

Brant Ave. School Council Meeting

November 24, 2020 6:30PM

Attended by:

Gerard

Denise

Krista

Alana

Introductions:

Financials:

\$500.00 School Council supplies

\$371.00 Other

\$529.71 - Playground Equipment

\$2,211.35 - Playground Maintenance

Principal's Report:

1. November 30th is the official day of change. The number of kids coming in matches the kids going out. Therefore, no major changes or restructuring required.
2. Thank you to the parents and Brant community for our kids working really hard to wear masks and stay safe as possible. Families have been great at making sure students have mask, some are wearing out. We have received some donations of masks so we've been handing them out to those that need new ones.
3. Co-horting has created a whole different dynamic for our kids. They are spending their whole day with each other and so we want to spread them out a bit within their zones. We may have an opportunity to have some google meet clubs, art, dance etc. to support our students.
4. Brant Monday communication comes through email also updated on the website. Those will continue and might add a phone call as well to get the messages out.
5. Special Weather and busing – if it is a no bus day it's just like a normal day here at Brant, school remains open. We only have one bus currently transporting students, the majority walk.
 - a. We are division yellow.
 - b. The one thing that has changed, is that if it is a system shut down where everything is closed our teachers are going to provide work for the students to do at home during that day. For continuity of learning students won't be losing any more learning time. For some students this won't be possible to do online, so the teacher will have a plan in place and will communicate that out. Some teachers have created a "snow day" google classroom, some will be available to talk with kids etc. These days are very rare to begin with. More information will be shared in the days to come.
6. Fund Raising was paused in the very beginning of the school year, super intendants are still saying that fundraising is still not the priority, however, we can do some things:

- a. Fundraising must have a clear purpose
 - b. We must ask ourselves, is it necessary?
 - c. Be mindful that some families are impacted greatly by financial hardship
 - d. Parent volunteers can't be part of it, must be school cash online
 - e. Recommendation is to raise funds through Upper Grand Learning Foundation
 - f. For us, our main need right now is technology. With the tech refresh we received 9 new chrome books, but we leant out around 60 to remote learners.
 - g. A communication will be sent out to parents that we aren't doing a specific fundraiser this year, however, we can accept donations through the Upper Grand Learning Fund and direct them to our school.
7. Masks: A parent concern was raised that parents are not wearing masks while on property when picking up or dropping off.
- a. For the parents, Gerard has previously put requests out that parents wear a mask while on property. He is going to put out another request to parents to abide by that request.
 - b. Another reminder communication can be sent out as well about COVID safety measures in general and included strategies on how to support our kid's safety.

Teacher's Report

1. Excited that we don't have a big reorganization of classrooms
2. We're in a good place with routines which allows for learning to happen
3. With the most recent snowfall we are wondering how this will affect coat rooms and routines. Sanitizing hands still needs to happen outside before they come in the school and put their masks back on. We've put the bottles on the radiator to warm it up a bit!
4. Everyone is busy problem solving for the change in season
5. Staff refresher on conscious discipline happening this week, goes along in part with anti-bullying
6. Gr. 5/6 anti-racism education coming in January 2021

Spirit Wear

1. We are going to go ahead with ordering as soon as possible
2. All order forms will go out electronically and payment made through School Cash Online
3. Items will be made available to students who may not have the ability to purchase due to financial difficulties

Next meeting Tuesday February 16, 2021