

IPS School Council Meeting November 28, 2024

Location: Virtual via MS Teams

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

Attendees	Parent Council Members, and community members	Executive: 1. Jennifer Yeung, Co-Chair 2. Samira Zarghami, Co-Chair 3. Hanna Bondar, Secretary Members: 4. Abigail Wren 5. Jeff Kearns (available over text) 6. Jenn Hume 7. Judee Yarmolinsky 8. Lindsay Stephens 9. Tracey Baker Public: 10. Emma Stone 11. Ann D
	Toronto District School Board Staff	12. Kiera Vanderlugt , Principal
Regrets	Parent Council Members	1. Kami Shabahang, Treasurer 2. Jason Applebaum 3. Jennie Lai 4. Maria Khan 5. Sana Ibrahim 6. Tara Peterson

1. Quorum and call to order

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

9 (1 via text) out of 15 parent council members were present. Quorum, >50% of council, and the school Principal was achieved. Samira called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

2. Approval of previous minutes from October 23, 2024

VOTE: Council approved the previous October 23, 2024 meeting minutes

Motioned by Abi Wren; seconded by Lindsay Stephens

3. Updates

Staff appreciation event/ Spirit Wear/ Purdy's fundraising

Samira thanked Maria, Jen and Tracy for organizing the Staff Appreciation Event on November 13. She also thanked the parents who brought food and helped set up, which contributed to the success of the event.

Samira mentions the success of Purdy's chocolate sale fundraising and the distribution of the Spirit Wear and reminds everyone that limited edition Spirit Wear (in various colours) are going to be sold at the Algonquin Island Association Christmas Boutique.

Algonquin Island Association Christmas Boutique Update

Jen announced that the Christmas Boutique will take place on December 6 (7:30PM – 10PM) and December 7 (11AM – 4PM). Council is seeking volunteers to help with sales of limited edition IPS Spirit Wear. T-shirts will be selling at 20\$ each and more sizes will be available for purchase over School Cash. Regular colours will be also available for purchase through the same platform as there was several inquiries to purchase additional items upon recent distribution of Spirit wear orders.

ACTION: Council to create a post requesting volunteers for the Christmas and promoting it on Instagram.

4. Approval of Funds for Electronics Purchase

VOTE: Council to approve the allocation of Purdy's chocolate fundraising profits for the purchase of electronics, including two projectors and a Bluetooth system.

Motioned by Samira, seconded by Abigail Wren
Motion Carried.

5. Future Events: Fun Fair

Jen Yeung announced to the council that the school Fun Fair will be held on June 5, 2025, right before the PD day on June 6, 2025 and the importance of starting planning the event and potentially creating a sub-committee.

There will be 3 main sections that will require volunteers and council direction:

- Entertainment (e.g.: Bouncy castles)
- Food
- Auction

Council discussed options on the event location.

The Wards Island Association Clubhouse (WIA) is currently gated but most likely it will not be ready by June and WIA courtyard is probably not the best space either, due to a lack of public facilities. Last year's venue location, Queen City Yacht Club, expressed an openness to host the event again.

Kiera mentioned that she is open to do it at school, however, there are concerns about the logistics of holding the event at the school, including proximity to the ferry, overtime staffing and the inability to serve alcohol on TDSB grounds.

ACTION:

Samira proposed the creation of a Fun Fair Committee to handle the planning and decision-making process, with a focus on fundraising and volunteer recruitment as well as providing recommendations for a location.

Jen Yeung will create volunteer sign up form and questionnaire to be distributed to the broader IPS community.

Kiera offered to participate at the Fun Fair committee meeting(s) to provide input and address any obstacles related to school property and logistics.

6. Principal's Report

Talent Show Planning

Kiera provided an update on the upcoming scholastic fair and talent show, mentioning the decision to not serve hot chocolate due to tight timing.

Thanks to Council and IPS Community

Kiera thanked the parents for their contributions to the recent lunch event, emphasizing the enjoyment and lasting impact of the food and sweets.

Clean-Up of the Kindergarten Playground

Kiera noted that Mr. Ross' and Ms. Coelho-Freeman's class, Fiona from the office, Ms Hosna, and caretakers collected , worked together to clean the kindergarten and nursery play spaces.

Special Activities

Special thanks were given to parent volunteers in Mr. Ross's class in assisting older students with editing sessions and an external subject matter expert volunteering to show students how to create commercials.

Fundraising and Student Activities

The grade five and six students are working on various fundraising ideas for Ottawa, showing enthusiasm and creativity.

In the month of November, students participated in making friendship bracelets and a school wide Remembrance Day assembly.

Girls basketball and boys volleyball are underway, with flexible scheduling and support from bus drivers and the caretaker.

Partnerships and Early Reading Screening

Kiera discusses a partnership with the science school for an orienteering course, where students provided valuable feedback. Early reading screening has been completed with support from a TDSB expert, benefiting the school community.

Field trips

Field trips to the Young People's Theater occurred this month for the grade 1 and 2s and other planned trips for the new year are being planned.

Equity and Identity Projects

Kiera provided an update on the schools internal Equity Committee: Staff have organized a book club reading and are currently reading *21 Things You Didn't Know About the Indian Act*

The new identity project involves creating a word cloud and pictures of the school community, with the first phase to be showcased at the talent show.

Other updates

The Caring and Safe Schools committee is focusing on improving the yards for younger students, with student input and staff involvement.

7. Adjournment

No other business.

Samira motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jen Y.
Meeting Adjourned at 8PM.

Minutes prepared by: Hanna Bondar