

**ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMEBERS MEETING
November 13, 2018
Held at Longo's Loft,
15 York Street, Toronto, Ontario
at 5:30 p.m.**

ATTENDING:	Laura-Maria & Jason Jen & Abigail Tendai Ivana	Co-Chairs Co-Chairs Secretary Advocacy Chair Communications Chair
ALSO INVITED:	Scott Woolford Chris Moise Stephanie Donaldson Tracy Jewitt	School Principal Trustee Trustee-elect Teacher Representative
APOLOGIES:	Shannon & Ciaran	Co-Chairs Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

Proper notice having been given, and a quorum confirmed, the meeting was called to order at 5.40pm with 23 in attendance.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Laura-Maria and Jason did a brief introduction to the meeting.

PRESENTATION BY TRUSTEE, CHRIS MOISE

The ward has gone from 15 to 34 schools. Spent the last two 2 years enhancing equity across city. The way forward is to make school safer and welcoming for students and staff. IPS received census in Spring 2014 curriculum should stay in place, 2015 suicide rate highest it's been. Needs to stay in place for student's wellbeing. Will work with Stephanie to have strong united voice moving forwards.

Questions

- Is there a formal review of the curriculum planned?
 - The province is doing a review now. 2014 was the most comprehensive undertaken with public consultation
 - Provincial government is doing own reviews
 - Want seat at the table to ensure student protection
- Tried to access government to give feedback and opinion on curriculum, Is that something being updated so parents can have a voice? The survey isn't accessible to parents
 - Stephanie - Should be open until December 15
 - Stephanie – open ended questions should still be available
 - Chris – used to meet with Minister of Education once a month. With current government, despite repeated requests for a meeting, yet to receive a response
- Can the TDSB send out the link to the survey to encourage parents to participate

- Can the council send it out?
- Stephanie to send to Laura-Maria links and then council to send out
- Very concerned about the ferry, not enough capacity, have to wait between Kindergarten and Grade 1-6 ferry times. Ferries are old. Doesn't need to be fancy, just safe.
 - Laura-Maria
 - Trustee Moise, Principal Woolford, members of council, and Superintendent Jane Phillips-Long met at Mayors office and wanted to use students as advocates. Children explained importance of getting a new ferry.
 - Issues were raised, IPS only school required to pay costs towards school travel.
 - Task force headed by Tendai, work in progress.
 - Next meeting inviting Councillor Cressy and Superintendent Jane Phillips-Long to hear from council and partners. Money approved – waiting for KPMG report
 - Stephanie
 - Good to see advocacy work so far
 - Chris
 - Resonated that the kids wanted area in the boat they can feel safe. Even though not school trustee still trustee of the board so will work together
- What is timeframe?
 - Laura-Maria – ten years. Money and project approved in 2015 – what is the delay?
- School is great – boat shouldn't be an issue as to whether school stays open
- Brian
 - Daughter in grade 6, looking at middle schools. Feeder is Waterfront. Last year 4 students went there. Waterfront doesn't have a good reputation, and other options are closed. Now 99% chance of going private. Concerned with public options. Above St. Clair – great options. South of Bloor – very different. Middle schools need to have open houses in November. Private schools need decisions by December so public having open houses in January is too late. Need a plan to make parents feel comfortable with options available.
 - Chris
 - Started remarks with enhancing equity. Needs all schools to be equitable across city. All teachers across board are equitable. Then look at communities. TO diverse city and schools reflect that. If some schools have students that need more help then the resources need to be able to support that for student success. Kids succeed, families succeed, communities succeed.
 - If specific issues around Waterfront, raise them, then we can work together to address them.
 - One of the better school boards in the country – lots of diversity and passion among teachers/leaders.
 - Stay in it and let's work together
 - Parent
 - Need foresight of school board – 20 years behind planning for the demographic of the area
 - Grade 6 daughter – last small class
 - More people live downtown and more kids in area
 - Great elementary school but don't have faith in the middle and high schools available

- Good to send whole class to same middle school – feel like we don't get a lot of money
- Connie
 - Three kids in system and teacher (not TDSB)
 - Need to go to open houses. Went to 6-8 open houses (ES – MS, MS – HS)
 - Need to advocate for child and if you do it strongly enough you will succeed.
 - Don't use Fraser Institute report – judge on more than that
 - If all kids went it would be a great grade 7 class
 - Everyone busy but should make time to advocate and be involved in child's education
 - Can apply to private and rescind application
 - Lots of schools south of Bloor that are great
 - Potentially different kids fit different schools
- Parent
 - Called Waterfront and asked for tour – said no
 - Scott
 - School increased in size measurably because people aren't moving out of downtown
 - Historically not gone to Waterfront, open path. Jesse Ketchum was popular, many went to alternative schools.
 - IPS working with grade 6 to find best path for them
 - Jesse Ketchum has had to change their admission policy. Scott working with Delora about building a bridge between two schools to plan visits.
 - Waterfront is a closed school so children at top end of IPS may not have Waterfront as their eligible MS if they are from a wider catchment area (before IPS closed borders)
 - 5 went to Jesse Ketchum in 2018
- Parent
 - Great that a partnership is being built but not the perception that was given previously
 - First time sending a child to a school then need open houses and openness from school to arrange tours
- Parent
 - Secretary said send children anyway without seeing school
 - Need a better sense of community
- Parent
 - Waterfront used to have summer school but this year they didn't
- Laura-Maria
 - Deerpark had the closest summer school for the area

PRESENTATION BY TRUSTEE-ELECT, STEPHANIE DONALDSON

Starts officially December 3. New ward - Davenport and Fort York – Ward 9

Excited to visit school.

