In MINUTES

BAYVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

11/1/2017 7:00 PM

# In Attendance

***Executive***

Susan Fuh, Helen Bao – Chair/Co Chair; Shivani Khajuria– Secretary; Rita Silauri - Treasurer

***Parents***

Cathy Vardamaskos, Shveta Makim, Jabiz Modaresi, Lisa Stonehouse, Ellen Chronopoulos, Sharmila Bagchi, Pia Tuzi, Lisa Stonehouse, Lindsay Prionas, Marie Genier, Karen Findlay, Ioanna Kokkinou, Veronica Kutt

***Teachers/ Principals***

Principal Tim Sullivan

Vice Principal Ms. A. Samartzis

School Trustee Alexander Brown – Ward 12

Note: Quorum requires 51% so need 8 members voting (4 Exec + 10 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 September 26, 2017 by Shivani Khajuria and seconded by Jabiz Modaresi

# Principal’s Report – Tim Sullivan

**Update on classes for 2017/2018**

* Population of Bayview has increased

As of October 2017 – There are 6 classes for Grade 6, five classes each for Grade 7 and Grade 8. Multiple conversation with parents have taken place last month to make sure everyone understands the change.

* New Roof has been installed and solar panels are being installed right now, timeframe is 10 weeks. Traffic will be affected.
* On PA Day, EQAO Data was discussed more work needs to be done. BMS survey results show that boys like Reading and Writing (39% vs 58% and 33% vs 45%) less than the girls and girls like math less than boys (36% vs 68%) - Need to change the perception was discussed.
* Student voice needs to be heard and acknowledged. Tim spoke about Fixed Mindset vs Growth Mindset. He discussed Most valued vs. Most improved. Need to reward Growth mindset
* Parents wanted to discuss if Honor Roll and other recognition awards such as music, French, athlete, science etc. will continue and if there is clear criteria, follow up next meeting.

**PA Day – for teachers**

* Learning coach with focus in Mathematics will be joining the school.
* Renewed Math Strategy under Mr. Carnide, Ms. Szantner and Mrs Biglands
* Different students have different needs and it was discussed and that not just the outcome of a Math problem but the process is equally important. Specific strategies are needed and it’s a long term process
* Core Teachers are responsible for Math unlike previous years where it was a rotary subject.

Vice Principal’s Report - Ms. A. Samartzis

* Six weeks ago student council was formed. Each class has 2 representatives.

Purpose is to allow and build an inclusive culture. How students view each other is very important.

* Recognition assembly will occur every 2 months. Teachers will nominate 4 students and students will vote and 2 students per class will be recognized.
* $2500 are available for student led initiatives
* Positive space Monday lunch drop in for LGBTQ students, all students are welcome. Led by Mr. Himmelson
* School Vision is how to tie and connect student achievement to equity, It’s important to know how students are learning
* A parent asked about Me to We initiative at Bayview as we have never participated- Follow up

# Financials

* Opening cash: $7,550.63, pizza cash and cheques $5,807.00 Total Balance: $13,357.63 (appears to be an error in calculation)

Follow up with Naoko regarding expenses incurred during pizza lunch

* Grade 8 Graduation Dinner and Dance Deposit = $1000
* Action to follow: Ask Ms Marshall more details and perhaps ask the Wendo vendor to come We have not yet committed for Wendo and are open to options.

# School Trustee – Alexander Brown

* Renewed Math Strategy: 300 Minutes of Math every week with up to 3 elementary teachers who can lead and coach
* EQAO and LOI (Learning Opportunity Index) results were discussed and a scatter Diagram was shown. EQAO may become a random sampling in coming years
* Overcrowding in Willowdale was discussed in Equity Task Draft Report. Its available on TDSB Website
* Third party has recommended to close optional schools but it’s not approved as School trustees have not discussed anything yet
* Recommendations are invited for parent council run initiatives like STEM - $4000 funding is available
* All school websites will have updates regarding Facilities to inform parents about development in schools.
* Parent council info to be shared amongst schools for consistency
* Mr. Brown believes that if we approach the Premier, increased funding is a possibility
* He asked Parent council to write a letter to Andrew Brevin to advocate for our school
* CBC report about expansion of schools was discussed, Two catholic schools might be built
* Suggestion that we can ask Student council to give input on awards and recognitions

# School Business

* PRO Grant approved for $1000 and will used for another STEAM initiative
* School Council insurance of $151 was paid by school November 1st 2017 – November 1st 2018
* SSON (School Statement of Needs) – Tim needs to submit it by 3rd November, Susan will email the parents the one from last year as it was just updated and remains relevant. Parents can raise any concerns prior to submission.
* Yearbook initiative is being run by students and Ms. Costa and is going very well. Students are very engaged. Band by Mr. Pylyp is being run 4 days a week after school
* Mr. Carnide is working on a library team
* Remembrance day assembly is on November 13th and Grade 6 choir is singing and band is performing. Parents are welcome to attend
* Grade 8 graduation funding for $1000 – consensus reached to fund
* Proposal to change school photographer to Life Touch – Susan to follow up

# Next Meeting

* #3 Wednesday, December 6, 2017