

Faywood ABC SAC meeting

June 9th 2017

Attendance: Karen Gnat, Robyn Temins Sklar, Robyn Shapiro, Allison Sherman, Jordy Britt, Courtney Weiner, Nicole Gross, Rachelle Beswick, Nicole Nathan, Riva Turner, Alana Gordon, Marla Stone, Jason Ganz, Tanny Fung, Andrew Judelman, Yanjen Zhang, Rob Racko, Ellen Yachnin, Sandra Daniele Socci, Amber Kindavong, Melissa Gardos, Terri Jackson, Sue Schacter, Sharon Mitchell, Ms Schaeffer, Mr. Gauthier

Opening of meeting- 7:05 pm

Approval of minutes from March- Alana Gordan, Courtney Weiner

1. Linda Curtis- Super Intendent- here to speak about space in the school, accommodation. First year in this area of city. Interesting boundaries between the schools and who feeds into McKenzie HS. Don't know the actual history of the boundaries. Plan moving forward- long-term program and strategy on site 10 year rolling plan- new schools, closures, look at it ward by ward year after year. Boundary board is looking to make things a bit clearer. Next year plan is to explore that Faywood students can elect to go to Dublin in grade 6. Planning department, dedicated to planning for TDSB, work on projection, immigration etc. project out 10 years. Will make the recommendations based on projections. Grade changes could be made on program accommodation team would include parents based on recommendations. Boundary changes wouldn't have parent involved. Process will start next year to see if changes are needed to be made. Takes a year to go through the process. TDSB doesn't get any money from the developers. We have lots of surplus space so we are not allowed to take funds from the developers. Catholic board still can. We have already reached the population that was projected for 2041. Another way we can get funds, we have been closing schools and selling property- not a great option takes away green space. Don't want to sell land as it might be needed in the future. Section 37 money from developers from the city (used to help build the play scape) Faywood philosophy is unique-is that considered when funding? Does have a catchment area it has boundaries. Un like Claude Watson or Karen Cain school. Closed for most of optional attendance. Any thought to moving in some of the special education out of Faywood to other schools so that the main stream can have more space. Option for moving 7/8 to another school? It could be raised as an option- would go to the committee for review. Could be put it into the process. Jr high converting to a middle school and feeder schools- sit down with staff and everything is considered. Nothing is set in stone ahead of time. Lots of options get examined. Once we present to the public it all gets presented and explain the process. Very consultative. Any thing happening with the boundaries for high school? Explore high school pathway? Boundaries now right through the neighbourhood. The constraint is that McKenzie is at 120 percent capacity. The process of examination takes about a year. Any chance the McKenzie will get more funding? They have the Mac program that draws kids from the whole city. So it would have to move and is part of the draw. As parent council can we fundraise for air conditioning- yes. Kindergarten bathrooms- we need 2 for 2 classes. There is a cap next year of 30. We can look into it.

2. Pro grant update. Tanny has filled out the application- to apply for the Mosaic approach. Anti anxiety- coping strategies for kids and parents. The Mosaics- it is workshop for children and parents.
3. School statement of needs- parents feedback and it goes to the super intendent.
4. Vote request was made on-line/email for members at large to vote. There were some glitches. Some SAC members didn't get the vote. The request was for funds for chairs for gym. We passed a budget for 50 chairs. They were purchased. Talking about redoing some things in the library- we can do some purchases in terms of furniture. The list of things that we are allowed to purchase has changed. (lunch room tables- now we can buy) Library is an enhancement. We are still waiting on a quote for the drop-down stage. Also put in a quote for the curtains to be replaced. Waiting to hear back. Worth exploring. Can we put the stage into the large gym? Still in the exploration stage.
5. Vote for funds to purchase Chrome books went out also on line. The motion was passed for the funds from the members who voted. Do we need to purchase a cart- no. We are re-using the cart from the old technology.
6. Lunch time and afterschool programs- ASL program starting again- will go on the Friday Files. September 19th Tuesday. If anyone has things that they want in terms of programs email the SAC email. Still looking into programs for next year.
7. First meeting is Sept 18 all SAC positions will be open. We will send out all the descriptions of all the positions for next year. Lot's of parents needed. Even as a working parent there are roles that you can help with. Please.
8. Teachers that are leaving we usually get them a gift card. Would we get for each teacher and the staff? We have always done every one the same. It is a small amount(15 each) We have 10 teachers/staff leaving. Number of staff were LTO's, an administration. No one who have been here that long. I am going to ask \$15 per. 10 gift cards for 15. Nicole, Alana, voted and passed.
9. Teacher appreciation lunch next Wednesday June 21st. Anyone who can help please send an email to Karen. Parents have made lunch. Even if you want to make something please do. Can we do an email blast to see if anyone wants to make anything.
10. Discussion on what SAC should spend money that was raised. Would we want to purchase more of the wobble-chairs? Some teachers may not want them in the classrooms because it is another thing to manage. We bought 20 last year. \$2800 for 20 chairs.
 - Do teachers request things? They would really like the Chrome books. From 4-8 highly used. How much is a set of Chrome books? About \$300 each. We still have one cart. How much did we spend this year on Chrome books?- total was \$13000 (chrome books and iPads). Could we start a capital fund like we did for the playground? Parents more likely to donate to an actual thing. People want to know what they are funding for. There is 2 different ideas here- Kindergarten playground and library or stage and the idea of more technology in the form of chrome books and stools. We might need to do some more research. Does money need to be spent in the year that it is accrued? For most of the TDSB yes, not for us because we are home and school.
 - Elizabeth wants to allocate more monies for books for library books. Asking for \$5,000. Motion raised for \$5,000. Vote, Riva and Nicole- all voted and passed.
 - Stage set up? Task force comes to set up the gym and the is out of order. Could we put in a removable stage? We could improve the curtains for the stage. Chairs for when parents come? Can we invest in chairs? Our a sound system? We bought a new sound board a while back- the

