

Island Public School
School Council Meeting – February 13, 2018

Call to order at 6:12

Acceptance of minutes from Nov 22, 2017

- Approved, Brain & Seema second

Jason put forth motion to forward the previous meeting's minutes with meeting invitation email so that the minutes will not be printed for the meeting.

- Approved Jason, second Laura-Maria

Teachers report – Joel Seaman

- Numbers of clubs groups running. Girls group, boys group. Math / eco / coding / board game clubs.
- Athletics. Basketball, volleyball, Floor hockey coming (grades 5/6), most athletics will be for grades 4 and up
- Musical rehearse twice a week
- Kids fill out form to request that they would like to be on the team, go to practices and then teams are formed.

Kinders & primarys – in planning stages for the outdoor learning

- Starting with student voice. Some suggestions: Roller coaster, Petting zoo...
- Staff found commonalities between their ideas and the students'.
- Take back to students to have them decide on mapping the space

Brian: question about teacher interviews. "How are we to know whether or not we would want an interview before seeing the report card?"

- First interview is for everyone, second interview is by teacher request

Fundraising update – Laura-Maria

- May will be mothers day event. Considering herbs or small plants (potted).
 - o Showed example – small glass enclosed plant from Longo's

- BBQ – June 7, 2018
 - o Confirmed: Toronto popcorn, Augies, DJ Brian
 - o Toronto parks and rec – pending \$ donation
 - o WIA still pending confirmation
- Working to support school's 3 year tech plan – grants from microsoft, whole foods... etc
- Send communication out to see if parents will volunteer for specific events – planning, logistics
- Skate night – over \$500 from school's pizza sales
- Toques – LM suggested to purchase from kiosk
- Brian: suggesting next IPS gear to be pool towels
- Parents suggested selling items during Musical – baseball caps, winter hats, cut flowers for students, little stuffies (in lieu of flowers) – Scott to check with YPT if we can sell things at the musical, probably not due to space limitations
- Musical is on Wed June 13.
- Scott suggested sales on Arts Day on May 11 instead. Scholastic book fair will also be on Arts Day. Seema: requested teachers' book list be available earlier.
- Joan & LM to connect regarding possible fundraising item of kids art work put into postcards – for sale. One year earned \$500 so \$250 came to school

Advocacy report

- John Street letter in process of writeup.
- LM jack Layton ferry terminal – 2020 will launch new boats – current plans are not kid/community/school friendly. Working with Mayor's office to meet with Mayor to talk about how the boat will be designed so that it actually makes sense for the islanders & schools. Hope to be in next couple of weeks. Should be not just beneficial for school & islanders but also for the waterfront community and also tourism.
- Scott: initial design for ferry. Needs to be able to go thru ice, have capacity, aesthetics for the 12 min ride. Design showed stairs, elevators, main floor could hold 30 cars, no space for bikes, top deck enclosed could hold 100, observation area, could hold 1300. KPMG came in and did focus groups and all stake holders (ferry ppl, tourist, York qq assoc, islanders...) done in fall 2017. They will come back with a new design -hopefully- soon.
- Mayors office will likely be the last say.

Principal's report

- Please see Mr Woolford's presentation.
- Working toward putting more technology in the hands of students. This initiative is supported by parents (via School Council) – school budget does not cover this
- Teachers created the plan (Wishlist) together

- Gender based violence program coordinator to do school wide PD – terminology, navigating, understanding – school wide. Grade 4/5/6 will get full day – language, consent.... Teachers PD to help them guide students

IPS Eco Team presentation – Joan Bowman

- School: Ms Parry, Ahrens & Hoffman, Parents: Joan & Sarah (Vita's mom)
- Need to cultivate the love for the nature for students
- Need to ask for support at home so students know that they can make a change and are not just being affected by it.
- Not just about measuring garbage. Talking to students about not wasting so much food.
- Communication – created Facebook group IPS Eco Team Partners
 - o Answer 3 questions to become part of the group. Closed group.
 - o David Suzuki – buyerarchy of needs
 - o We want to see what the kids are doing to help the environment
- Farm to table program for snack program – working on getting a school garden.
- Shoka Change maker schools (rose ave public school), shoka foundation – based on eco school
 - o Want kids to take initiative to make changes in their world
 - o <https://www.ashoka.org/en/story/canada-recommend-changemaker-school>
- Suggestion: bring books to BBQ for kids to pick and buy – donated to school
- Lost and found is donated to diabetes donation
 - o Take pictures of lost and found and post on site to encourage pickup!
- School will do lost and found day

Open forum

- Can students choose to finish homework afterschool.
 - o Team teaching occurs at end of day. Most kids choose to stay inside. 3:30 dismiss for 3:50 ferry. Next Bus leaves at 4:10.
 - o Ferry schedule likely till March break
 - o Depends on ability 300 instructional minutes – include prep, 40 min uniterupt lunch, anything outside of this is considered outside time – we don't have that time due to ferry
- Tracy & Mr Adams working on coding club for grade 3-6s
- Scott: **Parent card for access must be used!** Have had instances where parents have become confrontational. It's not high security but you need to show it.
- Note about the parking lot is a privilege – need to be respectful for other cars. Caution also for pedestrians.