

**ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMEBERS MEETING
December 18, 2018
Held at Longo's Loft,
15 York Street, Toronto, Ontario
at 5:30 p.m.**

ATTENDING:	Laura-Maria & Jason Jen Ciaran Tendai Ivana	Co-Chairs Co-Chair Secretary Co-Chair Treasurer Advocacy Chair Communications Chair
ALSO INVITED:	Scott Woolford Adam Vaughan Jane Phillips-Long Joel Seaman	School Principal MP for Trinity-Spadina Superintendent of Education Teacher Representative, Position of Responsibility
APOLOGIES:	Shannon Abigail	Co-Chair Treasurer Co-Chair Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Proper notice having been given, and a quorum confirmed, the meeting was called to order at 5:34pm with 23 in attendance.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM MEETING ON NOVEMBER 13, 2018

ON a MOTION to approve Minutes from Meeting on Nov 13, 2018 by Ivana and seconded by Martin, it was resolved to approve. ALL IN FAVOUR. CARRIED

PRESENTATION BY TRINITY-SPADINA MP ADAM VAUGHAN

Thank you for invite. Happy to see families downtown

- Increase in Families living downtown means schools are populated and will keep schools downtown
- Federal system doesn't touch the school system
- Fed support will be critical with ford govt pulling \$6 million from school upgrades and renovations
- Fed want to figure out how to flow back into education
- We will be paying more for electricity and such, we have environmental impact, must reduce impact

Media issue – asylum seekers,

- Some come downtown, once they claim as refugee, social transfers will be paid for, not coming out of school budget, covered by federal gov't
 - o We don't put kids in cages when they come. 50% are kids that come across the border, we want to educate and support them
 - o Higher order of care is brought in when kids are involved
 - o Not expecting numbers to continue to spike, mainly affecting Ryerson PS

Transit on the waterfront – pending Queens Park decision

- Waterfront LRT a priority – bring to surface and move towards Cherry Street
- Use development dollars from Portlands project to pay for the new transit line – want to build quickly
- Challenge – union station and waterfront, line ups can be huge and dangerous
- Consider – electronic people mover = non staffed vehicles would run on a nonstop loop
- Federal \$\$ are supporting the problem

Residential buildout of the east side

- Google project coming
- Overcrowding of schools is issue but then kids bring \$\$ and investments
- National housing strategy
- TCHC housing
- Grants/funding coming to support schooling
- Canada summer jobs coming

Scott: we were chosen to be one of the 150 schools granted a commemorative Maple Tree

- Our tree will be planted with a Canada 150 lens
- Invitation to Adam & Trudeau to attend our Tree Planting event

No Jets

- Looking to strengthen “No Jets” by designating the island as a bird sanctuary
- Have a natural planting strategy
- Identified as key point for northern song birds migration spot
- Would like to have island named as a National Park – would be first Urban National Park designation
- Bird sanctuary means all animals must be on leashes
- Suggested reaching out to Margaret Atwood as a supporter

LM – What other funding can we get for IPS?

- Look for grants that support reducing pollution, greenhouse admissions and environmental renos
- Federal gov't can offer green loan or grant

Alan – happy with the No Jets!!

- Is there a chance that it can be revoked?
- Adam: Anything done can be undone unfortunately
- Committed to a clean green waterfront
- Flood proofing
- Support public housing

- Must keep fighting airport expansion

LM – Adam very passionate, he looks out for little guy. Thank you!

Happy to come to the school!

PRESENTATION BY TDSB SUPERINTENDENT JANE PHILLIPS-LONG

LM – Jane has been a phenomenal advocate for our school! Thank you!

