

**ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
AGM Minutes
October 21, 2019
Held at Harbour Eats,
1 York Street (Food Court), Toronto, Ontario
at 5:30 p.m.**

ATTENDING: Jason & Laura-Maria Co-Chairs
 Jen Co-Chairs Secretary
 Tendai Advocacy Chair
 Ivana Communications Chair
 Scott Woolford Principal

ABSENT: Abigail Ciaran Ivana Shannon

ALSO INVITED: none

CALL TO ORDER

Proper notice having been given, and a quorum confirmed, the meeting was called to order.

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm

Welcome and introductions

Jason: thank you all for coming! Introductions of each attendee and their child at IPS.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of Exec Meeting on October 16, 2018

- ON a MOTION to approve Exec Meeting on Oct 16 Minutes by Sinead and seconded by Salma, it was resolved to approve. ALL IN FAVOUR. CARRIED

CHAIR'S REPORT

- Thank you to Harbour Eats for the refreshments & Menkes for donating the use of the space.
- Dinesh crossing guard is in place
 - o Joseph: guard is wonderful, always smiling. Is there a way to ask him to focus on the 2 sides NE-SE and SW-SE versus all 4 sides
 - Scott had mentioned it to him before

- September 13 – welcome back BBQ. Made about \$5,000
- Money coming in goes direct to the school’s wish list (provided yearly)
- Frida: will BBQ go back to island? Feels more like a community on the island.
 - o LM: Wards Island Association had been escalating their complaints about the school’s families destroying things and not being respectful. They wanted to add additional charges. With the flood we needed to find another location. Sending vehicles over costs quite a bit. End of day it’s about “who you are with, not where you are”
 - o Frida: suggest to communicate to families that we will “make more money” when we don’t hold the event on the island. Cost savings done to pass more \$ to the students.
- Suggest families to try trick or treating on the island
- Launching holiday fundraising campaign. We will be selling the wine that we were not able to use at the BBQ. Likely start end of November
- Thank you to Jason, Abi, Ivana, Ciaran and Shannon for their service. They will not be returning for 2019-20.
- Jason: things we had done in 2018-19
 - o Nov/Dec was IPS Spirit Wear fundraiser
 - o Dec Poinsettia – thank you Joan Bowman for running the event
 - o Skate night
 - o Marlies on Family Day
 - o Ski day
 - o 4 days of relocation to Nelson Mandela
 - o May Mother’s Day hanging plants and succulents
 - o TASSAM workshop for students and parents
 - o May staff appreciation
 - o May Father’s Day barbershop
 - o June BBQ

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- Thank you to staff and caretakers for setting the school up – bright, warm and welcoming!
- Current enrolment is 281. Additional classroom is being used is Science Room A & B.
 - o Caps & numbers are looking correct
 - o We will be staying in the science labs this year
 - o In December will look again at room allocations with superintendent
- Will be reconfiguring library space into the Learning Commons
 - o Carpenters reused all of the materials to make shelves.
 - o STREAM (Science Tech Relationships Engineering Arts Math)
 - o Space will be more flexible versus library like.
- Welcome event was well attended with Curriculum info being an option for many as well. Our next event will be Winterfest in December.
- Continue to use google classroom as a way to communicate. Teachers will continue to use parent emails when necessary.

