

## IPS School Council Meeting October 23 2024

**Location:** Virtual via MS Teams

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

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Parent Council Members, and community members</b>	<b>Executive:</b> 1. Jennifer Yeung, Co-Chair 2. Samira Zarghami, Co-Chair 3. Kami Shabahang, Treasurer 4. Hanna Bondar, Secretary <b>Members:</b> 5. Jason Applebaum 6. Jenn Hume 7. Judee Yarmolinsky 8. Lindsay Stephens 9. Jeff Kearns 10. Jennie Lai <b>Public:</b> 11. Laura 12. Linda
	<b>Toronto District School Board Staff</b>	13. Kiera Vanderlugt , Principal 14. Tempie Coehlo- Freeman, Teacher
<b>Regrets</b>	<b>Parent Council Members</b>	1. Abi Wren 2. Tara Bezusko 3. Maria Khan 4. Tracey Baker 5. Sana Ibrahim 6. Yasmin Nsouli

### 1. Quorum and call to order

Kiera Vanderlugt (IPS Principal) was present for the meeting.

10 (1 via text) out of 16 parent council members were present. Quorum, >50% of council, and the school Principal was achieved. Jen Yeung called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

### 2. Approval of previous minutes from May 7, 2024, October 2, 2024

VOTE: Council approved the previous May 7, 2024 and October 2 2024 meeting minutes

Motioned by Jen Yeung, Seconded by Samira Zarghami

### 3. Update on Coffee/ Bake sale October 16 2024

The coffee/ bake sale raised over \$800 after expenses for the grade 5/6 Ottawa trip. A shortage of baked goods was noted; the council committed to providing advanced notice the next time an event was scheduled so allow for more community participation.

Plans for another bake sale are in discussion, and promotions will begin shortly to gather more parent bakers.

#### **4. Spirit Wear Update**

Jen Yeung reported that Spirit wear Sales have closed, with net sales of about \$3,000. Last year's sales were \$6000.

VOTE: Council approved the additional purchase of 20 toques, 10 caps, and extra T-shirts in selected colors as additional stock for the upcoming Algonquin Island Christmas Boutique

Motioned by Lindsay Stephens, seconded by Jason Applebaum

**ACTION: A subcommittee (Lindsey, Jen, Hannah, and any others interested) will decide on additional colors of IPS Spirit Wear for future sales. The committee will return with their suggestion for a vote at a future council meeting.**

Jen Yeung shared with council colour options from the spirit wear vendor for the above committee's consideration.

The Council acknowledged that there may be members of the community that do not have the ability to purchase spirit wear and that spirit wear can also be provided for vendors, or speakers as a gift or token of appreciation.

VOTE: Council approved an additional order of spirit wear, to be distributed to members of the IPS community on an as-needed basis.

Motioned by Jen Yeung, Seconded by Judee Yarmolinsky.

**ACTION: Jen Y to connect with Keira V for additional details to finalize the order number.**

#### **5. Staff Appreciation Event/Activity**

The date for the Staff Appreciation event is scheduled for November 13, 2024, a day when teachers and staff will be staying at the school late to conduct virtual parent-teacher interviews.

**ACTION: Maria and Tracy will lead the coordination with a "Meal Train" link for volunteer sign-ups at the end of the coffee sale (Oct 27<sup>th</sup>)**

Kiera reminded the council to consider all dietary restrictions and allergens for the staff. Additional volunteers are required to make the event a success; council will solicit for additional volunteers.

Participants in the meeting were encouraged to promote the staff appreciation event during drop-offs/pickups. Casual conversations can help busy parents stay informed and participate.

#### **6. Future Parent Council Meeting dates**

Council announced the Parent Council meeting schedule for the remainder of the school year. All meetings will begin at 7PM and be conducted through MS Teams, using the same link:

- Thursday November 28
- Wednesday January 8
- Wednesday February 19
- Wednesday March 26
- Thursday April 17
- Wednesday May 14

**ACTION: Meeting details and reminders will be sent to the community through the council TDSB email address and contact list.**

## **7. Principal's report**

Kiera introduced Tempie Coehlo- Freeman, the new grade 3/4 teacher at IPS.

The October Cross-Country event was a success; 15 students from IPS participated in the regional finals. Council was thanked for providing snacks and volunteer assistance.

After a discussion with ferry officials as a result of the crowded winter boats, IPS students returning to the city from the island are now boarding and exiting the boat first. It was noted that the ferry schedule is out of the school's control and the unseasonably warm weather has made the limited winter boat schedule very crowded.

The school this year will be conducting regular all-student assemblies on a monthly basis and has also created an equity and diversity committee.

For Halloween, students will carve pumpkins and have a Halloween parade at the Algonquin Island bridge.

The tentative date scheduled for the IPS talent show/ book fair is Thursday December 5. Similar to last year, council intends to support the talent show by providing hot chocolate and candy canes.

## **8. Acknowledgement**

Yasmin Nsouli submitted her resignation from Parent Council to the co-chairs and it was received by the council, and effective immediately. Yasmin's work on council was acknowledged and appreciated by the council.

## **9. Adjournment**

No other business. Jen Y adjourned the meeting at 7:58PM.

Minutes prepared by: Hanna Bondar