Believe in strong neighbourhood schools. Use community around schools – every in system should have equal access

Need to take action for public education, used to work at Ministry of Education. Been on school council at children's school

Groups like this are the way to safeguard kid's education. Work in communities, school board and across province.

Please invite to future meetings

Questions

- How many schools are in your ward?
 - 33
 - Including City Place
- Laura-Maria – if parents want to reach out how can they contact you?
 - Go through Laura-Maria to get personal email for Stephanie

TEACHER'S REPORT, TRACY JEWITT

Tracy – IPS teacher rep – grade 5/6 & Position of Responsibility

School musical announced – Alice in Wonderland. Auditions start next week

Clubs

Improv, Junior Math, Eco clubs – primary and junior, Girls Group, Coding hour in December, Cross county, soccer, co-ed football, boy's volleyball, girls and boy's basketball, MEtoWe, December boutique.

Google classroom

Piloted last year. Good communication tool but the kids use all the other tools. Good to unite the whole school across blogs/twitter etc.

Good way to communicate, pictures, French classes, 4/5/6 classroom – used for posting homework, posted project, videos, children can comment, all teachers posting

Questions

- Parent
 - Would be good to have a demo
- Parent
 - How should parents use it
 - Can be using google draw to answer the question
 - Can just log in with AW and see the apps
- Scott
 - K/1/2 – using more as a blog and share homework
 - Older grades – more collaborative with the children and between children
- Parent
 - Kids very excited to be in it and using it

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, SCOTT WOOLFORD

K/1/2 to focus on peace so Remembrance Day not just a one-day event

Report cards went out today (13 Nov)

P/T interviews scheduled for Thurs/Fri.

Interviews are 15-20 mins so if need longer then schedule a separate appointment

Parents can stop by office afterwards

Spring

Roberta Bondar photography challenge happening again this year
150 commemorative tree – federal program – IPS selected. Tree will have plaque around 150.
IPS chosen to have a social justice lens around First Nations
Working with an Indigenous Learning coach, looking at planted a medicine garden in outdoor ed space. Currently level 1, need to go deeper.

Reminder – sign up for cashless schools

YPT

Renewed partnership. All classes will go and see a play and go a to a workshop. And a school wide excursion December 5

Next Council Update

January meeting – overview of the foci. Achievement, well being and equity
Staff working on “The Third Path” brings achievement and well being together. 8 conditions that need to be built within the school.

Equity lens – sense of inclusion across classrooms and whole school

Outdoor classroom

Started last year. Just finished working with finishing touches to the classroom. Have tales, planter boxes, stage, storage

FUNDRAISING UPDATE, LAURA-MARIA NIKOLAREIZI

Poinsettia Drive

Please purchase by Thursday

Christmas Boutique

Please support

VIP shopping event

Wait for email coming to support

Marley’s event

Coming back again

Watch out for email coming out

Flipgive - \$964 raised so far

All donated to library

Remember to keep using it

Questions

- Can alumni parents use cash online
 - No – bumped to next school
 - Can we make it open so anyone can buy?
- Can we have volunteers to reach out to management offices of catchment area buildings and ask to placed in community rooms
 - All taken

ADVOCACY REPORT, TENDAI MHUTE

Ferry boat design – trying to bring in Joe Cressy for December meeting, why we need boat sooner

Working on a crossing guard for Bay and Queens Quay

Waiting on information about the transport fee for ferry

Considering a speaker for Bell Let’s Talk day – mental health

Anyone want to join committee – email Tendai

Questions

- Scott
 - Crossing guard – principal has to send letter to crossing guard. Sent four years ago and re-requested the guard with updated info about bike lanes, vehicle etc. They will do an assessment. If it comes back negative then we need to push back.
- Laura-Maria
 - Need clarification on process – let's ask Joe Cressy when he comes in

OPEN FORUM

Parents / Scott

- When is Christmas concert?
 - Winterfest is 13-14 December. 13th for Kindergarten - Grade 2 and 14th Grades 3-6
- When will we have something after hours?
 - Nothing
- Could we send an email out to ask for evening options?
 - Better to have in day for kids
- Things used to be in the evenings, means doors are closed to anyone who can't make the daytime events
- Asking for something in the evening
 - Laura-Maria
 - Can Tracy/Scott speak to team and see if there is anything we can add in the evening
 - Scott
 - Yes
- Repeatedly asked for evening events
- Tracy
 - Taken part in lot of events, nice to see the parents during the day to have the sense of community
 - But what about the kids that parents can't come? If we have 6 events – do one in the evening
- Ivana
 - Working on updating Facebook and twitter and with email list hoping to start up the communications to encourage more attendance.

NEXT MEETING

December 18, 2018. Part social and Joe Cressy and Jane Phillips-Long.

TERMINATION OF MEETING

ON a MOTION by Laura-Maria and seconded by Mary-Lou, as the business of the IPS School Council Meeting was completed, it was resolved to close the meeting.

Co-Chair Secretary

Date

Co-Chair Secretary

Date

UNAPPROVED