

Buttonville School Council Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2018

Present: Imma Petrou, Pravin Rajagopal, Asha Rathod, Dan Woo, Neely Noticewala, Kerry Mallett, Melanie Sonnenberg, Kim Sutherland, Dathsaayini Nithiyananthan, Lowell Tsang

Minutes of February 28, 2018 meeting approved by Pravin Rajagopal and Dan Woo,

School News

- Ms. Nithiyananthan is teacher rep at meeting.
- Cyber Bullying presentation by Telus . “Digital Citizenship” topic for Intermediate students and “Digital Footprint” for Primary grades.
- International Women’s Day celebration was held March 8 in the library.
- World Down Syndrome Day acknowledged and students wore mismatched socks.
- On Autism Awareness Day the students wore blue shirts.
- Arts presentation by Ballet company – looked at the arts as a form of self expression and a tool for mental well being.
- Junior Basketball – the boys tied / won games and the girls had great efforts.
- Suggestion of including team try outs information on red lines so parents are aware. Information is presently on school announcements. Asha to follow up with teacher coaches to gain their feedback re: use of the red line.
- Yoga offered Fridays during lunch.
- Weekly Stress Club for Intermediate students facilitated by Ms. Matsuoka who is a leader on the mental health team. The club focuses on how to change the way we think in regards to stress.
- Teachers starting to plan for next school year. Current number of students is 460 and going down to 420 students next year. Our numbers will be updated in May as new registrations are arriving weekly. Typically a high number of grade one students due to kindergarten students attending Montessori. Asha reviewed the involved process of creating classes for next year – the same grade teachers meet to discuss : student’s type of learning, gender, special ed, ELL, friendships , student forms completed by current teachers – all of this information is considered. April school newsletter mentions classroom placement process and requests are due to office by May 4, 2018.

Treasurers Report

- \$19000 starting balance. Expenses of \$810 for Ipads, \$1500 school equipment, \$650 Lice lady, school lunches expenses and the books still need to be purchased. Remaining balance is \$13000.
- Imma purchased brand new Costco freezer for \$250 and has a 2 year warranty. Thank you Imma!

Lice lady

- only one case of nits. Kerry asked Lynda to book for next year.

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Extreme Pita

-lease not renewed and will move to different location. Kerry was advised the pita lunches still available next year if confirmation received by June. Kerry offered to set up the other lunches again for next school year. Thank you Kerry!

Frozen Yogurt

-next sale will be on April 19.

Spring Concert - May3

-4 volunteers requested to help with raffle sales for BBQ baskets and Big Comfy Couch. Lowell, Kerry and Imma available. Follow up with Kerry if you can help.

BBQ Baskets

-6-8 volunteers required to help wrap baskets on April 26 during morning recess. Basket items are due April 20 with an extension to April 25. Reminders on announcements. Imma to ask Lynda to send out red lines this Fri and Mon.

Grandparents Tea – May 18

-invites are out. Kim to send email re: food needs and volunteers. Imma will follow up re: table cloths and serviettes. Budget of \$250. Teachers will provide a presentation.

Pro Grant Proposal

-Neely suggested change proposal to provide only the Zumba activity for next year as it was very well received. This activity continues to promote well being and physical activity.

End of Year BBQ –May 31

-Kim will create volunteer schedule including times and volunteer stations. A sign up schedule will also be posted in the staff room. Council members encouraged to seek out donations for raffles and silent auction. Melanie to forward donation letter to council.

Final Meeting June 20, 2018.

Will have BBQ meeting as needed.

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