 5/6

Walk to school days starting

Young People's Theatre coming - students going to see Beauty and the Beast, workshop in the afternoon

Cookie drive - delivery to school community, towards last week of Dec Winterfest in December

Chili Fundraiser - ALA Christmas Boutique - Gr 5/6 make Chili at school and it's sold at this event. Longstanding event on the Island, all families welcome. Funds raised going from Me To We

For sports, kids come over early - and recess and lunch

7.) Open forum

Suggestion: Move teacher meeting to earlier in the agenda.

Musical could be Wed, June 13th

Info session for Gr 5/6 next week Monday

Connie:

Asked for consideration of 1 event during the year for families who cannot attend afternoon events. Winterfest is during the day; play is at YPT; open house is during the day; for some families, there isn't an opportunity to participate as a result of daytime events. For those parents who can't do this, perhaps have an option where parents can come to an evening event Perhaps an event that has an afternoon event, and then an evening component Isn't equitable that some parents do not have an opportunity to visit the school once in the entire school year

Scott:

Participation has improved with afternoon events - increased from 30 to 80%. Challenging for Kinder / Gr1 to have a 12 hour day w/ events that lead into the evening Will bring request to sat

8.) Adjournment

Sema brought, Darren seconded. Adjourned 7:58pm