

# WELCOME!

We'd like to extend a warm welcome and invitation for all parents to come out to council meetings this year. Meetings are typically held on the first Tuesday of the month, and our kick off meeting is planned for Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We'd love to meet some new volunteers, and encourage you to get involved to whatever extent suits your family – your contributions are a big part of the success of our school community.

Involvement could be:

- coming out to one or more council meetings to learn more about what is happening in the school. At present, council meetings are being held online via Google Meet
- volunteering an hour or two for a specific event. In a typical year there are both daytime and evening opportunities, however we are starting a second unusual year so events and volunteer opportunities in the school are all TBD at the moment
- an ongoing volunteer committee role such as the playground/schoolyard committee, equity and inclusion committee, snack committee, PIC representatives
- joining a committee dedicated to planning and hosting a specific event or fundraiser (again, TBD this year)

As the Ministry and Board guidance evolves over the fall as to what the 2021/2022 school year can include, we'll have a better idea of what programs and events we can run.

Have questions? Email Jen ([jen@jentulloch.com](mailto:jen@jentulloch.com))

## What happens at a council meeting?

A regular council meeting involves reports from our treasurer and all committee chairs, an update from our teacher representative and an update from Mme Hare. September's meeting is a preliminary meeting with introductions, review of positions and committees, and executive elections.

## What does council do?

In a typical year, your school council supports initiatives in the school such as Dance-A-Thon, fundraisers and special events like the Pancake Hoedown and Family Games Night. Even without being able to be present in the school building, council had an active year. Some things we accomplished were:

- opening the school playground! Thank you to all families for their hard work and fundraising to make this possible! The kids are thrilled to be playing on it.
- purchased 15 class sets of playground items for use during recess and outdoor DPA (Daily Physical Activity). Items in these sets include frisbees, basketballs, footballs, bouncy balls, skipping ropes, skip-its and other items to help the kids have fun and be active during recess breaks and during outdoor class time.
- continued to operate the snack program in the school. The classroom bins were kept stocked with prepackaged nutritious items to supplement lunches for learners who may have forgotten theirs at home or found themselves still a little hungry after finishing their lunch
- supported tech in the school and online learning at home by purchasing 16 chromebooks for student use and a "tech tub" for storage and charging
- began the work on 2-3 more outdoor classroom areas, including a shaded area

## Want to get involved?

- **First meeting this Tuesday, September 14.** To attend, please contact [jen@jentulloch.com](mailto:jen@jentulloch.com) for the meeting link
- **Next meetings: Oct 5, Nov 9**
- **Want to get involved with a committee?** Plan to attend the meeting and/or reach out to Jen at [jen@jentulloch.com](mailto:jen@jentulloch.com) or by text at 416 565 3803 to find out more