

BUTTONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

OCT 6, 2021

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1. INTRODUCTION & SCHOOL NEWS

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

Minutes of last meeting held on May 18th, 2021 (F2020/21 school year) were approved.

- Dalia Osman opened the meeting with upcoming school year, Imma and Neely introduced Council members roles and responsibilities and voting members, focusing on the purpose of Student Council and contributing back to Buttonville Public School.
- 428 students including EVS in FY21/FY22 school year
- 2 new positions in Buttonville Public School:
 - Vice Principal – Alex Pasta
 - Elementary Office Administrative Assistance (EOAA) - Karima Jiwani
- **Extra-Curricular activities allowed** – Cross Country, Volleyball, Social Skill Groups, Equity Team, Spirit Days, Chess. Parents can cheer on kids (extended invite coming soon) under socially distancing and face masks rules. Prelim Date: Tuesday Oct 19th
- School Wide Campaign – United We Stand (Sept/Oct)
 - Learning Strategy – Building Talk Communities. Staff will engage students and promote higher participation in class and help them feel connected.
 - Learning Collaboratives – Staff may have been isolated and working in silos in the prior year, this initiative should allow teachers to share strategies and best practices.
- **Ms. Waldman's update:** Terry Fox, Orange Shirt Days with Grade 8's taking leadership. Remembrance Day in Nov, Scavenger hunts in primary classes during Halloween
- Maker's Space – to be used more in classrooms and in the library, 14 large tables in the computer area to be recycled.
- Arts Package – asking for virtual presentation for the kids
- Library is opened again!

2. FUNDRAISING SUGGESTIONS

- Exploring certain types of fundraising activities to be held this year and remaining gifts and prizes available from prior pre-pandemic years to auction off in FY21-FY22.

- Suggestion for Kindergarten – natural outdoor setting
- Outdoor Classroom vision as part of a ground enhancement project over a 3-4 year time spend (total project estimated ~\$10k+)

3. SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES

- Invest in Education – depends in cost sharing where the board matches funds invested by the school.
- Students & Families can purchase raffle tickets for prizes again and honoring prior raffle tickets from 2 years ago.
- **Executive Members** – roles and responsibilities update, organizing programs and newsletter in Beautiful Buttonville News.
 - Chair / Co-Chairs: Neely Noticewala, Imma Petrou
 - Treasurer: Shankeetha Selvarajah
 - Secretary: Vina Lee
 - Voting Members: Debbie Leung, Pooja, Kathy Lau, Rebecca Ko, Yasintha Vivek
- **Voting** – YES for auctioning prizes off in the form of raffle tickets

4. FINANCE UPDATES

- Treasurers Report - Remaining left \$6,857 for this school year, very limited fundraising initiatives last year due to pandemic in FY2020.
- Lice lady for this school year would not be scheduled due to pandemic restrictions.

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NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9th 6:30pm