

**ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
PARENT COUNCIL MEMBERS MEETING**

February 24, 2020

**Held at Longos
15 York Street
at 5:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.**

ATTENDING: Laura-Maria Chair
 Walid Vice Chair
 Jen Communications
 Joseph Advisor
 Salma Secretary
 Scott Woolford Principal

ABSENT: Tendai & Lili & Yulia

ALSO INVITED: Anthony (Community Liaison with 52 Division, Community Response Unit), Chris Glover, MPP

PREPARATIONS IN CASE OF STRIKE

- ___ Scott shared that in case unionized outside workers strike, then IPS will relocate to Nelson Mandela as there will be no ferry operators and no access to Islands
- ___ Anthony noted that officers will assist with bussing as staff would not be present on board buses. Scott noted that supervision on school buses is not usually provided by Board staff anyway. LM spoke about possibly organizing parent volunteers, if needed.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

- ___ LM shared that IPS Skate Night brought in \$537.00.
- ___ Cooke donation to islanders brought in \$167.00.
- ___ Dance-a-thon brought in \$5,200.00 (deduct about ~\$1,000 for prizes).
- ___ All funds raised will go to Maker List. Scott detailed the items that have been purchased off the Wishlist that was discussed in December.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY UPDATE

- Scott – trip to Ottawa and School Play are on hold; Author visit is scheduled.

FUNDS UPDATE

- ___ Currently 6K in account. Scott needs 8-10K.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE – WALID

- 3-pronged approach for fundraising - (1) directly to parents; \$40+ will result in tax receipt; (~\$5K). (2) lots of orgs/banks/etc where if you volunteer hours then org kicks in with dollars; (3) local businesses. Goal is \$30K.

TEACHERS' STRIKE & QQ PIPELINE – CHRIS GLOVER, MPP

- Strike is about the push for privatization of education; there is an ideological shift right now; public education is at risk; public education is only 170 years old; that's what this struggle is about (not money). Classroom sizes are imp.
 - ENBRIDGE pipeline – is doing research on how the ON Energy Board makes its decision and will get back to us.

PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT - LM

- LM spoke on behalf of TT who provided a report in advance of meeting since TT could not make the meeting.
- ON Energy Board is going to decide Lakeshore, Harbord or QQ
- Want to mobilize our community (Waterfront & IPS parents) to prevent this happening.
- Will the city reimburse the 10 QQ and 33 Harbour residents for the \$\$ they already chipped in for the Harbourfront revitalization? There was a 5-year moratorium not to dig up, but now 5 years are up.
- Note that TT is working with the School Council Chair from Waterfront School to address this issue.

ANTHONY LAMANA, 52 Division, Community Response Unit

- Small classrooms will enable deeper relationships. Online learning is not good. Human interaction is important. Invest in people/teachers.
- He is available to provide the school with an anti-bullying session and/or social media session.

USE OF TECH IN CLASS – PARENT FEEDBACK

- SCOTT- we are increasing tech in school (Google classrooms, etc) but focused on the learning.
- PARENT FEEDBACK ****– some juris' are suing Google over Google classrooms – the data is following kids' home, etc. Privacy concerns need to be looked into.

OFF-LEASH DOGS BY JACK LAYTON FERRY TERMINAL PARK - JEN

- JEN – Off-leash dogs by the ferry an issue; aware it’s a bylaw issue but can police do anything?
- ANTHONY - police don’t handle bylaw infractions now, but Anthony will look into it. Maybe this park needs a leash-free zone (~Grange Park). The Love Park may be getting an off-leash park. EMAIL: Anthony.lamanna@torontopolice/TP.on.ca.

FERRY CAPACITY – PARENT FEEDBACK

- Parent expressed concern that afternoon ferry home is jam-packed and we need bigger ferry for winter months. LM said she would send an email to Mayor about this. Scott explained that 220 is the capacity on ferry and ferry captains decide if they can go over this. Parent expressed that situation is very concerning as students are shoulder-to-shoulder in cabins.

NEXT MEETING

School Council meeting 5:30pm at Longo’s on March 25, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Secretary

Date

Communications Chair

Date