

Meeting Name:	Ponsonby Parent Council Meeting Minutes		
Date of Meeting:	October 5, 2020	Time:	6:33pm
Location:	Google Meet		
Attendees			
Lindsay Wideman, Darcy Studer, Lisa Doering, Rebekkah McDowell, Amy McPhedran, Jode Holmes, Krista Chapell-Merchant			
Meeting Began at 6:33pm			
Topic	Discussion		
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kids are happy to be back! ● Lots of thought went into a plan to get kids into the school. Families have been patient while everyone figured out how to get kids dropped off and to their classes quickly and safely ● JK/SK parents were given the option to drop off students 5min after the bell at the beginning of the day and 5min before the bell at the end of the day to avoid the traffic ● we have a full time custodian during the day ● please remind your kids to wash their hands! ● kids need to use hand sanitizer when they walk into the school ● kids are becoming more relaxed with social distancing so the staff have come up with a social distancing prize each week ● info is given to the school via the health unit. Changes occur daily! Current update is that kids can bring indoor shoes and use hooks as long as they can so this while socially distanced ● survey is coming out next week to parents that are wanting to switch models (remote to in class or vise versa). The switch will occur on November 30th. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Question: can parents decide to change their mind and send their children on the bus instead of driving them<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ this needs to be taken up with the transportation service● Question: how many staff are outside at recess<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ KA/KB yard - 1 supervisor○ backyard - 6 squares with three supervisors● Clothes are already being left on the school yard. Please remind your kids to keep track of their clothing!● orange shirt day - each classroom did their own activity and an activity board was created about what orange shirt day means to us. It was a memorable day.● IEP's are going out on October 20th.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ If you have a student who is struggling in an area (mathematics, language etc), please be in contact with your child's teacher.● Virtual open house - all teachers are putting together a video and will be posting them to google classroom tomorrow.
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<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$6700 in the bank account currently ● a lot of the events we have done in the past won't be able to happen this year due to the current restrictions ● we budget every year an amount for teachers to spend and this is likely something that can be increased this year. Teachers please be thinking about what you could use/need this year. ● money is still being "saved" for the kindergarten expansion ● Lisa said currently the board has put a hold on fundraising but hopefully that might change in the future ● Maker space supplies and forest of reading program are still areas that the school would like money set aside for. ● Lisa to ask teachers for their wish lists and also suggested upping the classroom budget ● Recess equipment is another area where we can spend some money
<p>KA playground expansion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● drainage and trench were done in the back and Lisa asked about doing the same in the front. ● Currently KA is just outside of the fenced in yard and KB is inside the yard so amy pointed out that maybe this isn't the best year to move forward with the space as only one class would have access to it. ● Lisa will still be looking into the drainage issue in the kindergarten space
<p>Budget</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8 classrooms ● ECE ● jessic Plourde ● Beth Cruickshank ● SERT ● new planning time teacher ● maker space ● forest of reading ● recess equipment

Food Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Still have food and friends program• hallway fridges needed to be removed due to social distancing rules but there is still food available. Funding is also available for families who could use extra assistance
Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm	
Next Meeting: TBA All Welcome!	