**Buchanan Parent Council Meeting Minutes**

**September 18, 2019**

**Attendees**

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| Pat Grace | Rob McGeringan | Liz Papathanasakis | Emmanuel Papathanasakis |
| Jennifer Harper | Irene Tsialafos | Zuhal Ozakaya | Sabrina Arhab |
| Tracy Rogers | Tony R Lin | Jenny Lin | Lisa Donker |
| Shantal Small | Misha Athanasiadis | Kristin Murphy | Amalia Lambos |
| Abolore Gbadamosi | Nathalia Posada | Billy Somers | Akina Lalla |
| Angela MacMillan-Suzuki |  |  |  |

**Call to order**: Pat chaired meeting

**Elections of Positions for 2019/2020:**

4 executive positions:

Chair: Misha Athanasiadis Treasurer: Tony Lin

Secretary: Irene Tsialafos Floater: Billy Somers

Additional 8 voting positions:

Jenny Lin Akina Lalla

Pat Grace Nathalia Posada

Rob McGuigan Sabrina Arhab

Amalia Lambos Lisa Donker

**Fundraising Committee:**

Chair: Akina Lalla

Members: Elizabeth, Amalia, Misha

First meeting: October 2, 2019

**Financial Report**

* Tony reviewed financial statement
* Current PACE Balance as of Sept 16, 2019 $6 583.77
* Total commitments ($2000) for water filling station
* Total Balance $ 4 583.77
* Please see financial statement for further details

**Prinicpal’s Report**

* School is working to have security cameras installed on school property
* Funfair was a huge success with positive feedback from students
* Teacher changes/Staffing- late changes secondary to late funding
  + Ms. Raynor: Current Guidance Councillor. Previously Grade 8
  + Ms. Mittal: Current intermediate level and continues to deliver Art and Gym to JK/SK classes
  + Ms. Gadgedar: Current JK/SK teacher moving to Early Reading coach
  + Ms. Zhang- ECE has large JK/SK class

**Reorganization**

* No significant changes in student numbers
* Some students had to be moved and were done so thoughtfully i.e with a friend.

**EQAO scores**

* Scores have improved for yet another year. Will be made public as of September 25th.

**Budget**

* Not received from the board as of yet.

**Requests**

* Angela made a request of $4334.80 for both ‘Scientists in the School’ ($2687.15) and buses for school trips ($1647.65).
* Vote held: 12/12 in favour of granting request.
* ‘Scientists in the school’ was well received from students and teachers last year.
* It is in line with school improvement plan supporting student learning.
* Additionally contributes to professional development for teachers.

**Teacher’s Report**

* Ms. Rubini running kilometer club 3x/wk
* Cross Country practices start next month
* Terry Fox campaign at Buchanan ”Hi 5 for Terry”. Asking $5 from each family with fundraising goal of $1500. Run day is September 26th.
* Curriculum Night: September 25th
* JK/SK Curriculum night delayed until permanent teacher in place

**Babysitters for Parent Council Meetings**

* Ryder, Cara, ? Elsie as float

**Miscellaneous Discussion**

* Cooling station: Concern that students aren’t permitted certain activities in gym to protect cooling station.

It was suggested that netting be placed over it to prevent balls from hitting it.

* Parent council room: This space is no longer available to Parent Council. Has been converted to Green screen room for students.
* Fundraising:
* Akina suggested bbq for Curriculum night. Hot dogs and water. Volunteers obtained to help out
* Chocolates: World’s Finest Chocolate. Will start in October. Storage only permitted in school if short term (~2 weeks) and chocolates are stored in bins.
* Other ideas: Greeting Cards in late Nov/ Dec for the Holidays, Santa pancake breakfast

* Security concerns
  + Emmanuel reports that he can try to assist if there are any issues with community safety
  + Reports of liquor bottles on grounds
  + Angela stated that this is something security cameras would help with
  + If you witness anything suspicious can always call **TDSB Security number**

**Proposed Next Meetings:**

Thursday October 24th 6:30pm

Thursday November 21st 6:30pm