Tuesday, Sept 1, 2020

**Brighouse Parent Advisory Council Minutes**

**Held (outside) at Brighouse (Due to COVID-19)**

**11:30pm**

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**In attendance: Hayley, Chris, Mariya, Mr. A, Mrs. Tse,**

**• Reports**

* **Chair**
  + What will be our role/goal this year in school? Support parents and students through challenges of pandemic? How to maintain parent *community* in *isolation*
  + ACT: Advocacy, Community Building, and Talking as a structural idea for the school
  + First PAC meeting – usually high attendance…Zoom for high numbers/COVID?
  + Suggestion to pre-ask questions before the meeting
  + At end if there is still more time/questions can answer afterwards
  + School to send out email link with google form for asking for emails for PAC
  + Also Hayley will send out email to everyone to respond if they want off list
  + Do exec want to be in person? In Library? Gym?
  + Ask Kate to potentially translate any questions – Hayley to follow up with her
  + Mrs. I is also be of service to help parents with anxiety issues
  + Letter to go out – here is what our goal is for this year, etc…possibly with coupon for coffee/muffin to say ‘we are still here and care about you’…school ould chip in…approx. 300 or so families…maybe discount coupon instead?
  + Field trips this year? Is there a way that PAC can support teachers and classrooms as well…
  + Chris to follow up with outdoor playscape areas for the undercover areas, Mr. A to send on to Schoolboard Works
  + Potential question points:
    - - grey area of sort of off, seasonal allergies, etc
    - Onus on parents
* **Admin**
  + Staff already working hard
  + Burkeville bus going to be pre-considered for the half days on Sept 9, 10
  + Goal is to have 3 FTE teachers in each cohort, better for collaboration and supervision
  + Masks provided by government, possible to get Spirit wear masks – suggestion to make sure that they can be labelled with names by families
* **Treasurers Report**
  + Suggestion to increase classroom funding by PAC to accommodate changing classroom needs due to COVID
  + Mariya to look at businesses (Fresh Slice) to giving discount/donation portion to School to help support us even without Pizza Days
  + Mariya working on Gaming Grant application

**• Old Business**

* **Next Meeting**
  + 7:00pm Monday Sept 21 Library or other large open space in person for exec only
  + Hayley to send out pre-email to PAC asking for questions