**Bessborough School Council**

**Meeting (by videoconference)**

October 20th, 2021 at 7:00 pm

**Present:**

1. Andrea Bee
2. Christine Davis
3. Charlotte Fleming
4. Andrea Jeffery
5. Josette Katkic
6. Geoff Lamb
7. Sarah Pooley
8. Kozue Schmidt
9. Alison Steinman
10. Eva Svec
11. Dima Nijmeh-Mantia
12. Frances Themeliopoulos
13. Kristin Leishman
14. Various Bessborough parents and teachers

**Meeting:**

**1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm**

**2. Welcome and Opening Remarks (Andrea Bee)**

* Introduced 2021-2022 School Council parent members
* Noted spirit wear available for purchase for the next week
* May 2021 meeting minutes presented and approved: 1st Andrea Jeffery, 2nd Christine Davis, all in favour

**4. Financial Status and 2021-2022 Budget (Geoff Lamb)**

* Reviewed current financial status
* Presented proposed 2021-2022 operations budget (total: $5,150) and enrichment budget (total: $12,380), as set out in further detail in the presentation
* Budget approved: 1st Andrea Bee, 2nd Christine Davis, all in favour
* Discussed historical fundraising events and activities

**4. Getting Involved (Christine Davis)**

* Noted volunteers always welcome, and currently needed for class parent roles for certain classes
* Discussed school events and ways to get involved in a typical (i.e. non-COVID) year

**5. Update from the Administration (Dima Nijmeh-Mantia and Frances Themeliopoulos)**

* Thanked School Council members and parents generally for continued support
* Noted COVID guidelines and operating/safety procedures continue to be in place
* Provided facilities update including planned assessment of kindergarten yard
* Noted all devices signed out of Bessborough in 2020 for remote learning have been returned
* Referenced virtual curriculum night scheduled for October 21st
* Noted continued commitment and dedication of staff; class team-building activities taking place this week
* Extra-curriculars and intramurals commencing for intermediate division; to follow for other divisions when permitted by TDSB

**6. Meeting concluded at approximately 7:45 pm**