

IPS School Council Meeting April 8, 2026

Location: Virtual via MS Teams

Type of meeting: Open meeting for council members, TDSB staff and public

Attendees	Parent Council Members, and community members	<p>Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kami Shabahang, Co-Chair 2. Nikou Ghalebegui, Treasurer 3. Erica Lamanna, Secretary <p>Members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Hanna Bondar 5. Airlie Heung 6. Irina Mishchenko 7. Marseda Shtylla 8. Judee Yarmolinsky 9. Samira Zarghami <p>Public:</p> <p>None</p>
	Toronto District School Board Staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Kiera Vanderlugt, Principal 11. Joel Seaman
Regrets	Parent Council Members	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jason Applebaum 2. Tracey Baker 3. Arij Javed 4. Jeff Kearns 5. Jennie Lai, Co-Chair

1. Quorum and call to order

Kiera Vanderlugt (IPS Principal) was present for the meeting and 9 out of 14 parent council members were present. Quorum and the school principal was achieved. There were no community members present. Co-Chair Kami called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

2. Approval of previous minutes from March 4, 2026

VOTE: Council to approve the previous March 4, 2026, meeting minutes draft, previously distributed.

Motioned by Airlie; seconded by Samira. All in favour. Minutes approved.

3. Principal's Report

Staff Appreciation Lunch

Kiera opened the principal's report by thanking council members for organizing the staff appreciation lunch and to all of the parents for their monetary contributions. The IPS staff were extremely grateful by this wonderful gesture and there were lots of leftovers for staff for the remainder of the week.

Monthly Assembly

Kiera shared that for each monthly assembly there is a theme and for March the school celebrated International Women's Day. Along with the monthly assembly theme each class contributes to the assembly. For example, Mr. Ross' class did a bilingual performance surrounding kindness and caring. The JK/SK classes shared pictures of their field trip to the Old Spaghetti Factory.

Kiera advised council members that Phyllis has been off work due to a long-term illness. Fiona recorded a video of the children waving to Phyllis, sharing well wishes to her, and expressing how much they miss her. Fiona sent the video to Phyllis and she was extremely grateful and moved by the beautiful gesture. The children in each class sent Phyllis get well cards with messages of warmth and support. Phyllis will be off for the remainder of the school year and all of the staff and students miss her deeply and cannot wait for her return.

Sports Teams

Kiera shared updates on various sport teams such as badminton and volleyball, with track and field, softball and ultimate frisbee coming up.

Student Council

Kiera provided an update on the student council's events and activities for wellness week, which will take place the week of April 13-17, 2026. Wellness Week is a time for us to slow down, take care of our bodies and minds, and connect with each other. Kiera advised the student council wants students to do fun and simple activities to help us be kind, feel thankful, move our bodies, and stay calm and happy at school. Kiera outlined the week's activities below:

Mindful Monday:	Be calm and present (mindful meditation)
Thankful Tuesday:	Think about what we are grateful for (thank you game)
Workout Wednesday:	Move our bodies and feel strong (workout in gym)
Thoughtful Thursday:	Stretch your mind (beading, puzzles, and word searches)
Feel Good Friday:	Do things that make us happy! (Wear your favourite piece of clothing or bring a favourite stuffy)!

Earth Day

Kiera provided an update for Earth Day, which takes place on April 22, 2026. There will be an Earth Day themed assembly and yard clean-up.

Scientists in School

Kiera advised that teachers have booked scientists for the day for their respective classroom in either April or May.

Scholastic Book Fair

The spring Scholastic Book Fair will take place May 4-8, 2026, with parents being able to visit the school on May 7, 2026. Ms. Lana is looking for volunteers to assist and this information will be included in Kiera's Friday eblast.

Kindergarten Celebration

The annual kindergarten celebration will take place on June 19, 2026, which will include fun indoor and outdoor activities.

Grade Six Graduation

The grade six graduation is scheduled for June 23, 2026. Parents of grade six students will organize the graduation and not school council members.

