

Buttonville Public School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

6:30 to 8:00 pm

Attendees: Lori Higgins, Shelley Anand, Peri Sygounas, Kerry Mallett, Lisa Derby, Shalini Bhardwaj, Xing Yue Zhang, Vidya Rajagopal, Beatriz Lokhorst, Imma Petrou, Linda Brown, Lowell Tsang, Chelsea Gellard, Charlies Jiang, Neely Noticewala, Melanie Sonnenberg, Janet Gillespie, Joey, Kim Sutherland, Kathy Lau, Shankeetha Selvarajah, Zonghong Li

February minutes approved by Neely and Shelina

Administrators Report – Lori :

- PRO grant – Thursday, April 7th - speaker was Trevor Brown – first session was with the teachers and second session in the evening was with community families
- Lots of asking ‘why?’ and how we use manipulatives to get that out of kids
- PRO grant approved for next year – based on school improvement plan – ministry putting lots of money into math – math is focus in York Region - Shelley meeting with Peri and Kim in early May to discuss – may plan for earlier in year – have school year to work with it – October would be good time
- Me to We initiative – selling pink cupcakes and lemonade – on Wed April 13 – money going to Kenya – anti bullying
- Grade 7’s at Camp Muskoka – mon to wed – having great time
- Grade 8’s to Quebec city and Montreal at end of May – trip more expensive as two coach buses needed
- Grade 8s did babysitting on PRO night for people to donate money to raise some money – went towards grade 8 trip
- May 18th is the 25th anniversary night – chair of board will attend, trustee and superintendent and first principal will also attend – choir and band will perform – doors open at 5 – ordering cupcakes, citrus fruit and water – looking at budget of \$4 - \$5,000 – a lot of money – but will not be another big celebration until 50 years – may need some support from school council
- End of school council meeting tonight Lori will talk about new health curriculum – brochures sent home in English and Chinese
- Karate – started - opened up to all kids to try – kids loved it – instructors were great – every Thurs at lunch – had to register – for grades 1 to 6 - \$80 for eight weeks

Treasurers Report - Neely:

- Opening balance of \$28,946.19
- Income from sushi and popcorn/cookies - \$1,445.05
- Expenses from stage padding for gym, library furniture, Mr Greek for Feb, March and April, pita for Feb, March and April , pasta for Feb and March, Mr Sub for Feb and March and popcorn/cookie is \$12,266.49
- Remaining balance of \$18,125.75
- Upcoming expenses for pasta, pita, sub, grade 8 grad, sushi, fiesta for kids, grandparents tea and 25th anniversary

Lice Lady – Peri:

- Booked for Tues Sept 20th and again on Sept 23rd, also booked for March 28, 2017 will confirm Sept dates before end of year

Grandparents Tea:

- Thurs May 5th from 11 – 12:25 – band playing, kids reading poetry – helpers are Charles, Kim, Kerry, Peri, Rocia, Shalini, Imma and Chelsea

Basket Wrapping – Kerry:

- Thurs April 28th at 9:00 am – helpers are Kerry, Rocia, Chelsea, Imma and Kathy

Sushi – Kim and Peri:

- 112 orders so far – dates for sushi are May 10th and June 7th

Pizza:

- Clarified that it is run by two teachers – council just helps with volunteers – pizza money went towards new jerseys for sports events – cross country t-shirts ordered as well – Lori decides where pizza money is spent

Survey – Peri:

- Peri worked with Janet Murphy to prepare survey – will come out through survey monkey – will find out what meals people liked the most and which options they want for next year – will have results before last meeting

Boomerang lunches:

- Want to continue going forward – switching to small garbage cans – teaching kids to recycle properly – getting green bins – applied through the town of Markham
- Talk of having kids eat snack inside before recess – could send healthier snacks in containers – Lori explained it is hard with rotary system and the class timetables – suggested to have a bucket to collect the containers – Lori will talk to teachers about that possibility

BBQ – Peri:

- 8th annual BBQ – Thursday, June 2 – 5 to 7:30pm – m & m doing food – booked – prices have not increased – offering chicken breast, hamburger, hot dog, veggie burger and drink - \$4.99 plus tax for all expect chicken breasts which are \$5.49 plus tax – suggested charging \$6.50 for hamburger, hot dog and veggie burger and charging \$7.50 for chicken – same as last year
- Activity bracelet - \$15.00 for all games, face painting and balloons, only thing to pay extra was for food items – slushies and cotton candy and popcorn for \$2 – all agreed on prices
- Peri handed out donation letters for people to start getting items – would be great if everyone could get an item – Melanie dropped off letters at wild wing and symposium, Mr Greek is donating and Samsung – raffle tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 10th, 2016 at 6:30 pm

After meeting Lori presented and discussed the new health curriculum implementation for anyone interested in hearing more about it.