

Buttonville Public School Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 22, 2015
6:30 pm – 8:15 pm

Attendees

Lori Higgins
Shelley Anand
Peri Sygounas
Kerry Mallett
Kim Sutherland
Vidya Rajagopal
Beatriz Lokhorst
Janet Murphy
Shalini Bhardwaj
Melanie Sonnenberg
Lowell Tsang
Linda Brown
Chelsea Gellard
Lisa Derby
Kathy Lau
Shankeetha Selvarajah
Imma Petrou
Janet Gillespie
Neelam Noticewala
Charlies Jiang
Piera Li
Allen Jin
Ying Ding

- June 2015 meeting minutes approved by Kerry and Neely

Treasurer's Update - Janet

- Carrying forward \$11,443 from previous year
- \$22,000 revenue last year – carried \$13,255
- Purchased drapes, contributed to grade 8 graduation, cost sharing for computers, teachers' wish lists, grandparents tea, lice lady, library, bbq

Explanation of Council role – Lori

- Explained that we try not to carry over too much money from previous school year
- Want money to be spent in the year that it was raised
- Funds tend to be spent on improvements to the school that Lori makes us aware of
- Without school council we would not raise this money and be able to do these improvements
- Technology is matched dollar for dollar
- Lori tries to order technology in the first term so that it is used during that school year
- Part of money allocated for library furniture as it has not been replaced in 25 years
- Chairs and couches will be replaced next
- Constitution
 - Lori reviewed with attendees
 - Recently updated
 - Took two years to update but it had not been updated since 2008
 - Finalized last year
 - Provides a guideline as to how things work
 - No secrets in public education
 - Executive consists of co chairs, past chair, secretary and treasurer
 - Always one returning chair and one new chair brought on for mentorship
 - Committee needs to have a minimum of four voting members plus executive
 - Executive members are also voting members
 - Voting members are not nominated – just need to show interest
 - All are welcome to attend meetings
 - Commitment of a voting member is needed as a majority needs to be in attendance to vote – 51%
 - Co chairs run the meetings
 - If a voting member misses two meetings in a row then the co chairs can ask for resignation since decisions cannot be made without attendance
 - It takes a year to understand how council works – recommended to be a voting member first before becoming an executive member
 - One vote per family
 - Required to conduct a minimum of four meetings per year
 - Tuesday at 6:30 is when our meetings will be held
- Job descriptions for roles were provided
- Executive
 - Co Chairs – Kerry Mallett and Peri Sygounas
 - Treasurer – Neelam Noticewala
 - Secretary – Kim Sutherland
 - Co Secretary – Janet Murphy
- Kim will create a list of emails for a voting list if a decision needs to be made via email

- 21 people are voting members - All in attendance (excluding Lori and Shelley). Need to make sure 12 are at each meeting
- Minutes are kept on file by principal for 5 years

Admin Report – Lori

- Next council meeting will be Oct 6
- Meetings will be held Oct 6, Nov 3, no meeting Dec or Jan, Feb 9, no meeting March, April 12, May 10, June 14,
- BBQ – June 2, 2016
- PRO grant was approved – focus will be on numeracy, teachers can't participate at this time so may wait until teachers can participate
- Student leaders will be handling out letters to assist Lori and Shelley
- No major reorganization needs to be done with classes this year – may only be a few changes to the intermediate grades, Lori will inform co chairs of any changes – calls will be made Thurs to families, note sent home with student on Friday and changes will be effective Tuesday
- Cross Country team being led by Ms Ellery
- Teachers are currently in stage three of strike
- We are grateful teachers are doing what they are doing
- Current enrolment at Buttonville is 465 students
- 19 homeroom classes
- Lice Lady came to school Sept 17 and 18 – only three cases of lice found – 75 cents per child to be examined – next year will be 1 dollar – council voted to book lice lady again for next year

Lunches – Kerry and Peri

- Booster Juice – many complaints last year – will not do it this year
- Subs – complaints that subs are not filling enough for older students
- Mr Sub has asked for a 10 cent increase – first increase in many years – council was fine with this increase
- Trying to find an alternative for Booster Juice – Extreme Pita is an option
- Committee agreed to try Extreme Pita for 3 months
- Charles suggested sushi – he will follow up with Michael Angelos – would need to be packaged individually for each student and prepared in a nut free environment
- Mother's Deli – will be offered to students one per month starting at the end of October – looking at offering more choices such as chicken fried rice, souvlaki, meatball or parm sandwiches
- In past years a fundraiser at McDonalds has been held – not doing it anymore due to healthy food requirements
- Lowell spoke to Panera Bread as an option
- They can provide a similar fundraiser

- Various percentages of profit given back to school based on number of participants
- Menchies was also suggested
- Council is considering Panera Bread in the fall and Menchies in the spring
- Will discuss fall date at next meeting
- Great way to bring families together

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 6:30 pm