Role:

- Oversees 27 schools, 21 are new as of Oct 2018
- Island, Spadina Fort York, Davenport, Danforth...
- Jean Lumb PS opening Sept 2019, new principal approved for Feb 1, principal will be approving all areas of the schools. Capacity will be TDSB 580 students and Catholic School, Bishop Mac 580 students, both will be JK-8
- Scope of responsibilities to schools: ceiling tiles, leaks in roofs, accommodating growth, part of team that closed the school, many families begging to get in
- Loves IPS – freedom for students in area, kids coming in & out freely in Woolford’s office, “lunch club” in Woolford’s office, great teachers, great staff
- Accommodating piece to address all schools in portfolio with right programs in right places
- Very happy with new classrooms, will need to explore new expansion options
- Projecting to add one more classroom, should plateau after that
- Student achievement is her main concern
- Multi year strategic plan, vision of learning, school achievement, wellbeing
- What is data telling us?
- Do kids feel like they belong and welcome?
- Camh will assess – Mental health , wellness, anxiety, screen time, social media
- Equity goal is mainly about adults in building being easily accessed by students, where are the barriers, what can we move so kids can succeed
- Visiting every 4 weeks all the schools in her portfolio to address all the items
- Ensure success for all students

LM brought up question from last meeting by Brian & Mary Lou

- Wanted follow up from the Waterfront school
- REPLY – huge transition to move to middle school
 - o Principal brand new, as is Jane
 - o Opportunity for parent evening, Jane has requested

LM – diverse community in the Waterfront; Jane can you take a look to address the diversity in the area?

- When you look at a school to determine if it’s academic or not, they often just look at EQAO, it is only a snapshot in time, not the only source of data to predict results. Those that can’t write or don’t finish, are counted as a zero – skewing the results
- Professional learning communities, what are the barriers that are removed, what are the prof learning that teachers are taking, are we meeting the goal, what is the new data telling us now, helps to see what next actions are

- That new principal knows what things that needs to be looked at to improve how school is perceived

Scott – Open houses will be offered in January 2019. It may be during the day, for Grade 6s

Ciaran – will the open house be open to grade 5s?

Yulia & Anastasia – ferry for kids is a big issue.

- Concerned about safety for the school
- Why can't all students go on same boat
- LM interceded to suggest that this be brought up to Adam Vaughan

Addressing Adam Vaughan

LM

- New ferry approved for 2018 but still no new boat
- With transport Canada, can your office help us to lobby for the boat situation?
- Would be nice to have a separate section strictly for IPS students
- We currently have the privilege to enter without paying but a separate area for students is needed
- Our school yard is the ferry docks

Jane:

- IPS was added to the table with island residents, Montessori, stake holders to give input on what we need/what we want
- Nothing new has been brought to her

Adam V reply

- Not in his jurisdiction
- Licencing a ferry or commissioning of the ferry should be a federal regulation. Not sure. Will look into
- But the land is Parks and Recreation property
- City assess risk factor
- Configuration of the gate is according to anti-terrorism requirements
- We licence the ferry's passage across the port
- We are not involved with the land or scheduling of the ferry
- Would be happy to follow up with approving of a ferry (when the time comes)
- The specs of the boat depends on how many ppl are allowed on the boat – that's Parks & Rec

Alan – Pedagogy – teaching practice

Ivana – asking about the open houses, why are they after the deadline for private schools (deadlines are in Dec)

- Can the open house be done sooner
- Jane – will follow up with waterfront

Anastasia – where will the new classroom be?

- Jane – not sure, we will find out before march break as that will be decided depending on the new teacher assignments
- Q: What if there's more kids than the school can accommodate
 - o That why we built more classrooms or go into Science School

- Can consider a portable
- We are already in that situation. We don't want to turn current students away

TEACHER'S REPORT, JOEL SEAMAN

Extra curriculars

- Girls club
- Improv club
- Math club
- Basket ball
- Floor hockey

Musical –Alice in Wonderland

- Will be announcing cast before holiday
- Every student that auditions will get a role
- Students can be backstage/set/costume design
- Whole school involved in the musical
- Play will be in the middle of June

- Last Friday had “Kindness” assembly
- Cookie delivery tomorrow all students will deliver cookies and cards to senior islanders to “thank them for sharing the island”
 - Incredible time of year when kids reach out
- Grade 1/2s in room 103 held a fundraiser
 - Mr Seaman asked “what can we do to help others during the holidays, how can we give?”
 - Students wanted to raise money to buy toys for kids who were sick in hospitals
 - They made everything will and will be donating \$500 to Sick Kids
 - Speaks to the generosity of our community
 - Thank you for the support!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, SCOTT WOOLFORD

