

BUTTONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 16, 2021

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1. INTRODUCTION & SCHOOL NEWS

Attendees: Dalia Osman, Ellyn Waldman, Neely Noticewala, Imma Petrou, Shankeetha Selvarajah, Vina Lee, Pooja Vig, Kathy Lau, Debbie Leung, Rebecca Ko, Yasintha Vivek, Sheri Klawitter, Karima Jiwani, Dakota Panacci

Minutes of last meeting held on Oct 6th, 2021 were approved.

- Dalia Osman opened the meeting with land acknowledgement
- School Wide Campaign – Honoring our Heritage
- Learning Strategy – Effective Questioning and encouraging students to ask open ended question that are never wrong, opening doors for perspective and promotes critical thinking
- **Ms. Waldman's update:** Memorial assembly held on Remembrance Day with participating classes from Gr. 1-8 with all sorts of contribution. BPS staff contributed photos of family members who were actively connected with the memorial events.
- Graduation – tentative date booked for Crystal Fountain on Thurs June 23, 2022; Grad photos Jan 6, 2022. Events pending for board approval.

2. FUNDRAISING SUGGESTIONS

- Retaining Wall – should be replaced in the summer
- Community Garden (compost program) – presented by Ms. Panacci on 1 pound of worms living in the classroom, currently fed with kitchen scraps with future use on school garden (follow BPS' twitter account)
- Outdoor Classroom vision as part of a ground enhancement project over a 3-4 year time spend (total project estimated ~\$10k+)
 - Surveyed the school yard premises and found a location to invest in an outdoor classroom under the tree with a path leading to it.
 - List of 20 board approved landscapers and makeshift drawing of what outdoor classroom would want to look like.
- Natural FDK Outdoor Space – Kindergarten space conversion into the same idea

3. COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUNDS REQUESTS

- Karima reached out to nutritionists who helped raise funds in the form of gift cards to help kickstart a snack program, supplement grants / vouchers received ~ \$1k.
- Choice of food will be healthy snacks under guidelines (i.e., fruits, guacamole, etc.)
- \$500 costs for entire year for funding replenishment to cover for costs that parents did not contribute for.

4. SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES

- Pro-grant application in process to support school snack program for \$500 and utilize towards healthy snacks for BPS (see above)
- Treasurers Report – \$187 buff sales, outflow Linda’s gift \$157
- \$6,900 approximate funds leftover (to be deposit \$165 cash to reflect next month)
- Indigo Night – Nov 17th with contribution for the school if parents purchase something, 15% will go towards the school.
- Ms. Waldman pulled all books on the school cart that parents can additionally purchase for the school.
- **Hot Lunches** – School Council is trying to compile a list of vendors (Mother’s Deli, Astoria Greek, My Little Pizzeria, Swiss Chalet, Mine Sushi, potential Chinese food) and incorporating into kids’ lunch schedules without volunteers distributing it. Board has NOT approved yet, this will be preparation for logistics in case board approves.
- **Dance-a-thon prizes:** tickets from 2 years ago will be honored with key dates below:
 - Dec 7th to Dec 10th – prizes will be displayed in the library. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase on school cash online. Every student will get 1 raffle ticket and option to purchase more via school cash online.
 - Dec 14th - students can label their tickets and drop off into the ballot
 - Dec 17th – final draw of prizes
- **Mabel’s Labels fundraising** – set up Buttonville account and advertise 2x a year. Commissions is 20% back to school on every sale if parents select the school name. School Council will communicate this partnership with Mabel’s Labels in next newsletter.
- **Friendship Grams** – scheduled for Valentines day, to be discussed in next meeting.

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NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 18th, 2022 6:30pm