

# BUTTONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (In-Person)

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## Council Meeting Minutes

### 1. Introduction

**Attendees:** Imma Petrou, Rebecca Ko, Connie Yu, Pooja Rustomji, Ellyn Waldman, Dalia Osman, Shankeetha Selvarajah, Vina Lee, Yasintha Vivek, Leanne Chinn, Shirley Kim, Debbie Leung, Neely Noticewala (phone)

- Indigenous Art acknowledgement by Ellyn Waldman
  - Mr. Douglas comes in 2 days/week to work with Grade 7 and 8 students
  - The artwork is planned to be displayed outside the office in the windows facing out
    - Will invite the families and community members to take a walk through
    - In 2 weeks it will be a sharing week where he will share more stories
    - Cost covered by School Board and Ontario Art Council funding
- Minutes of last meeting (January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023) were approved

### 2. School News

- a) Board Literacy Theme – Regional Itinerant Primary Literacy (RIPL) Team
  - Focus on JK/SK/Grade 1 teachers
  - 2-week program between April 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup>
- b) Provincial Testing (EQAO and PCAP)
  - Education Quality and Accountability Office – Grade 3 and Grade 6 students will be writing it online during the first week of June (4 language and 4 math parts)
  - Pan Canadian Assessment Program (PCAP) will be written by Ms. Waldman's Grade 8 students (the week before the grad trip)
- c) Schoolwide Campaign for April is Neurodiversity
  - Celebrating our uniqueness
  - Partnering with Holland-Bloorview
  - 2 week stretch challenging classes with exploring neuro- and physical-diversities
- d) Spirit Wear (April Launch)
  - Fashion Show in April with new bulldog logo
  - Found a new local vendor
  - Proceeds will go towards athletic jerseys for students
- e) Staffing Allocation
  - 19 homeroom classrooms have been allocated for the new year (as of now)

- Number of student enrollment continues to increase (currently ~475 students)
  - De-streaming in elementary schools – Ministry has asked schools to review special education program and to consider reintegrating students into the mainstream classroom
  - Class placements process begins at the end of May/beginning of June
- f) Every Student Counts Survey (conducted once every 4 years)
- An opportunity to share your voice – what is your vision for education?
  - Grades 4-8 will complete the survey during school hours
  - JK-grade 3 will be completed at home
- g) Graduation Trip
- Grade 8 students will be going to Muskoka (May 8-10)
  - Cost is \$480/student
  - School Council to contribute \$2000 for the graduation trip
- h) Other Items:
- Scholastic Book Fair (week of May 29<sup>th</sup>)
  - Buttonville Chess Tournament between April 11<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> – students who win will compete in interschool competition competing against 12-18 schools
  - Track & Field Day (early June)
  - Graduation Ceremony (June 22<sup>nd</sup>)
  - Sports Club starting up (baseball, pickleball, etc.)

### 3. School Council Updates

- a) Food
- Ambiyani: ~50-70 orders/week (not as successful as other vendors as younger kids are not familiar with the spices)
  - Booster Juice: big hit with students. They also offer a wrap option (in case we want to offer in the future)
  - Subway: experiencing on-time service issues due to vendor coming in from Woodbridge
  - Popcorn is now changed from bi-weekly to a weekly offering
  - Cotton Candy was a great success (collected \$1400) which was sold over 2 days
  - Vivo Pizza and Pasta: looking to offer a trial for 2 Mondays (April 24<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>) – Council voted YES (~120 gram per meal)
    - o Penne with Butter: Cost \$4.20 (Selling Price: \$5.50)
    - o Mac & Cheese: Cost \$5.88 (Selling Price: \$7.00)
    - o Penne Pomodoro: Cost \$5.60 (Selling Price: \$7.00)
    - o Rigatoni Bolognese: Cost \$7.56 (Selling Price: \$8.75)
- b) Survey
- School Council to issue a survey to the families of Buttonville on the lunch program. Potential questions to ask include:
- Do you like the variety of food offered?

- Do you like the vendors?
  - How do you find the Healthy Hunger platform?
- c) Treasurer's Report
- Beginning of the year \$9,608
  - As of March 22<sup>nd</sup> \$17,267 (\$3,003 lunches, \$2,449 karate, \$1,296 popcorn and cotton candy sales, \$459 poinsettia, \$176 spirit wear and \$147 from Winter Concert hot chocolate sales)
  - Karate was a great success – for next year consider offering other types of activities i.e., yoga/dance etc.
- d) Concerts
- Winter Arts concert was a great success
  - For future concerts need to remind audience to stay until the end and encourage students
  - For future, sales should be conducted before and after the concert and during break times if offered
  - As school population increases, could consider doing the concert over 2 days
  - Suggestions for Family Festive Night:
    - o Can we do a parent sing along during the concert?
    - o Order extra poinsettias and allow families to buy on the day of the concert
- e) Grandparents Tea/Volunteer Appreciation/Big Box of Cards/Book Fair
- Grandparents Tea/Volunteer Appreciation to be held on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 11am
  - Sign up sheet for baked goods brought in by Council members and teachers
  - Students will perform followed by students taking grandparents to show their classes
  - Will need to send out a letter for RSVP to get an idea of number of people who will be attending
  - Big Box of Cards will be sold for cash only in the library during the week of the Book Fair (May 29<sup>th</sup>)
  - Will be requesting 250 boxes (if refundable) or 200 boxes (if not refundable) of Birthday card selection
  - Cost is \$24/box (Selling Price: \$35/box that consists of 35 cards)
  - Connie to discuss with vendor and confirm the details
- f) Fall Fair
- Will not be doing the BBQ in June due to time constraints but will offer it during the Fall Fair in early October
  - To coincide with Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Night
  - Could consider having food trucks/music – for food trucks will need at least 3 food trucks plus other vendors i.e., ice cream, bubble tea etc.
  - Launch what our focus is for Invest in Education

**Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, at 6:30 pm at Buttonville Public School (Library)