

Island Public School Council Meeting Minutes on May 15, 2018

Call to order 6:13

Acceptance of minutes from meeting on March 26, 2018 – Laura-Maria approval, Ciaran second

Fundraising update

- Mother's Day succulents
 - o Sold 100 plants, Earned over \$400
- BBQ on Thursday, May 31, 2018
 - o Will be at the WIA
 - o Pegasus catering will be managing the food – Pegasus will be charging \$ for their food themselves and therefore accepting credit card, debit card and cash
 - o Council will still presell tickets for everything else – presales via school cash system, council will accept cash and cheque only onsite
 - o Ask for donations from school community
 - o Call for volunteers
 - o Class baskets – Connie and Seema would coordinate packaging/recruiting/advertising of
 - Seema will get baskets and clear garbage bags
 - Scott will advertise via school email and backpacks
 - o Scott said that we can do "jelly bean guess", but we cannot do raffle or 50/50, must be something that requires a skill test so we do not need lottery license

Advocacy report

- Scott, School Trustee, School Superintendent, Laura-Maria, Nadine and Tendai met with office of Mayor on April 12, 2018
- Expressed that the school was a stakeholder on the ferry design
- Design did not consider the school kids as primary stakeholders
 - o Greater capacity for vehicles
 - o Not accessible; lots of stairs
 - o Important for IPS – kids separate space, safe, vehicles separate
- 265 kids art/ideas were brought to the meeting – copy will be made for Mayor's Office
- QUESTION: can one ferry ride be specific for school only
- QUESTION: children that go to school on mainland do not need to pay for TTC, why do our school kids need to pay? Students' tickets are paid out of the school's budget
- Jane (School Superintendent) suggested to section off a section in the terminal just for kids for before/after the ferry
- Current projection for new ferry is 2020, 2021...??
- QUESTION: can JK/SK ferry with grade 1s
 - o Due to capacity restrictions we cannot continue with sibling travels
- Older sibling travel – supervision is based on age of child, they will lose 30 min each day if older child travels with younger
- Grade 5/6 child's parent can request over age 10 child to travel alone to return city side
- Additional travel safety assistance requested/required

Teacher's report

- Track and field was May 14
- Slow pitch will happen Friday
- Ultimate Frisbee tomorrow
- Bag2School earned \$72, will go to Three Sisters Garden
- Final prep for Ottawa trip on June 20
 - o Funds contributed from Dance-a-thon \$3,000 and Council \$1,500

Principal's report

- Class allocation for 2018-19
 - o 3 full kinder classes, 3 teacher and 3 ECE – Ministry cap for kinders at 29 kids
 - o 4 x grade 1/2 classes
 - o 1 x grade 3 class
 - o 1 x grade 3/4 class (hard cap at 23 students)
 - o 2 x grade 4/5 classes
 - o 1 x grade 5/6 class (room will be in science school)
- Will be getting 1 new teacher, 0.5 prep teacher (can be for gym/French/literacy/numeracy)
- School is closed, no optional attendance regardless of grade
- School makeup is:
 - o 20% not catchment
 - o 80% within catchment
- Common room is used for assembly, performance, etc
- BBQ permission letter should be printed and sent to school via email or bag
- QUESTION: how is class placement determined
 - o Class placement letter due May 22
 - o Ministry requirement, friendships, grade, student tracking card, parent requests
 - o Parent input is confidential to Scott
 - o Tentative at end of school year until just before school starts when there may be adjustments done again
- Likely only has the same teacher for no more than 2 years
- EQAO is starting next week, 6 one hour
- New ferry schedule – only change = grades 1-6 ferry departure to island is at 8:45am
- Volunteer appreciation – wed June 6 at the ferry docks in the morning 8-8:45 am
- Welcome to kindergarten on June 5
- Director visit on Arts Day – school improvements, what's the school's focus, challenges, met with majority of staff, outdoor classroom
- Trustee, superintendent, Dr Bondar, principal from central tech attended Arts Day
- Applied to become an Outdoor Play And Learning school – change way we play outside, expanding kids' learning from kinder to grade 6 – only 10 schools chosen – play outside regardless of weather, not just run out and quick play but purposeful play, would have PD for staff if approved

Treasurer's report

- \$14,800 in bank including Mother's Day
 - \$9,500 at sept bbq
 - \$380 from poinsettia drive
 - \$105 from skate night
 - \$100 from horseshoe ski trip
 - \$415 from succulent drive
 - \$10,500 total
- Paid \$15,180 for funding of tech and activities from 2016-17. Payment made late due to postponement of BBQ
- Have not yet funded school for 2017-18, likely forward cheque after May 31 BBQ
- 2017-18 fulfilment prioritized by \$5,000's
 - APPROVED
 - Grade 5/6 Ottawa (gr 5-6) \$1,500
 - Prologue Musica Rap Performance (gr 3-6) \$800
 - Visiting Artist (K-6) \$2,500
 - APPROVED
 - Scientist in School (K-6) \$2,200 (cost may reduce due to teachers timing)
 - ORFF Musical instruments (K-6) \$1,000
 - Outdoor classroom (K-2) \$1,400
 - PENDING AFTER BBQ or NEXT YEAR
 - Junior division – 15 chrome books (gr 3-6) \$4,275

Open forum

- Can Arts Day start later so departure at reg school dismissal, allow families to come later
 - Scott: Arts Day had 94% parent engagement
- Requesting something in the evening at least once a year that celebrates the children that year – suggested to have Arts Day (short timing) in the evening to allow parents that can't be there during the day to attend
- Scott: Our school tends to be Event based parent engagement. Would like to encourage more parent engagement on a day to day basis.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm