In MINUTES

BAYVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

9/26/2017 7:00 PM

# In Attendance

***Executive***

Susan Fuh, Helen Bao – Chair/Co Chair; Lindsay Prionas – Secretary 2016/2017; Rita Silauri - Treasurer

***Parents***

Cathy Vardamaskos, Shveta Makim, Jabiz Modaresi, Wendy Ataide. Lisa Stonehouse, Theresa Seto, Joana Simion, Shivani Sharma, Ellen Chronopoulos, Sharmila Bagchi, Allison Solomon, Maryam Khayyam, Pia Tuzi, Ana Maljaei

***Teachers/ Principals***

Principal Tim Sullivan

***Members at Large (present)- list for next meeting***

***Members at Large (absent) – list for next meeting***

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 May 16, 2017 by Helen Bao and seconded by Jabiz Modaresi

# Principal’s Report – Tim Sullivan

**Update on classes for 2017/2018**

* At June 2017 - There were 413 students expected (22 teachers) with five classes per grade, ESL allocation, and Special Ed with 3 teachers for prep time.
* Now at Sept 2017 – There are 474 students due to increase in Grade 6. We have received 1 additional teacher for a Grade 6 teacher. We now have 7 Grade 6 classes (6A-6F). We received an experienced teacher from Avondale. There are 28-29 kids in Grade 6 classes
* We advocated and it was accepted that we receive another ½ ESL, so Ms Huck will teach ½ day as Core and ½ day as ESL with extra help from this ½ ESL

**MADD Canada**

* They came and did an assembly with Avondale/BMS and it was well received by students and staff

**Activities at BMS**

* Soccer teams (Grade 6 boys and girls) - Mr. Carnide and Mr. D are running
* Cross County running – boys and girls grade 6-8. Mr. Sullivan is running and could use parent help at the meet on Thurs Oct 5th
* Student Council meetings – will commence
* Terry Fox – Mr Zucala is running
* Yearbook Club – will likely be run by Gr 6 teacher

**Professional Learning – for teachers**

* Math etc, will be continuing.

**Curriculum Night**

* Was held on Tues June 19th and was well attended by parents

**EQAO Results Grade 6**

* Mr Sullivan handed out the School Report (BMS vs Board vs Province). Overall, BMS scores are above the Board, and Province in Reading (85 vs 81 for Board), Writing (83 vs 81 for the Board), and Math (70 vs 54 for the Board). In TDSB, Math scores are the lower when compared to Reading and Writing. TDSB has some concerns and there has been some press coverage on it.
* Review comments
  + What is the goal? If you are at Level 3 in Grade 6 then they will be fine on EQAO in Grade 9 and in Writing Test in Grade 10. This test is intended to help our students improve their learning.
  + 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%) - is there anything we can do to equalize this?
  + For 2017-2018 all teachers that have Core classes will teach the subjects of science, math and language, and so there will be some learning back and forth. Students continue to have some rotary for music, physed/health, drama/dance, French and DT.

**Transition Night (Grade 8 to High School)**

* To be held October 25 in the evening by Mr Himmelson, our guidance counsellor. Jabiz asked if Grade 7 students may attend? Answer was Yes and especially if considering a school other than Earl Haig (our home school), such as a specialty program. Parents can contact those schools and attend their information nights.

**Emails**

* Communication: Some new parents are still not receiving emails. Principal says they are entering email names into the system.

**What is the School Improvement Plan?**

* Tim is in discussions with the teachers on it. It will include engaging the student voice, and inclusionary practices.

# Financials

* Actuals 2016/2017 - Cash in the bank 7,551. Revenue 12,372 and Expenses 13,036. Net Fundraising was 7,551 (89% pizza lunch) less use of funds at 8,582 (music, workshops, grad, badminton)
* Budget presented 12,150 less 17,000 expenses to utilize the 7K bank balance.
* Next Steps: A parent raised concerns about the Wendo program that Council funds for Gr 7 students. There was discussion around the table about the pros and cons. Action to follow: Ask Ms Marshall more details and perhaps ask the Wendo vendor to come to Council meeting and discuss the Wendo programs. We have not yet committed for Wendo and are open to options.
* Teacher’s Requests: there are none in the tin can as of yet, and Tim can follow-up.

# ELECTIONS

* Number of positions (4) = Co Chair (2), Treasurer, Secretary
* Nominations received and no voting required. Acclaimed as:
  + Co-Chair: Sue Fuh
  + Co-Chair: Helen Bao
  + Treasurer: Rita Silauri
  + Secretary: Shivani Sharma

Need members at large to attend all 6 meetings if possible as voting occurs during these meetings. We need attendance to vote. Ten parents submitted forms for members at large

* Shveta Makim
* Jabiz Modaresi
* Wendy Ataide
* Lisa Stonehouse
* Theresa Seto
* Joana Simion
* Sharmila Bagchi
* Allison Solomon
* Lindsay Prionas
* Pia Tuzi

# School Business

**Cash on Line**

* Concern mentioned by a parent that Bayview needs to create a process to add trips to Cash on Line BEFORE Trip form goes out, to ensure there is something to signup/pay for when parent accesses the system.
* Parent mentioned that the site only allows for 1 t-shirt and not 2.
* Can we buy Mr. Pylyps music books online? Tim to follow up.

**Sub Committees and Fundraising:**

* A suggestion was make to develop subcommittees this year:

1. PIZZA Lunch Committee– will be run by Naoko Ransom and Kaori Shibata. Looking for more volunteers to count the money. Lisa and Theresa have offered. It would also entail getting school list and logging all the kids forms and what pizza they would like, and handing back to the Naoko and Kaori.
   * + We need volunteers the day of the pizza and an email should go out requesting parents help that day. The request for volunteers is on the Pizza Lunch order form.
     + Tim to investigate if we can use Cash On Line as currently we take cash and cheques
2. TEACHERS needing volunteers (Volunteer Coordinator).
   * + Teachers may need field trip volunteers or other help in class. Pia has offered to do this and will liase with Tim and see what help the teachers may want.

OTHER IDEAS for Fundraising were suggested:

* + DANCE-A-THON
    - Think about changing the name to MOVE A THON
    - Cathy V to propose and provide information.
  + TALENT SHOW
    - Need volunteers to run again this year if we would like (usually May or June)
  + BOOSTER JUICE Program
    - Cathy V suggested this as a possibility. There is a Booster Juice at Empress.
  + LOGOWEAR.
    - Colours are Blue and White. A comment was made not to sell grey.

**Overcrowding in Willowdale Schools**

Meeting to be held on October 30th with the Minister of Education, Mitzie Hunter at 7pm at Earl Haig.

# Next Meeting

Discussion over changing meetings to Wednesday nights, since VP is not available on Tuesday nights and Principal is not free on Thursdays.

Next meeting dates:

* #2 Wednesday November 1, 2017
* #3 Wednesday, December 6, 2017
* #4 Wednesday, February 7. 2018
* #5 Wednesday, March 28, 2018
* #6 Wednesday, May 9, 2018