IPS School Council – End of The Year Meeting – June 17, 2025

Location: in Person at 77 Harbour Square and 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. Kami Shabahang, Treasurer 4. Hanna Bondar, Secretary **Members:** 5. Jason Applebaum 6. Jennie Lai 7. Tracey Baker 8. Jeff Kearns 9. Lindsay Stephens 10. Judee Yarmolinsky 11. Abigail Wren 12. Sana Ibrahim **Public: (5)**
	Toronto District School Board Staff	13. Kiera Vanderlugt, Principal
Regrets	**Parent Council Members**	14. Tara Bezusko 15. Jenn Hume 16. Maria Khan

APPROVED

1. Quorum and call to order

Kiera Vanderlugt (IPS Principal) was present for the meeting and 12 out of 15 parent council members were present. There were also 5 community members.
Samira called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM

2. Approval of previous minutes from April 17, 2025

VOTE: Council to the previous April 17, 2025, meeting minutes draft, previously distributed.

Motioned by Judee Yarmolinsky; seconded by Jennie Lie. Minutes approved.

3. Principal's report

Kiera started the meeting by congratulating everyone on the end of the school year and on the success of the Fun Fair. She also reviewed the school's activities in May and a few upcoming events to wrap up the year.

Kiera reminded that:

- Parents must notify the office if kids will be absent at the beginning of the year.
- Report cards will be distributed on Thursday.

5-6 Grades trip to Ottawa

Kiera shared that trip to Ottawa was a success. Mr. Ross pre-arranged for Chi Nguyen, MP to come. Kids were excited to meet her and understand the process. It was a good hands-on learning.

Mashies Ice-Cream

Mashies Ice-Cream sale was a lot of fun! It was a good example of team learning. Kids did some tallies on who love scones and who love cups. They also did origami hats.
Revenue raised from the ice-cream sale event was approximately $550. It was donated to Sick Kids!
Great job Mushrooms class!

Update for the next couple weeks

- Kindergarten Celebration for Maggie's and Joel's classes will happen on Friday (weather permitted) – play time, music video sharing and review of the year.
- Also on Friday is a Big Bake Sale and Flag raising – everyone is dressing in the rainbow colour. Parents are welcome to join the picnic.
- Monday – graduation – for only grade 6 parents!
- Wednesday – playday – JK to GR 6
- Last day of school, Friday, June the 27th – last assembly

Staff Update

IPS numbers have dipped a bit for the next year. As of June 17, 160 kids are registered but the actual number is 145.

On the report cards there will be one class of 1-2 split, one class of 2-3, one class of 3-4 and one class of 5-6; Kindergartens will remain at 2 classes.

3 teachers have been affected:
Paul, music teacher has been placed in another school.
Mr. Miller is also leaving IPS.
Mrs. Lana will remain with the school half time.
By September if the school is in position to bring some teachers back it will be Mrs. Lana who will return.

Kiera ended the update by thanking the Parent Council for being welcoming and doing the work throughout the year and a separate thank you to Jen Y, the "graduate" for commitment.

4. Grade 7-8 Survey Update

Jenny updated the participants on Survey response from the community regarding addition of Grades 7-8 at IPS.

Based on Lindsay's report, 121 unique survey responses were received. Response rate 90%

Surveys:
Question 2 regarding weather your kid would remain at IPS had a strong response: 87.7 % / 106 people - chose 5 (strongly agree) and 5.8%/ 7 people - chose 4 (somehow agree).
73 responses - expressed a willingness to contribute to this possibility.
48 responses – open-end comments section. 42 of the comments were strongly enthusiastic about the idea.
6 responses were not opposed, but expressed qualifying concerns:
1 response – school must invest into school facility,
1 response – desire to add French immersion program,
1 response – the value of a transition period to acclimatize students to school in the city before high school.

Next step Kieara will take responses and send it to Superintendent. They typically look at numbers and at possibilities to see if its feasible and possible. The principal is optimistic.

The school has capacity to accommodate classes however there are certain things IPS can't provide now (like lockers, science lab or enough teachers to do rotary…)

Parents agree that it is good to have this option, however, it is also a commitment as requires a lot of work from everyone to have grade 7-8 running at IPS.

There is a consideration to have grade 7-8 at IPS for optional attendance.

5. Financial Update

Jen Y updates on finances and mentions that Fun Fair did very well. Loblaws donated food and drinks; IPS only paid for bouncy castle and the performance.

Revenue from the Fun Fair sales totaled at CAD 10173 - after expenses CAD 6588.

VOTE: Council to approve the allocation of the money from the spring bake sale + extra $500 to cover mad kitchen, plastic damp trucks, wheel barrels, shovels, soccer balls, skipping ropes (1659 and change)

Motioned by Jen Yeung, Seconded by Judee Yarmolinsky
Motion carried. All in favour

Council discussed how to spend the rest of the money.

Kiera mentioned that two priorities for the school will be Chromebooks and a new charging cart.

It would be also good to allocate funds towards visiting artist.

Jen Y added that Kiera requested about 9000 for Chrome books. The Council suggests accommodating half of that expense for now and to proposes to also acquire a document camera.

The Council has also additionally requested 577$ to cover the cost of outdoor equipment, kind of weight scale for kindergarten students.

VOTE: Council to approve the allocation of Fun Fair profits for the purchase of the outdoor equipment ($600), document camera, visiting artist and charging cart. Motioned by Jen Yeung, seconded by Jason Applebaum Motion Carried. All in favour.

Jen, Samira and Kiera proposed to leave 2K as a carry over to the next year.

VOTE: Council to approve carrying over CAD 2000 towards next year. Motioned by Jen Yeung, seconded by Samira Zarghami Motion Carried.

ACTION: Jen to reconfirm the amount of funds to be allocated towards purchasing of Chrome books.

6. Other business

The chair opened the floor for other business. No additional items were brought.

7. Adjournment

Jen Yeung motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Samira Zarghami.
Meeting Adjourned at 5:58 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Hanna Bondar