

## Faywood ABC Advisory Council Meeting

Minutes for Meeting – Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

**In Attendance:** Courtney Weiner (co-chair), Suzanne Grant (co-chair), Elizabeth Schaeffer (Principal), Jordana Britt, Pina Perruccio, Steve Weiner, Karen Gnat, Shira Farber, Steve Gould, Nicole Nathan, Robyn Temins Sklar, Yanjin Zhang, Alexis Shinewald, Elyse Sunshine, Joe Gold, Alexandra Sugarman, Nicole Beinert, Lindsay Hoffman, Esther Schaffel, Camelia Monazzam, Rob Grey, Sharon Mitchell and Tanny Fung

1. **Opening of meeting:** The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm
2. **Approval of the minutes from October's meeting:** Approved by Steve Gould and seconded by Robyn Temins Sklar

3. **Guest Speaker/Guest Report:**

No guest speakers

4. **Chairpersons' Report: (Courtney Weiner and Suzanne Grant)**

- a. **New Volunteer Coordinator** – Michael Anthony is no longer able to continue as volunteer coordinator so Esther Schaffel has kindly agreed to take this position. Anyone who wants to volunteer for anything can email SAC. We always appreciate more volunteers.
- b. **Class Parent update** – All classes who had a volunteer for the class parent position now have a class parent assigned. The lists have been distributed to the class parents and they will be reaching out to the classes shortly if they haven't already. Most of the JK to grade 5 classes have a class parent. The kindergarten classes are planning on creating class directories but there was not any interest in the older grades. Class parents for the JK/SK classes will be distributing the directories shortly.
- c. **Pro Grant 2<sup>nd</sup> presentation** – Mindfulness – On February 4<sup>th</sup> Dr. Freedman held her first session on Mindfulness. We had a good turnout and it was an informative presentation. The second one is scheduled for Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 pm. This presentation will be more specific with regards to incorporating Mindfulness and parenting.
- d. **Family Yoga Class** – There will be a family yoga class for parents and kids on March 30<sup>th</sup> before the next SAC meeting. It will last for 30 minutes. Shira asked if we should offer dinner. Courtney explained that we will need to figure out the details.

- e. **Yoga mats** – Ms. Uribe has asked for Yoga mats for the kindergarten students. The mats cost \$13 each and she would like 15 mats. The amount of \$200 was approved by Shira Farber and seconded by Jordana Britt. Voted on and approved. Motion passed.
- f. **Lego for lego club** – The lego club has requested some money to help with the cost of more lego. They are looking to purchase big buckets of lego for about \$70 each. Rob Grey thinks that he might be able to get a better deal on the cost. The amount of \$200 was approved by Rob Grey and seconded by Alexis Shinewald. Voted on and approved. Motion passed.
- g. **Other fund allocations** – Refurbished 14 inch laptop computers - \$450 from Bingo night and we need \$400 more. QSP money -\$900 for 3 refurbished desk tops. The money raised from bracelet sales totals about \$236 as far, allocated \$500 from these sales. Looking for \$736.68 for library resources. Popcorn sales from last week and January 30<sup>th</sup> raised about \$430 and this money is already allocated to the grades 4, 5 and 6's trip to McMichael Gallery. We need to vote on money for Fun Fair - \$6500 is needed. Also reading tables are needed for the primary grades. These are horseshoe shaped tables to help facilitate learning. Looking for \$1557.58. This amount was approved by Joe Gold and Nicole Beinert. Voted on and approved. Motion passed. At this meeting \$5000 is requested for the Fun Fair. This amount was approved by Alexis Shinewald and seconded by Joe Gold. Voted on and approved. Motion passed.
- h. **Lunch Lady** – Lunch lady will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays starting right after the March break.
- i. **Lunchtime and after-school programs** – The theatre program will be continuing on Mondays until June. We will also be offering a Chess and Strategy Games program for grades 1-3 on Mondays too. Mad Science will be offered on Tuesdays (NASA Academy for Future Space Explorers). On Wednesdays there will be a Mixed Art program for students in grades 1-3 and on Thursdays a Stop, Motion, Animation program for grades 4-6. Many teachers have also committed to various programs as well, such as Track and Field and boys and girls soccer for the older students. The sign language program may have another session (Elizabeth will check with the teachers). Choir will continue. A Ukulele program may be organized by a teacher and the school has purchased a set of ukuleles. Other program may be scheduled as well.

