

**Island Public School  
School Council Meeting – March 26, 2018**

Call to order 6:03

Feb 13 Meeting minutes approved - Brian, seconded Jen

**Teacher's report - Barry North**

- Musical is on June 13th, rehearsals 2 days a week at lunchtime.
- Boys & girls club and coding club underway.
- School athletics: this season boy's & girls' slow pitch, track and field grade 4 to 6.
- Proposal for a run jump & throw program for grades 1-3, IPS has indicated interest still in the planning phase within TDESAA.
- Ultimate frisbee team in place, co-ed, now in second year.
- Field trips: YPT for primary, classes at Harbourfront.
- 5/6 class came back from Sheldon Outdoor Centre, 3 day trip
- June will be 5/6 Ottawa trip.
- Arts Day is May 11, showcasing arts, presentation from Roberta Bondar photography program. Primaries will be presenting a musical component, still in the planning stage.
- Ball hockey finished up just before the March Break, was well received by the students.

**Fundraising update**

- Mother's day plant fundraiser is coming, ball caps (suggested last meeting) are being investigated to see how they can best fit with our goals, resources and schedule.

**Advocacy update**

- Ferry consultation meeting booked for April 12 with Mayor John Tory, Trustee Chris Moise, Superintendent Jane Phillips-Long, Principal Scott Woolford, and Council exec Laura-Maria Nikolareizi.

**Chair's Report**

- BBQ will be moving to June 1 this year because of the provincial election on the 7th. Pending final confirmation.

- Looking into options for music at the BBQ that best meets the needs of attendees, the WIA, and nearby residents.

### Treasurer's report

- Deferred to next meeting

### Principal's Report

- Projected enrollment for next year is 273 students (currently 265)
- Staff allocation for next year has been received (16.5 teachers)
- Next is planning class groupings, then class placements, then organization will be shared.
- Who's teaching who isn't announced until the first day of school.
- FDK will have a hard cap of 29 students per class.

Q: Is there any way to find out what class a child is in on the first day so they don't have to wait until end of day to find out?

A: Would be difficult to email individually, lists can change up until the day.

Q: Will there be all split classes next year?

A: It depends on how the model works out. More split classes leads to more team teaching opportunities.

Q: How does 3/4 work?

A: TDSB can have up to 10% classes with a 3/4 split.

Q: Has there been more discussion about cutting grade 6 or removing addresses from the catchment?

A: No discussion, no changes planned for next year. The school is closed to optional attendance. 20% of students are out of catchment, mostly in higher grades. 46% Harbour Square. Contingency plans are in place for projected growth.

Q: Will IPS be feeding the new Jean Lumb school in CityPlace when it opens?

A: No. Travel to that school from IPS catchment is more complicated than to Waterfront.

- Ferry schedule will change April 9
- Students will be participating in the ferry design by preparing their ideas to present to the mayor at the meeting on April 12th.
- The Superintendent visits the school monthly, looks at the plan and reviews IPS' success against it. Also visits the classrooms and speaks with the children.
- International day of pink on April 11, encouraging kids to wear pink as an anti-bullying message. Walk to school day that day, grade 5/6 class will lead the assembly.
- April 20 is Earth Day cleanup day, some eco-activities planned.
- April 24 sight & sound clinic, forms will be coming home shortly.
- Learning centre 4 is having a wellness conference, some grade fives will go with Ms. McOrmond for a full day and will lead some events on mental health week in May.
- Ferry dock meeting this week. 2021/22 is the expected timeline for new boats. Entrance construction to be completed by May long weekend.
- IPS Eco Team updates:
  - Bag 2 School event coming mid April. Everyone brings unused clothing to raise funds. (bag2school.ca)
  - Looking for more members to their Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/145637462780609/>)
- Pro grant update: looking for a speaker for cyber bullying. Chris Vollum has a social media fitness program, looking into availability for Monday April 30.
- Wish list update:
  - Council approved \$1500 towards the Ottawa trip.
  - Open request for iPads and Chromebooks for the school, scientists in the school, drumming program, Orff musical instruments, Join the Dance, Variety Village, reading program, author visit, outdoor classroom resources, music performance, storytelling, classroom visual artists
  - Requests total \$15K, not including technology.
  - Classes currently have around 3 iPads each.
  - Students are using the technology to document their learning, work collaboratively and share their thinking.
  - We are not moving to individual pieces of technology per student, rather than a resource that students can work with collaboratively. Example: the grade 1/2 classes (4 classes) are currently sharing 8 iPads - approximately 2 pads per class.
  - Average lifetime: only a few repairs so far, 1 Chromebook, 2 iPads.
  - The goal is to increase the accessibility to technology, when it is needed it is accessible.
  - If a teacher for that day wants to run a program on 1 day, they can have access for each child, on that given day, not everyday.

## Open forum

Q: Is the school looking into VR or other advanced tech?

A: That shift usually happens more in high school or alternative schools at younger grades.

Q: Suggestion to try a cultural diversity exercise, Skyping with a class in another region.

A: There is a where in the world program where classes give hints to try to guess where the other class is. Nothing tried at IPS to date.

Q: Suggestion to start a mentorship club where professionals come in to talk about their careers, an expansion of the mystery guest program.

A: Noted.

Q: Lego robotics in the school?

A: IPS purchased some Lego & K'Nex STEM kits for the 4-6 carts, rolling out soon.

Q: What's the likelihood of keeping the same teacher two years in a row?

A: Can happen, but try to avoid more than 2 years, consultation with families taken into consideration.

Motion to adjourn by Brian, seconded by Dennis, meeting adjourned at 8:20