Registration and next year

Kiera advised to date IPS has received 21 new kindergarten registrations for enrollment for 2026/2027 school year. If you know a child who is of age to start kindergarten and is within the boundary to attend IPS, please have them register as soon as possible.

Kiera asked Joel if he would like to share anything with council members and Joel expressed his sincere gratitude for the staff appreciation lunch. Joel shared the kindergarten students took their first field trip since COVID-19 to the Old Spaghetti Factory. Staff at the restaurant expressed how well behaved the students were and how proud he was of them. On the field trip we had 45 students participate and along with the fantastic parent volunteers, it was one of the most memorable days this year. He shared there may be another kindergarten field trip so stay tuned for further information.

4. Treasurer Update

Budget Summary

Treasurer Nikou provided an update on the budget summary for the council members. As of April 7, 2026 the IPS Parent Council Account has \$1,777.70. Treasurer Nikou noted that the amount for securing the scientists has already been paid, which was \$1,498.29.

Treasurer Nikou provided an update on the new digital only bank account for the IPS council funds. Features of the new account with RBC is that all e-transfers are free with a charge of \$6 per month. This new account assists greatly in terms of providing transparency, ease, and logistics for what the IPS council requires from a bank account for the student and parent council accounts.

Staff Appreciation Lunch Funds Update

Co-Chair Kami provided the below update on the Staff Appreciation Lunch Funds:

Goal:	\$1,000.00
Donations Raised:	\$1,788.90 (includes small profit from pizza sale at Skate Night of \$159)
Expenses:	\$744.20 – Longos expense \$210.66 – Costco expense \$38.99 - Dollar Store expense
Total After Expenses:	\$795.05
Amount Given to Fiona:	\$745.00 (kept \$50 to cover \$6/month fee)
Amount in Parent Council Fundraising Account as of April 7, 2026:	\$44.05 (\$6 monthly fee was withdrawn)

Co-Chair Kami expressed a huge thank you to the parent community and council member volunteers for all of their donations for the staff appreciation lunch. Council member Samira expressed our admiration for the IPS teachers and staff and how the annual lunch was one of the ways the community expresses our gratitude.

5. Event Updates

Bake Sale – May 20, 2026

Co-Chair Kami provided an update on the upcoming May 20, 2026 bake sale. Council members Hanna and Airlie with Treasurer Nikou Airlie will be the lead volunteers and oversee the logistics of the bake sale. Co-Chair Kami will send an updated Google sheet for parents to input donations and/or volunteer to this Friday's eblast.

Council member Hanna asked council members if she should add anything to the body of the email because as of now only her contact information is included in the weekly eblast. Co-chair Kami advised the Google form will be added to the next eblast as it was not included earlier due to the Easter holiday. Council member Hanna advised that to date she has not received a lot of responses for the bake sale, but council members agreed once the bake sale is mentioned in Kiera's eblast closer to date we should expect to receive additional volunteers and donations. Council agreed we should update the

eblast written content to include additional information and asks from the community. A request was made for Treasurer Nikou to cover the cash and have two cash boxes.

Fun Fair Planning Update – June 4, 2026

Co-chair Kami provided an update on the June 4th fun fair. The below is an outline of action items that need to be completed for the upcoming fun fair:

Category	Vendor	Owner	Status
Venue	QCYC	Jeff	Secured
Food	Loblaws	Tracey	In Progress
Drinks	Loblaws	Tracey	In Progress
Drinks	Amsterdam Brewery	Jennie	In Progress
Drinks	Great Lakes Brewery	Jeff	In Progress
Bouncy castle	Superior Events	Judee	In Progress
Live Entertainment	TBD	Jeff	Not Started
Freezies	Kisko	Kami	Not Started
Silent Auction	Multiple	Erica	In Progress
Volunteer Coordination	N/A	Airlie	In Progress
Classroom Gift Baskets	N/A	IPS Staff Member	Not started

Co-Chair Kami provided an update on securing food and drinks from Loblaws and the below information was shared with council:

FOOD	CONDIMENTS/EXTRAS
Juicy Jumbos All Beef Hot Dogs Family Pack	Mustard
Zabiha Halal Juicy Supreme Chicken Frankfurters	Relish
Yves Jumbo Veggie Dogs	Ketchup
D’Italiano Brizzolio Sausage Buns	Napkins
	Paper Towel
DRINKS	SNACKS
PC Juice Boxes	Lay Variety Mix Pack
Coke	Mini Chocolate Chip Muffins
Canada Dry	
PC Lemonade Cans	
Nutri Vodka Spritzers	

Co-Chair Kami asked council members if we are good to proceed with requesting from Loblaws the same above items as last year and council members agreed. Samira provided background as she oversaw the food and drinks from the 2025 event and advised we should proceed with pre-orders to best determine quantities. From last year’s event there was no overage of food leftover or anything too concerning to report back for this year’s event. Any extra freezies remaining were handed out to students at the end of the school year along with chips and drinks. For this year it was mentioned that

any leftover food items could go towards the grade six graduation event. Co-Chair Kami will be in touch with Kiera to determine an estimate for how many students and parents will attend.

A council member asked how the pre-ordering of food and drinks took place last year and Kiera explained that Fiona helped set-up the Student Cash Online for parents to purchase food, drinks, and raffle tickets online. Kiera advised we should proceed with the same process this year. Closer to the event date Fiona printed out the information and council members volunteered to make pre-arranged envelopes with tickets inside that were given to students to give to their parent(s) prior to the event. Kiera advised Fiona can assist with uploading all of the information online and Co-Chair Kami advised she will reach out to both Kiera and Fiona.

Council member Samira advised we should extend the invitation for representatives from Loblaws to attend as they were very appreciative for being invited to last year's event. Council members agreed.

For securing drinks from Amsterdam Brewery Co-Chair Kami advised that Co-Chair Jennie reached out to them and is waiting to hear back. Council member Jeff is not in attendance, but is working on securing drinks from Great Lakes Brewery as well as live entertainment.

Council member Judee provided an update on the bouncy castle, which has been very difficult to secure due to the logistical challenges for the vendor to come to the island, especially with all of the construction taking place. Judee advised entertainment will be secured for the event.

Secretary Erica provided an update on the silent auction by advising the team will meet tomorrow to outline next steps and an update will be provided at the May council meeting.

Council member Airlie provided an update on the status of volunteers for the event. To date few have reached out, but council agreed that closer to the date more volunteers will sign up to assist the day of.

Co-Chair Kami and Kiera discussed doing the classroom themed gift baskets again as raffle prizes and it was decided to proceed as there is strong interest from students and the community. Council decided to proceed with the gift baskets, but it was suggested there be a change to the lottery system for announcing winners at this year's event. Kiera advised the students loved it and we could send out the request for items four weeks in advance in Kiera's eblast, which would give them enough time to put the gift baskets together. The request for items for the baskets will be included in Kiera's eblast for the first week of May.

Council member Samira provided an update on the grade six graduation, understanding this falls outside of the council and made this very clear to grade six parents that council will not assist in the planning or day of execution for the grade six graduation. A further discussion was had on logistics for the grade six graduation and Kiera advised she can assist.

6. Other Business

Co-chair Kami opened the floor to other business and shared an upcoming Toronto Island Clean Up event being held on April 26, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on the Wards Island Dock. Kiera advised she will include this event information in Friday's eblast.

Secretary Erica asked if council needs to oversee arranging for food and/or drinks for the May 7th book fair. Kiera advised for the spring book fair no food and/or drinks are offered so no further action is required from council.

7. Adjournment

Co-Chair Kami motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Samira.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:55PM.

Minutes prepared by: Erica Lamanna, Secretary

APPROVED