

# Buttonville Public School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday September 23, 2014

6:30PM to 8:00PM

## Principal's Update

- Start-up was great. Busing was much better. School assembly on day one was successful. Lots of new staff
- There will be no re-organization (yah!)
- Quite a few combined grades
- Meet the teacher / curriculum night is next Thursday
- Lock down drill will be this Thursday at 9:15am
- Hold and Secure will be Friday at 9:15 to 10:00am. No entry to school will be possible at that time
- 485 students at the school this year ... down from 507 at the end of the year. Kindergarten enrollment was down vs 2013
- EQAO results improved in all areas. Assessment of results has not yet been completed by staff to determine specific focus areas for 2014
- A complex needs classroom added to serve the needs of students with autism spectrum disorder. Three students are enrolled. There are 4 specialized staff leading the class. Up to 6 students can be enrolled. Room renovations will be completed next summer (e.g. addition of kitchen, washroom and calming room). Changes to some school procedures have been completed to minimize the students' exposure to change-in-behavior triggers.
- The complex needs staff have volunteered to do presentations about autism spectrum disorder to other Buttonville classes.
- For parents dropping lunches off at noon the drop off table is now in the vestibule
- Shelley Jones, VP, cannot attend meetings for several months due to conflict with math course she is taking with her other assigned school

## Kerry / Peri Update

- BBQ for curriculum night. Same menu as June BBQ
- School Council will pay for teachers' dinner. Approximately 40 teachers x \$5 = \$200

## Treasurer Update - Alison

- Estimated Year End Balance: \$13,300
- Investment in Education \$5,500 from parents received
- Starting year with \$18,800
- \$4,000 for chairs

- \$5,000 for cost sharing will be spent in November
  - The school's IT consultant (Troy) recommended update to
    - Laptops
    - Library computers
- Teachers will bring funding requests to Lori for specific class requirements. Lori will assess what should be funded by the school and what can be requested of School Council
- Movie night will be on October 30<sup>th</sup> and have Halloween theme. Kids can dress in costumes. Raffle prize suggestions included craft pumpkins, cookies, etc
- Pasta lunches will begin in October

## **Elections**

- Treasurer: Janet
- Secretaries: Kim, Peter backup
- Co-chairs: Peri and Kerry

## **Next Meeting**

- Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup>
- Meetings: Nov 4, Dec 2, Jan 13, Feb 3, April 7, May 5, June 16