

BUTTONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 9, 2020

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1. INTRODUCTION & SCHOOL NEWS

Attendees: Dalia Osman, Jared Yoshiki, Ellyn Waldman, Neely Noticewala, Imma Petrou, Shankeetha Selvarajah, Kim Sutherland, Sheri Klawitter, Alvina Lee, Pooja, Rachel, Alina Li

Minutes of last meeting held on Oct 13, 2020 were verbally approved.

- Jared covered recent school news and thankful for Indigenous and Treaty People
- Grade 2s and 3s shared their new learning and what Treaties mean to them
- Dalia shared the Kindness Campaign and what it means to Buttonville, currently displayed in school hallway
- Honoring our Heritage was the focus in classrooms, inviting kids to share their heritage and history.
- New teaching strategies were introduced by examining a photograph and prompting students to speak for what they noticed, sharing connections, and creating entry points for conversations.
- Jared covered new virtual assemblies and online celebrations as new methods to create positive energies.
- Ms. Waldman also exploring opening virtual bookfair on Monday November 16th. School will get 20% of the funds returned as contribution from Scholastic.

2. FINANCE UPDATES & FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- **Wish List** shared from Dalia and Jared – **total \$3,400**
 1. # of classes across JK to Intermediate with main focus to keep students engaged in class, includes card games and manipulative tools to use during recess time.
 - Kindergarten - \$120/class x 2 classes
 - Primary - \$200 per class x 4 classes
 - Junior \$150 per class x 3 classes
 - Intermediate \$150 per class x 3 classes
 - Special Education \$150 per class x 3 classes
 - Virtual Chess Club (overlap with EVS students with them playing with BPS students)
 - Knitting Class (all participants need their kits)
 2. Virtual art performances suggested by Ms Waldman

3. Outdoor learning equipment suggested by Ms Waldman

- Board has decided to put the technology on hold this year. Currently at BPS, there are sufficient supplies of tech equipment for all staff who needed them.
- Buttonville will also get more Chromebooks and technology available for them in Jan & Feb 2021.
- Student Council suggestion for future fundraising, the need to disclose to parents what funds were incurred for, and how families will be able to enjoy it.
- **Voting:** YES for \$3,400 to invest on Wish List (7 of 8 voting members concluded YES)
- **Voting:** YES for estimated \$1,500 to support Grade 8 graduation ceremony in 2021.
- Non-financial activities – ROCK GARDEN coming soon includes every member in the BPS community, colorful river rocks as a contribution from students and families
- Approximately 500 river rocks estimated to be needed, Sheri can help source the rocks and possibly converting this into a fundraising activity in January 2020.
- Dalia will explore using School Cash Online and if it's worth the service fees charged.

3. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

- **Wednesday December 2nd, 2020.**

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