BUTTONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL
OCT 6TH, 2022 (IN PERSON)

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1. INTRODUCTION & SCHOOL NEWS

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

Minutes of last meeting from prior school year (May 17th, 2022) were approved.

- School Introduction from Dalia Osman, Principal of Buttonville Public School
- Round table introduction of School Council and land acknowledgement
- School News: Reorganization of students and 70 students were impacted, 2 more staff members have joined since then
- **MLL** – Multilingual Language Learners revised terminology to promote English as 2nd language learners
- Parents can now volunteer in the school and mostly looking for reading buddies
- Ms. Waldman – tentative graduation date preset on June 22nd, same venue as prior year at Crystal Fountain
- Field Trips – options explored to science center, farm, graduation with overnight field trips (Muskoka, downtown, Ottawa)
- Terry Fox run to be held on Oct 11th and welcome parents to cheer the kids
- Bookfair – Week of Oct 17th (1st bookfair after the pandemic)

2. SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES

- Treasurers Report – **$9,608.47** opening balance at the beginning of the year, majority of the profit came from lunches with 40% for school council and 60% of profit went to the school.
- Suggestion to contribute to Grade 8 graduation - $2,000 (up from $1,500 due to global price increases)
- Brainstorming ideas for giving back:
  - Outdoor classroom setting which can further promote indigenous people and sense of community – prior year quote approximate $21k (2022 May), this vendor also built an outdoor classroom at other schools in York Region

- o Option to apply the grant with CCEL where the board subsidized $15,000 as an example from another school, this would require paperwork and tie-in with education themes
- o Investment and Education campaign in parallel with outdoor classroom setting to advertise to parents on this initiative

3. FUNDRAISING OPTIONS

- Hot Lunches – continue with Happy Hunger due to the positive feedback from last year, we are set up on the platform already and can start as early as week after Thanksgiving.
- School Council voted **YES** to proceed with 3 existing vendors from prior year (to validate against food options with healthy food act):
  - o **Pizza Pizza** - $3.45 (final price) after profit
  - o **Astoria** – several options selling for $7 after profit, with food cost ranging from $5.25-$6
  - o **Subway** – set selling price at $7 to be consistent, Turkey at $8, with baked chips at $2, all after profit

4. ELECTIONS FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL POSITIONS

- Positions available - 2 Co-Chairs, 1 Treasurer, 1 Secretary, 1 Past Chair
- Secretary – Yasintha Vivek
- Treasurer – Shankeetha Selvarajah
- Past Chair – Neeley Noticewala
- Co-Chair – Imma Petrou, Vina Lee
- Voting Members – Pooja, Debbie, Kathy, Leanne, Connie, Rebecca
  - o Voting members cannot be absent for more than 2 meetings

NEXT MEETING DATE – November 3rd, 2022 at 6:30pm at Buttonville Public School (Library)

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