

Buttonville Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 30, 2017

Attendees: Lowell Tsang, Kerry Mallett, Neely Noticewala, Imma Petrou, Kim Sutherland, Janet Gillsepie, Shankeetha Selvarajah, Asha Rathod, Ms. Waldman, Ruby Politis

Minutes from October 2017 meeting approved by Kerry and Lowell

School News:

- Book fair in October – made \$1,500 and kept many books
- First arts series – Find Your Magic speakers – geared to primary and junior students – anti bullying combined with a magic show
- Door decorating and pumpkin carving contests for Halloween
- Motivational speaker – Leo Barbe – spoke to Me to Wee and to students
- Remembrance day assembly – entire school participated – Ms Waldman coordinated the assembly
- Each class made a banner that represented children's rights
- Fire safety – fire fighters came to the building
- Band trip to Trudeau
- Pj day
- Well Being night and Indigo Night – well attended
- Food drive and clothing drive – successful
- Holiday gift bags being made by Me to Wee members – will sell at holiday concert – all money raised goes to Me to Wee
- Sports – jr cood team – volleyball – girls won areas – boys came in second place
- Math tutors in school from grades 5 to 8
- 30 girls attend Great to be Girls club
- Lego club – outside provider puts on program – very popular with students
- Yearbook club
- Reading buddies – grade 4's read with grade 1's
- Nature club – first outing last week
- Drama and chess clubs starting in January
- Gifted testing ended this week
- Parent teacher interviews took place
- Play park being replaced by the town – should be done in a month or so
- Holiday concert – December 14 – band performing,
- Art series – next week – Holidays of the Global Village – musician and global issues and social justice – grades 1 to 6

Treasurers' report:

- \$33,000 in bank \$24,000 of expected expenses (does not include year end bbq and grandparents tea)
- Wish list – Asha – funds need to be spent this school year
- Recess games is on wish list – apparently bad winter ahead – will need things to keep the children busy
- Hands on Social studies for junior classes
- Tumbleweed Press subscription – primary – computer program to help readers at different levels – online books that kids read or it reads to them – board has implemented ebooks where kids can take out books – like a library book but an ebook – one book at a time – 2 weeks then it expires
- Gym and classroom supplies, kindergarten and primary
- Other needs – French books
- Total on wish list is \$6,168.04
- \$700 spent on pro grant – would be nice if we could use \$300 that for yoga mats – not sure if we can since it was not in original grant submitted
- Positive parenting – offered in January – connect parts, school involvement, build sense of community for new community parents – asking for support for this workshop from school council – approx.\$ 500 to cover dinner – Ms. Lam – issue of what to do with kids has come up many time – intermediate students will provide child care – nice way for families to get to know each other when kids are young
- Asked Asha to prioritize – games necessary – social studies – have not spent much there –
- \$5,500 is what council is comfortable to spend

Pro grant:

- 80 participants – yoga good – tai chi – slower pace not as strong – Zumba - biggest success – – everyone enjoyed! healthy snacks on way out were a hit – positive feedback

Indigo night:

- Went well – Mr Sui and band were amazing – 30 kids from band and all parents – 60 families attended we made \$520 profit for the school - \$3,400 in sales – six books donated to our library

Fiesta for kids:

- council good with deposit - \$1,000
- Police liaison, Jenn Davidson booked for bbq – Kerry called her – bbq june 7

Hot Chocolate:

- December 14, - hot chocolate day – same day as holiday show – morning recess – need 6 to 8 volunteers – Lowell, Kerry, Imma, Kathy, Janet,

Asha asked about doing bbq earlier – maybe May – since teachers are so busy with report cards – decided to leave it since things have been booked

Lunches:

- all good

Frozen yogurt:

- all good

Comfy couch and ginger bread for concert night – ginger bread house will be made by one of the moms – Imma will give her the ginger bread - tickets will be sold during lunch time and the evening of the concert – kindergarten students will need to buy during the week

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 31, 2018