

BUTTONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

JANUARY 18, 2022

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1. INTRODUCTION & SCHOOL NEWS

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

Minutes of last meeting held on Nov 16th, 2021 were approved.

- Dalia Osman opened the meeting with land acknowledgement
- School Wide Campaign – New Beginnings and understanding newcomers into Canada, their background, and experiences.
- Learning Strategy Focus – Effective response framework, engaging student to ask their own questions, categorizing them, and effectively structuring their own responses.
- Ms. Waldman’s update: Postponing winter celebration and updates to be provided after staff can enter school building with tougher restrictions.

2. SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES

- Treasurers Report – \$2,200 fundraising efforts from raffle tickets, approx. \$400 from sporting equipment, \$217.83 from Indigo night from 15%, remaining \$9c,000 for the month. (Estimates to be clarified next month as staff was away from the office from snow related incidents)
- On Nov 2021 via email, School Council voted to spend \$1,500 Grade 8 Graduation and \$500 for community support fund

3. FUNDRAISING GOALS

- \$30,000 fundraising goal for outdoor classroom & Natural FDK Outdoor Space
- **Outdoor Classroom:** 3 companies were quoted for the outdoor community (Rutherford contracting, Mopal contracting, and Deciantis Construction). Rutherford had experiences with outdoor classrooms in their portfolio and had the lowest quote amongst the 3 companies.
 - New location sourced with greater drainage and additional trees for planting. The location can also be available for kids during their recess time.
- **Natural FDK Outdoor Space** will cost estimated \$150k and the board is putting a pause to do this on their own as it changes the structure of the playground.

4. COUNCIL FUNDRAISING OPTIONS

- **Hot Lunches model in the future:** parents can go in and order through an App and have something available from Mon-Fri provided by the school.
- Healthy Hunger based in Calgary but Canada wide – parents have to pay a fee of \$0.30 if a parent places an order for administrative fee. Vendors are on the platform already and the work for school council will only have to list out the teacher’s names by classroom on the platform.
- Healthy Hunger will allow Buttonville to set up a margin on the App to reflect prices of lunches when parents’ login to order for the children.
- School Council approach would be to enquire with other schools on the pricing and the success of this program first, then approach parents / vendors for more.
- PROGrant: submitted application for healthy eating week to be rolled out in March 2022. Dates TBD depending on approval on the grant and postponed deadlines.

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NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 2022 6:30pm