

BUTTONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1. INTRODUCTION

Present: Asha Rathod, Tricia Frolic, Neely Noticewala, Imma Petrou, Shankeetha Selvarajah, Janet Gillespie, Bonnie Ta, Linda Chen, Ally Yang, Anna Leung Tran, Kathy Lau, Alvina Lee, Lowell Tsang, Zong Hong Vi, Dan Woo, Pravin Rajagopal

- Minutes of last meeting on June 20, 2018 were approved.
- Brief introduction of all attendees
- Principal Asha Rathod explained the purpose of school council meetings and school council job descriptions were distributed to the attendees
- Meeting agenda for the night also distributed and Asha Rathod to walk through importance of raising funds to provide more for students at Buttonville Public School (BPS)

2. FINANCE & TREASURERS REPORT

- Balance of \$4,983.58 left over from FY2017-FY2018 school year
- Focus should be on music program in FY18-FY19 school year and purchasing of music instruments

3. SCHOOL NEWS

- Cross country will start next week with the need to hire for supply teachers, funds covered through pizza lunch funds (run by the teachers)
- New music teacher Ms. Soo-Jung will be hosting a music presentation on MEET THE TEACHERS NIGHT on Sept 27, 2018 to showcase music program at BPS
- Registration for FY18-FY19 has increased compared to prior years (25 new Gr. 1 students)
- Due to class size, the need to hire 2 new teachers was approved by the school board on Friday Sept 14th, 2018
- Parents were all informed by Sept 20th, 2018 and overall positive feedback, this allowed a lot of classes to un-split in the Junior category
- Gr. 7 are getting ready to attend Muskoka camp
- Terry Fox Kickoff has started. Run is on the same day as MEET THE TEACHERS night (Sept 27, 2018)
- Orange Shirt day is celebrated on Friday Sept 28th, 2018 at BPS

4. ELECTIONS OF SCHOOL COUNCIL

- Asha to explain the roles and nomination progress of school council and voting members
- Forms and declarations were passed around for voting members
- Opening the floor to nominations for school council members

Co-Chairs

1) Neely Noticewala 2) Imma Petrou

Treasurer

1) Shankeetha Selvarajah

Secretary and Secretary Assistant

1) Janet Gillespie 2) Alvina Lee

Voting Members

Bonnie Ta, Linda Chen, Ally Yang, Kathy Lau, Alvina Lee, Janet Gillespie, Lowell Tsang, Zong Hong Vi, Dan Woo, Pravin Rajapogal, Kim Sutherland

5. LUNCHES UPDATE

- Large part of our fundraising launched this year with 5 vendors – Extreme Pita, Mr. Sub, Mr. Greek, Mother’s Deli, Mine Sushi
- Volunteers needed from 12:15pm – 1:00pm to distribute lunches amongst classrooms
- Volunteers were reminded to sign up for vulnerable screening check
- Asha suggested everyone on the school council to get this checked as many opportunities to volunteer during the school year
- Vulnerable Screening check can be done online and valid for 6 months, declaration for changes thereafter the initial check upon 6 months mark.

6. FUNDRAISING PLAN

- Imma to suggest selling snacks and drinks at cross country event on Sept 28, 2018, decision passed by the school council
- Discussed fund raising strategy for donation request earlier the school year in order to meet the technology matching by the government
- The donations has been trending downwards over the years, one reason maybe due to the adoption of School Cash Online tool which maybe challenging some parents to donate money
- Suggestion by Kathy to set up table for demo on how to use School Cash Online at PARENTS NIGHT

- Kathy also suggested informing parents about the technology matching in order to raise more funds earlier the school year

7. COOKIES AND POPCORN

- Volunteers required as this helped generate \$5,000 of funds last school year
- Volunteers are required every other Thursday during lunch time 12pm
- 4 parents are needed to cash count and selling of tickets
- 2 volunteers so far (1) Bonnie (2) Karen + Tom [counted as 1], 2 more required and will be issuing a redline to ask for more volunteers

8. LICE LADY

- Lice lady came in Sept 18th and confirmed instances of lice found
- They will revisit March 2019

9. PIZZA VOLUNTEERS

- Pizza volunteers in need, redline to be issued soon to ask for volunteers during lunchtime

10. LOGO WEAR

- Imma brought up fund raising idea to print school logo for spirits wear
- This was agreed by the voting members, not only will it help unify students' spirits and also helps to raise funds
- Spirits wear include – gym shorts, hoodies, t-shirts, sweat top
- Vendors who can help print are usually Under Armor and Roots who offer a school special
- Suggestion for water bottles that can be offered across all grades
- Kathy and Imma to set up a table at PARENTS NIGHT to showcase the t-shirts and spirits wear

11. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

- **Wednesday, October 24th, 2018**

