In MINUTES

BAYVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

5/16/2017 7:00 PM

# In Attendance

***Executive***

Susan Fuh, Helen Bao – Chair/Co Chair; Lisa Stonehouse – Secretary; Rita Silauri - Treasurer

***Members at Large – 5 present***

Cathy Vardamaskos, Kristina Gougeon, Shveta Makim, Jabiz Modaresi, Wendy Ataide

***Parents***

Marie Genier, Deanna Holland,

***Teachers***

Principal Tim Sullivan, Dayna Neiman

***Members at Large – 7 absent***

Clara Chan, Cathy Chow, Mandy La-Seto, Yvonne Lo, Ali Naqvi , Donna Symanczyk, Lindsay Prionas

Note: Quorum requires 51% so need **9** members voting (4 Exec + 12 Members at Large).

# Welcome from the Chairs

Sue Fuh opened the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

# Approval of Minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes from February 21, 2017 and seconded by Kristina Gougeon and Wendy Ataide.

# Principal’s Report – Tim Sullivan

**Update on classes for 2017/2018**

* Transition meetings have begun as an outreach to feeder schools into Bayview Middle.
* Grade 6 classes are mixed by schools.
* There are 4 feeder schools into BMS (Hollywood, Elkhorn, McKee and Finch).
* The grade 5 classes will visit BMS before the end of the school year.
* Consideration is given to place students in classes with their friends. Teachers discuss the friend component and take this into consideration when balancing classes. However, obviously not every request can be accommodated.
* Earl Haig transition meetings will begin next week. Similar to the transition meeting for junior schools to middle schools, these meetings help to plan classes at the high school level.
* BMS has been allocated 1.5 new teaching staff for next year. 1 grade eight teacher and 1 grade six teacher will be hired.

**Activities**

* Mr. Stewart is running a tennis enrichment program after-school for Grade 6 students.
* Track and field training will begin on Friday. Ms. Marshall, Mr. Ward, Mr. Naguchi and Mr. Sullivan will be coaching.
* All core teachers will be teaching math next year so they will be participating in training and enrichment session to prepare for 2018. There will be 3 sessions with the focus on mathematics.
* The clothing drive will be open until next Friday. A cheque will be presented to the school based on the weight of total clothing.
* The report card and final evaluation process is beginning. Report cards will go home on June 27th.

# STEAM

* Tim thanks the parents, students and staff who organized the STEAM night stating that there was a strong partnership on all levels. In particular, a big “Thank you and Congratulation” was extended to Lindsay Prionas and Donna Wong for spearheading and organizing this event.
* It was agreed that more student work should be showcased next year as well as showcasing more art and musical work in addition to traditional STEM.
* All agreed that it was nice to see the parents and students learning together.

# Tuesday Evening Badminton Club

* Although there was a slower start to this club, it quickly grew to a popular evening event. Starting with only 8 kids on the first night, by the end of the season there were 28 kids in attendance.
* $366 was collected over the term with the permit costing $376.
* It was a fun club enjoyed by a variety of students and it was fairly simple to run. Thank you to the staff, parents, students and the evening caretaker for all of their help.
* Litsa had all the kids sign a card for the caretaker. Wendy motioned we get a $25 gift card for the caretaker. Sveta seconded the motion.

# TREASURER

* There has been little activity in finances since the last council meeting.
* 1 pizza lunch has occurred with outgoing expenses
* The approved request for 2 flutes was paid. The total cost was $669.
* Bank account at $10,606. $3000 is committed to go to Wendo which will occur in the next few weeks with the grade 7 students. Another $500 is committed for the final pizza lunch occurring in June.
* Leaving a reserve of $5,000, approximately $2,600 could be spent.
* There was discussion over whether Ms. Saleem would request funds for the girls STEAM program. Sue said that Ms Saleem stated that it was already covered as students paid $20 each.
* Another suggestion was made for purchasing a wireless microphone. Tim stated that for the time being a wireless microphone can be borrowed from Avondale.
* When reviewing budget versus actuals, it was noted that:
  + The talent show hadn’t occurred yet
  + Last year there were two dances that did not happen this year.
  + Pizza lunch was $200 lower due to monocliffs for grade 7 & 8’s occurred on a pizza lunch.
  + Also noted – the Gauss math test was paid for by the school this year, SAC paid for it last year.
* Final comments for the year: fundraising – should we rely so heavily on pizza lunch? Perhaps for next year we need to start thinking of other fundraising option.

# School Business

**Grade 8 Grad**

* The grad ceremony will be held at Willowdale Pentecostal church and dinner at the Grand Luxe.
* Mr. Zucala went to visit the church and thought it would be more intimate for the children and their families.
* 2 parents per student can attend.
* Addition tickets can be purchased for $10 per ticket.
* Costs for the meal will be $35 plus $4/drink (non-alcoholic). This is up from last year.
* Sue was able to have the A/V charges reduced from $1000 to $600 but we still need to pay for DJ in addition to this.
* Bernie Wexler will be doing photography and DJ. He has a website where all photos will be available to parents.
* There will be a photo-booth at the reception for 2 hours for a cost of $250.
* The school council always subsidizes the grad by $1000. The school will pay the fee for the church.
* With all of this in consideration, tickets will raise from $60/ticket last year to $65/ticket.
* The parents will be decorating the hall the day of the graduation. All are welcome to help.
* Earl Haig auditorium is already booked for next year - June 26th 2018.
* The grade 8 graduation trip will be city based this year. Day trips will occur, likely the last week of June. Likely over two days, but there will be no overnight.

**Pro Grant**

* It was decided that we will continue with the STEAM night. Next year we will aim to have more of a career focus. The application is due May 25th.

**Talent Show**

* The talent show will take place on Wednesday, June 14th with tickets being sold for $2 for students and $5 for all others.
* Auditions will be held in the next few weeks – all talent forms welcome.
* Parent volunteers are welcome to help sell tickets, work back stage and sell snacks.

**Other Business**

* Sue announced that Litsa will run the badminton club next year if time allows
* Helen discussed that there will be a community meeting to discuss boundary changes. There are three proposed options which are listed online on the TDSB site.
* Hollywood is a new build candidate.
* Alexander Brown may do another community meeting in June or in the fall with the education minister in attendance.
* Donna Wong will not be coordinating pizza lunch next year, but Naoko has offered to take this role.
* Sue reminded members that the School Statement of Needs is updated each fall and that we may want to revisit our needs as a community and update this early in the new school year. This document is used by the superintendent to identify community wants and needs when filling administrative positions.
* Sue adjourned the final meeting of the school year!

# Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 25th, 2017