After-school there will be a free cooking program on Mondays. 3 sessions will be offered for students in grades 1-3 and 3 sessions for grades 4-6 students. Karen Gnat and Marni Rebelo have kindly agreed to offer this program. There will be no charge to the students with a maximum of 15 kids in each class. They are asking for \$200 to cover the cost of food. This amount was approved by Shira Farber and seconded by Robyn Temins Sklar. Voted on and approved. Motion passed. Shelagh is organizing an after-school outdoor soccer program. One day will be for grades jk-3 and a second day for grades 4-6. The program is offered by Toronto Athletic Camps and the cost will be around \$150. The students will be grouped by abilities and they will learn skills and play games (depending on the number of students that enroll).

## **5. Principal's report: (Elizabeth Schaeffer)**

### **1. Construction Update**

- Waiting for TSSA inspection for wheel chair lift
- Bathroom waiting for stall and curtain and change table

### **2. Caring, Safe Accepting Schools**

- Parking lot barrier is going to be installed by bus loop and middle school entry
- Traffic Survey results came back from request made last year

### **3. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)**

- ALL classes have begun working with David Laredo to plan and implement STEAM Learning

### **4. Speech Competition**

- Faywood Jr. Speech Competition was a huge success!!!

### **5. EDI**

- ALL SK students in TDSB will participate in EDI assessment – parent letter went last week

### **6. Student Census**

- this year students in grades 7 and 8 along with their parents and teachers will be participating in School Climate Survey in March

### **7. Enrollment/Staffing Process**

- allocations to schools and the development of models all happens before April 10
- once numbers are in I will need to consult with SAC

### **8. TDSB Excellence Awards**

- anyone can nominate someone or program

### **9. Arts Partnership with AFCY making Subway Murals for PANAM Games**

- March 3, 2015 Global TV may come and film for a feature called "Making a Difference"

### **10. Grade 8 End of Year**

- Sent a survey out with grade 8 students to see if they are interested in a trip (e.g. Quebec City)
- 15 students returned survey parents signed saying they were interested
- Going with Ledbury Park

### **Looking Ahead & Planning for Upcoming Events**

Mar 2- Pan Am Mural Project

Mar 3- George Brown ECE's start

Mar 3- Susan Hay Global TV here for Pan Am Mural Project

Mar 5- McMichael Art Gallery- Gr 4, 5 and 6

Mar 9- School Climate Survey Completed – online grade 7 and 8 students

Mar 11- Dance-a-Thon

Mar 11- Math Olympics – Gr 5 Team and Mr Rocha at Dublin

Mar 13- Grade 8 Trip forms due to office

Mar 16-20 March Break ☒

Mar 23- Welcome Back to School!

Mar 26- Grad Photo's

Mar 31- Lice Check

April 1- Aquarium- Jk/Sk

April 2- Movie Night

April 3- Good Friday (No School)

April 6- Easter (No School)

April 8- Family Communication Night

April 17- Spring Dance

April 23- Earth Day Assembly

April 24- Gr 7/8 Class Production

April 24- Character Assembly

2 lego programs donated by Rob Grey for grade 4 and 5 students. Misson to Mars. A half day program on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **6. Fundraising Report: (Shira Farber, Pina Perruccio, Karen Gnat and Steve Weiner)**

- a. **Fun Fair** – The date has not been finalized yet. We need to decide between a Saturday and a Sunday. We have families in the community that are religious. Less competition from other schools on a Sunday. The date is May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- b. **Dance-a-thon** – The kick off was last week and the Dance-a-thon is Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers and prizes are needed.
- c. **Movie night** - on Thursday at 6:30. The movie playing is *Big Hero Six*

### **7. Treasurer's Report: (Steve Gould, Nicole Nathan, Yanjin Zhang)**

- There are a few outstanding cheques. Nicky is taking over for the next month.

### **8. New Business:**

- none

**9. Good and Welfare:**

- Faywood received a thank you letter from North York Food Bank.

**10. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.