

MINUTES

BAYVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

11/15/2016 7:00 PM

In Attendance

Executive

Susan Fuh, Helen Bao – Chair/Co Chair; Lindsay Prionas – Secretary; Rita Silauri - Treasurer

Members at Large – 8 present

Cathy Vardamaskos, Kristina Gougeon, Lisa Stonehouse, Donna Symanczyk, Yvonne Lo, Shveta Makim, Wendy Ataide, Jabiz Modaresi

Parents

Sameh Abdelghany, Inas Ahmed, Marie Genier, Jana Tom

Teachers

Principal Liz McFarlane, Sofia Saleem, Sue Pylyp

Students

Adrian Hanna, Ahmed Abdelghany, Oscar Pang

Members at Large – 4 absent

Clara Chan, Cathy Chow, Ali Naqvi and Mandy La-Seto

Note: Quorum requires 51% so need 8 members voting (4 Exec + 12 Members at Large).

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from October 4, 2016 were approved by Jana T and seconded by Donna S.

Fair well to Principal Liz McFarlane

Kristina Gougeon made a speech to bid thanks to Principal McFarlane.

Cake, beverages, and a token gift were presented.

Principal's Report – Liz McFarlane

- Roof repairs – an email was sent by Liz. Repairs were to begin early November but are delayed to end of month. Teachers advised to keep windows closed. If further delays then it will continue over holidays as they work 7 days/week. BMS is one of the last schools to be done.
- New Principal – to be announced after Dec 16th Transfers Meeting (with superintendents). They look at the SSON and whose available. It must go to the Board to be approved first. The new principal will come for a visit (2-3 times) prior to starting for a tour and to meet the staff. The chairs will be invited to meet the new principal. Dec 23rd will be Liz's last day.
 - Sue and Helen met with Linda and presented the SSON (positive school climate and strong instructional program). Linda will be sending a letter to the parent community.
- TDSB Director of Education, John Malloy – is emphasizing the School Improvement Plan (teacher leads are Sofia Saleem and Sue Pylyp) which will focus on three areas:
 - Equity – challenge the barriers so each student/parent are heard
 - Well-being – self-confidence, optimism, resistance
 - Achievement – literacy, math, children creating, collaboration and supported by technology

Liz says we are ahead of the game on the School Improvement Plan since teachers already have autonomy on their own improvements plans. They need to have 1 goal in each of the three areas.

Video Presented "TDSB Vision for Learning" by Tom Malloy with the Learning Centre Strategy (4 learning centres each with one executive superintendent and 7 superintendents who each have 20 schools)

Student Council Presentation

- Oscar (6C) and Ahmed (6D) on activities in the school (list) and taking ideas from staff and teachers
- Adrian Hanna
 - Student council process; Voting done by students for 2 reps/class and reps had to do a 2 minute speech to show their commitment. Council meets every Friday at lunch and help with dances and announcements. Staff supervisors are Dayna and Liz
 - Food drive for North York Harvest Food Bank and he needs us to help spread the work and if we could send emails to parents.
 - Super Council with Avondale and BMS will do a Toy Drive (Toy Mountain).

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Rita presented the Financial Update \$11,396 in the bank. If keep reserve of 5,000 this leaves 6,296 to commit.
- Beginning of Year Bank Balance was \$7,293
- DRAFT Budget for Discussion was presented as:
 - NET Proceeds from Fundraising \$7,572 (Pizza, dances, Talent Show, Bake Sale, Logo Wear only \$180) based on actuals from 2015/2016 with some reductions to net pizza lunch volume.
 - Expenses \$7,550 (Music, Wendoh, Sports supplies, Grad 8 Grad, equipment for school, Gauss Math, STEAM)
- Ending Bank Balance would still be projected to be in the \$7,200 range with this balanced DRAFT Budget.
- Teachers presented WISH LIST:
 - Microphone for Talent Show (need 2) – wireless, high quality, see Mr Pylyp and do not need to go through the board.

- Ms Marshall self defense Grade 7 boys and girls. \$2500 for 5 grade 7 classes. A teacher supervises while boys do it (vs girls). Girls are taught about being aware of their surroundings and using their voice. Boys are taught a more physical approach. Some children ask for further training at their own cost (\$100 per). It ties into health curriculum
- Chrome Books
 - Presently Grade 6 and Grade 8 team have 30 chrome books to share amongst students at each grade level (4 classes per grade)
 - Grade 7 (five classes) need another 20 (they already have 14). The cost at 295 each is \$5900.00 and could the School and Parents fund ½ each or \$3000 each. It is not possible to share them between floors. School is not allowed to allocate any other of the School Budget to pay for this.
 - How are they used? - wireless access to Board network via TDSB pin. Google classroom assignments and projects. Google drives with their google docs. Interaction in the teaching capacity to collaborate in the cloud together. It is easier to research using these in class vs at the computer lab. Ms Saleem is science teacher but she would prioritize on Chrome Books. They could bring their own devices but there is a need to make it fair.

STEAM

- Lindsay gave brief message on the \$1,000 Progrant (Grant was circulated) which is to be spent by end of June'17.
- Lindsay and Donna Wong to meet with Mr Carnide and DeBenedictus in December to discuss STEAM kickoff event and engagement night to be held in 2017. Ideas like speakers, parents (careers), science activities will be discussed.

FUNDRAISING

- We need more fundraising. Ideas?
 - Pizza lunch (2x)/month?
 - Hollywood had a dance a thon (valentines, hip hop, zumba dance) which emphasized love, kindness, caring and giving.
 - Letter to parent to request funding needs.
- Subcommittee formed to generate some ideas.
 - Wendy Ataide, Cathy Vardamaskos, Jabiz Modaresi

WARD MEETING UPDATE & PIAC

- Helen, Sue and Cathy attended recent Ward Meeting where John Malloy spoke about the Learning Centres which is are designed to be responsive to concerns. Concerns need to be resolved first with teachers, principals, then superintendents. Superintendents are asked to respond within 1 day. Next Ward meeting is Nov 24th at Pinewood PS and topic is IPRC.
- PIAC meets this weekend at Earl Haig – there are a list of workshops and any parent can attend (list circulated). Lindsay commented that there is fundraising and ideas for STEAM.

EXTRACURRICULAR

- Current – Grade 7 boys basketball intramural (2x/week)

- Winter – TDSB offers basketball (Boys) and Volleyball (Girls), however BMS currently does not have any teams signed up to participate
- Sue circulated a list of extra-curricular activities (sports, clubs, music) and asked if any parents would be willing to run/supervise sports since there are a number listed with no teacher yet signed up.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 24th at 7pm at Bayview Middle School Library

FUTURE MEETINGS:

- Tuesday, February 21st, 2017
- Tuesday, April 18th, 2017
- Tuesday, May 16th, 2017