

IPS School Council Meeting 2024 05 07

Today's follow up owned by

- Gary Pieters
- Jason Applebaum DONE
- Jeff Kearns
- Jen Yeung

Previous follow up owned by

- Gary Pieters

Attendees	Regrets
1. Abi Wren	9. Jeff Kearns
2. Jason Applebaum	10. Lindsay Stephens
3. Samira Zarghami	
4. Tracey Baker	
5. Jen Yeung	
6. Maria Khan	
7. Karen Rothfels	
8. Jennie Lai (6:45)	
• Gary Pieters (Principal)	
• Judee Yarmolinsky (parent)	
• Janet Fry (parent)	
• Jason Doucette (parent)	
• Karen Crow (parent)	
• Evgeny Berbasov (parent)	

Quorum

7 (8) of 10 parent council members, > 50% of council, +Principal +5 parents
Achieved: >50% members, >50% parents

Agenda:

- Approval of April minutes (pre-distributed) – Co-chair
- Approval of past minutes (to remove any accuracy issues and ensure all correctly online) - Co-chair
- Approval of bylaws - Co-chair
- End of year celebration – Events chair
- Year six celebration update - Principal
- Fundraising updates (Coffee fundraiser & Spirit Wear) – Treasurer
- Next fundraising activities - Treasurer
- Teacher update - TBC
- Principal update - Principal
- Questions received;
- Earth week update - how were the activities, litterless lunch etc.

Welcome – Called to order by Abi 6:38, seconded by Samira, votes: 6/7 “yes”

Motion to approve April minutes

- Proposed: Abi, Seconded: Jen, votes 7/7 “yes”

Approval of past minutes (to remove any accuracy issues and ensure all correctly online) (attached) - Co-chair

- Proposed: Abi, Seconded: Samira, votes 6/7 “yes”
 - Abi sent Jason vote details to ensure accuracy & only council members votes were counted

Approval of bylaws (attached) - Co-chair

- Proposed: Abi, Seconded: Karen, votes 8/8 “yes”
- Samira requested Abi's name be added to by-laws, subsequently done (before submission to TDSB)

End of year celebration – Treasurer on behalf of Events chair

- To be at QCYC, drop off likely at bridge
- Participants will get tickets likely at drop-off from teacher to avoid students misplacing them
- Hot dogs/chips/juice combo ~\$10
- Will sell freezies, cotton candy, alcohol
- **Need to borrow coolers** to put drinks, pop, juice in - **PARENTS PLEASE HELP**
- Will have bouncy castles, free games, lots of open space to play
- Auction in person rather than mobile to save fees that cut into our fundraising
- **Call to parents for auction item donations** or **companies to request donations from**

Principal's update

- Lots of info comes out in weekly roundup, won't repeat that in today's meeting
- Staffing:
 - **This year (2023-4) 9 classrooms**
 - **Next year 8 classrooms**
 - **Enrollment 185 this year, next year 163, so 11.5 teachers**
- Hiring for 2 classrooms, grade 3/4 and 4/5
- TDSB having a teacher (lack of) staffing crisis
- Some staff have left for personal reasons, is confidential, Gary can't disclose why
- Feedback from people re: Gary's PDF updates contain a lot of info, but are not clear, searchable, easy to reference - not clear to parents when they can be involved
 - Gary is making an effort to communicate a lot, but it isn't getting across to everyone, people are missing things due to extraneous details, and can't refer back to PDF downloads
 - Need info in the body of an e-mail that's searchable in our inboxes
 - Google Drive not helpful since it's a link we have to find and then go to

Year six celebration update - Principal

- Grad committee meeting tomorrow
- Committee is grade 6 teacher + 12 students
- Parents welcome to attend & support (update to community as of this meeting)
- Investigating sleepover for grade 6s, having sleepover on 24th & graduation on 25th might not work due to kids not sleeping at night = staff not sleeping
 - Other schools come to Science School M leave W, and arrive W leave F so earlier weeks not avail. and subsequent days challenging since school needs time to prepare for summer camp
- Last year school cafeteria catered the dinner @ school, is economical; kids this year are looking at expensive options
- Gary will take minutes & share with Abi & Samira, will see if parents can join the meeting virtually
 - As of 2024 04 11 minutes not shared, will be added here if shared
- Gary to send link to meeting to SC members to distribute since he can't send out e-mails after 7pm
 - Link sent next morning; note this short notice (~3 hours) limits parent's ability to participate

- Weekly update 2024 05 10 & revision 2024 05 13 did not include clarification parents are welcome to join, or a link for parents to participate virtually if they cannot get to the island for a lunchtime meeting

Fundraising updates (Coffee fundraiser & Spirit Wear) – Treasurer

- Coffee sale in support of grade 6s
- Jen hoping to have grade 6s help advertise & sell
- Spirit wear ordered, coming, hopefully next week but likely following week, will send info ASAP
- Council website has been updated: <http://www.ipsschoolcouncil.com/>
- Subsequent update: Gary cannot allow grade 6s to participate due to EQAO prep requirements
- He says event can no longer be a school official event, make it a community event

Other items

- Thanks to people who organized lost & found! 🍌 ❤️
- EQAO dates delayed to May 27-31 (originally May 13-17)
- Webinar info sent out in Gary's May 6-10 week at a glance

Questions received

- Earth week update - how were the activities, litterless lunch etc. (i.e. lunch in the gym)
 - Gary: very successful!
- No update re: trolleys for higher grades instead of single-serve disposable containers

Motion to adjourn:

Proposed: Abi, seconded: Karen, votes 7/8 “yes”

To do

- Gary send graduation meeting link to Abi, Samira & SC for virtual attendees
 - DONE 2024 05 08 morning
 - Abi shared with Grade 6 class WhatsApp group
 - Samira attended meeting
- Gary send graduation meeting minutes to Abi & Samira after tomorrow's meeting
- Jason send revised minutes to Gary for posting on school website, Jen for posting on school council website DONE
- Jason send by-laws to TDSB for their records DONE
- Jeff & committee keep working on Fun Fair
- Jen keep working on coffee fundraiser & spirit wear

Outstanding to-do from last/previous meetings

1. Gary advise next steps on food trolleys in place of lunch in the gym
2. Gary send guidelines on how to make any event/annual end of year fun fair a school event again
3. Gary: from Jen Y's e-mail 2024 05 03 Would we be able to release funds from the School Council Category to cover upfront costs for the Fun Fair? Primarily, this would be for reimbursement of purchases for the event. ie. food costs - hot dogs, buns, etc. Or to make a purchase from a TDSB Approved Vendor?

Minutes written by: Jason Applebaum & Jennie Lai (edits: Jen Y, Abi)

Minutes approved by: Abi, Karen R