- Eco school – re-qualification process, had initial walk thru with eco school, we are platinum for third year
 - Had site visit to make sure on right path,
 - Some things to continue, some to adjust before we have the test in the spring
 - We are on the right track
 - Ms Ahrens & Ms J supporting eco team
 - Golden garbage challenge = Make sure kids putting in right garbage
 - School wide effort
 - Waste audit = Collect garbage, spread out and will see what's being thrown out
 - Extensive audit and created charts over 5 days to have each day feedback
 - Scott: Has not had a drink from plastic water bottle for 2 years! “Must support kids”
- Newsletter coming out, big emphasis on student voice
- Always checking on the 3 foci – will present in Jan where we are

- Wellbeing foci – using the book The Third Path: relationship building approach to kids wellbeing
 - o Looking at indicators/strategies in classrooms first
 - o Safety, belonging, regulation and positivity
 - o Look at specific strategy to develop the conditions
 - o What is showing us the impact that we do
 - o What are they (the kids) saying and doing?
 - o Next foci will be on engagement – what are they involved in?
 - o Partnering with Mabin School – going thru the same profess development – meeting with a dr who developed the resource, our staff going
 - o 33% come to school feeling anxious or nervous
 - o How can we reduce that? If we focus on the first 5 foci it should really help
- Friendship in Action – does support grade 5, talk about stress and how you manage it
- Achievement focus – math – new program Math Up
 - o Online program called Math Up, grade 3-6 can now access it thru their teachers
 - o Will use to improve our math
 - o Webinars, questions online, google classroom
 - o Marian Small is the math guru
 - o Tracy is really involved in it – hopefully will be able to come in and do a demo
 - o Might be too early for grades 1 and 2
 - o Program is for the teacher who can post links and questions thru google classroom
- Equity lens, comes from the adults in the school. What will we do to remove barriers for kids to come to us? (Teachers/staff)
- Miss J, Miss L and Maggie are there to support classrooms, inclusive model/lens
- Lots more team teaching

FUNDRAISING UPDATE, LAURA-MARIA NIKOLAREIZI

Nov-Dec raised over \$3,000

- Poinsettia
- Spirit Wear
- GAP

Ferry café sells toques for \$12.50

- Selling rum and fruit cakes – a portion will support school

Marlies – 40 tickets sold, goal is 200

School Council has decided that we would support some families in our community

Marlies event, planning a tailgate party before the game

School BBQ will be June 6, 2019 –looking for volunteers before and during the event

ADVOCACY REPORT, TENDAI MHUTE

Ski day update – we need a min 20 kids to go ahead

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- Looking to get a code to get a discount in order to organize a discount instead of having a one contact collect/organize/distribute everything

Ferry

- Setup a meeting with Cressy office to review priorities
- Want to get boat for school soon!

Crossing guard

- Need to follow up
- Will bring up with Cressy also
- Scott sent request to chief police, traffic study will be done and report generated

Ferry ticket payment

- Want to have that covered by someone else other than our school
- If we are paying, what additional “power” do we have as we are paying
- \$79K for 250 kids take it every day times (\$3/child/day)
- Based on attendance, Sometimes ferry staff do a count
- Will bring up with Cressy

TREASURER’S REPORT, CIARAN CROTTY

- Report deferred

OPEN FORUM

Ivana – who deals with nutrition program and how can we make it better?

- Why is my kid getting yogurt tube 3 times a week
- Scott: survey done, menu changed from 2 week menu to 3 week, what items can we offer
 - o Doesn’t like the tubes, not environmental, also issue with availability, Sysco
 - o Some things extremely expensive, cantaloupe is \$15, truck expensive to get over
 - o Snack is different from lunch program
- Ivana: Would consider more \$ to improve quality
- Scott: We are tied to outdoor ed. One kitchen for 3 programs
 - o Good improvement made, number of participants from 28% to 58%

NEXT MEETING

January 9, 2019

TERMINATION OF MEETING

ON a MOTION by Ivana and seconded by Kimjal, as the business of the IPS School Council Meeting was completed, it was resolved to close the meeting.

Co-Chair Secretary

Date

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UNAPPROVED