- Agendas not yet purchased. Recalled by GTA school boards
 - o Staff feel that we're moving online/tech/paperless (Google Classroom)
 - o Asking feedback – should we have? Are they needed?
 - Jen: don't need
 - Dennis: time should be allocated to do/learn time management.
 - Salma: maybe not agenda but a monthly calendar to plug things in
 - Winnie: still need some sort of communication from JK class
 - Grade 4s and up move toward tech
 - Suggest maybe none for grade 4 and up, grades 1-3 could keep paper
- EQAO preliminary results were positive. Primary – R/97; W/87; M/77; Junior – R/95; W/95; M/58; Math will continue to be one of our achievement focus.
 - o EQAO will be 6 one hour sessions for the exam in May for grades 3 & 6
- Three Foci: Equity - Inclusion; Well-being - Building Relationships; Achievement - Inquiry & Math
 - o School improvement focus – inquiry and math (using math up program)
 - o Third Path strategy – condition of meaning to help improve student achievement
 - o Pushing inclusion – providing support in the classroom
- Extracurricular: staff continue to be involved in many extras clubs over the lunch
 - o Eco-Schools, Friendship Circle – Indigenous Circle
- Athletics: Cross Country (one IPS student going to city competition!); Co-ed Flag Football; Boys Soccer; Girls Soccer
- IPS has registered for the Bondar School Photo Challenge again this year with a focus on social justice inquiry (i.e. climate change; missing bird population; use of single use plastics)
- Continuing to maintain Platinum EcoSchool Status
- Progress Reports: Nov 12 reports go home
 - o Parent Interviews are Nov 14 in the evening and Nov 15 in the morning.
- Reminder to use your Parent Access Card when entering the ferry docks
- Halloween celebrations
 - o reminder of Severe Allergies – non-labeled/homemade treats will unfortunately need to be returned/can be distributed at docks when their parents are there
 - o costumes – cannot be culturally inappropriate/nothing violent/scary, no weapons
- We Scare Hunger Food Drive – Monday October 28 to Wed. 30 at the docks
- Wed Oct 23 is Take me Outside Day – Do learning outside if weather favourable can stay out for half a day
- Welcome to new families
- Welcome to several new staff: Justin Borges; Lana Kovtuh; Eloi Fagundes; Kathryn Clark;
- Volunteers require a Police Reference Check – contact office if you want to go through the process.
 - o Must do declaration annually. Can renew with Mr Woolford @ docks with his computer
- Frida: CUPE strike. How does that effect IPS that they got all their demands?

- o Was provincially. Now Board and CUPE local negotiating. School will be effected if “work to rule”. Then everything goes back to normal. Everyone gets to see everything and they vote
 - Will we get something? IPS actually gained already. Shouldn’t effect IPS for this year. No cuts at IPS

NEXT YEAR SCHOOL COUNCIL EXECS

- Additional members are always welcome
- This year’s slate of candidates: Lili Dronjak, Joseph Hagopian, Walid Hajj, Salma Hussain, Tendai Mhute, Laura-Maria Nikolariezi, Yulia Skripaleva and Jennifer Yeung
- ON a MOTION to approve slate of candidates by Frida and seconded by Dennis, it was resolved to approve. ALL IN FAVOUR. CARRIED

OPEN FORUM

- Connie: feel strongly that we are disconnecting from the island more and more. Council should keep community together. IPS is a special part of the island. Is there somewhere else on the island? You’re saying bring them to trick-or-treat there but not have the BBQ there
 - o Consider the Riviera, near Algonquin bridge
 - o It’s a pretty significant loss for the island community and school. Loose the community feel. You building the community that you want to be a part of. Ties into the third path.
 - o LM asking Connie to assist with finding somewhere else on the island.
- What was purchased this year?
 - o Scott: \$12,500 spent.
 - o Will have new wish list for 2019-20 in November meeting
- Frida: what does the school board cover? Her class has been requesting crayons & other stuff
 - o Scott: Classroom should be all supplied. Basics should be covered.
 - Teachers haven’t received their budget. IPS only recently received budget
 - Teachers have their budget now. They can also request for additional funds.
- Will Council want to consider giving each class (13) \$100 that they can spend on other things?
 - o Will take into consideration
- Skate night. How was the skate night benefited by the fundraising?
 - o Snack program. Cost gone up to \$1.10 per student verses 90c.
 - o If advertised this info, would motivate more ppl to give more money. How did it benefit the program? Can we communicate that?
- Portables – not coming this year. What is happening to it for next year? Will it still be coming?
 - o Don’t know. At this point we will see how enrollment is. Will determine if we need the additional class next year. Projected that we may need another classroom. First time we are under our projection (281 actual vs 285 projected). Next year is 290 projected
- Are they considering what kind of people are moving into the catchment? (Young families)

- Projection was off the year full day kinder started. Has been pretty accurate in other years
- Currently 120 kids in grades 1 / 2
- Joseph: How has the relationship been with the Outdoor Ed after the portable meeting?
 - o Scott: Good. David is the assigned principal. Teaching staff relationship is good. Betty, OE Site Lead, meets with Scott to schedule staff room time. Sometimes staff room not needed. OE uses IPS kids as guinea pigs to try out new program they want to introduce.
 - o Joseph: Let us know how we can invest in OE to keep everyone happy. Want to keep them happy. Important to know how we can support them.

NEXT MEETING

School Council meeting 5:30pm at Longo's on Dec 11, 2019

TERMINATION OF MEETING

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Recording Secretary

Date

Secretary

Date

Chair

Date