wired in and the lights are a bit outdated. That could be a project. Costs of new skirt and new light system will need to be researched. Could we set it up in the larger gym? We would need to do the measurements. We would need a new back drop and our basketball nets don't move.

Principal's report

Report Cards

- Will be distributed on June 29 and will include classroom placements
- No changes will be made until we are instructed to reorganize by the board (if needed)

Construction

- New portable; electrical, foundation, interior, wifi and intercom
- Middle School Hallway; new floor from room 11 to exit
- Cubbies in rooms 14 and 19 to accommodate FDK numbers
- Repair to drainage on new play scape
- Bicycle Rack to move to front of building
- Basketball hoop being installed near play scape

Stage

- Work order in for quote for drop down stage and new curtains at back is in

Eco Schools

- Boomerang Lunch
- Gold Status

Enrollment

- Currently have 498 students enrolled for next year we are projected for 509

Staffing

A number of our staff members are leaving us to go on to new and exciting ventures; Ms. Adarna, Ms. Ragolia-Murray, Ms. Reiter, Ms. Kim, Ms. Tse, Mr. Gola, Ms. Paul, Ms. Harrington, Ms. Vender and Ms. Rasul. We thank them for their contributions to our learning community and wish them all the very best!

We are welcoming a number of new staff to our school and know that you will make them feel welcome in our learning community. We welcome Ms. Charezenko, Ms. FloresFlores, Ms. Lui, Ms. Ivancic, Mr. Kahn, Ms. Chow and Ms. Mac to our teaching staff and Ms. Sodha and Ms. Levanaj as ECE's.

Fundraising:

Fun Fair - Thank you to everyone for helping this year. Amazing event. Lucked out on weather. Any feedback is welcome. Email to the SAC account- please put it in writing when we are planning. Thank you for everyone who volunteered. It is a great community event. We need to get rid of the cars in the school yard. Shira has raised this issue. Treasurers have the money but not all the bill have been paid. It looks like we made 10-11 thousand dollars. We are still waiting on sponsor cheques.

Is the wrist band too expensive are we alienating some of the community? The exact same wrist as years before. We have to pay for people who can supervise. Is there any value in having parents committing to 10 hours per family? How do we encourage people to help before. So many jobs that can be done ahead. Can we make a list of little jobs so that people can know ahead of time. Another consideration might be to run it during week night. Lots of kids have after school programs. We would have a hard time getting volunteers.

Pizza- Can we run 2 pizza sessions rather than 4 sessions? We have to be careful not to ask for too much at a time from a financial perspective. Can we do the online payment system? Right now we can't because it is a Home and School we need to keep finances separate from TDSB. One of the features they are looking to add. Right now it can only go to one account. No real resolution.

We have so many fundraising initiatives. Acorn Cards - Sue can only do September. Not a lot of buy in by the teachers. It profited \$600. Would need to start earlier. September- there is a lot of money coming in/going out at the beginning of the year. We think that the timing needs to change.

Vegetable fundraiser- also needs to be done in the fall.

Need to look at what is the most useful fundraisers, what brought in the most money.

How do we engage more people in the fall meeting- present successes.

Treasurers report;

Fun Fair brought in between \$17,000 and \$22,000 - not final numbers. Bingo \$524. Mable's labels \$63. Cash expenditures showing \$4,000 about some for Superior's. TBD for fun fair.

We have paid for every bus that have been taken- need to put money back into the pot. \$2,311.65 motion, Tanya and Terry, voted and approved.

Grad money back into the pot, \$100, Tanya and Alana, voted passed

Good and Welfare- Mayor will be coming on Friday am to tour the ward. Stop sign at sunbeam. Amazing job to the SAC exec chairs.

EQAO- present the results in October.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm