

## **Faywood ABC Advisory Council Meeting**

Minutes for Meeting – Monday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**In Attendance:** Courtney Weiner (co-chair), Suzanne Grant (co-chair), Elizabeth Schaeffer (Principal), Jordana Britt, Pina Perruccio, Karen Gnat, Steve Gould, Robyn Temins Sklar, Yanjin Zhang, Shelagh Durno, Alana Gordon Reznick, Michelle Diamond, Mindy Caplan, Alexandra Sugarman, Derek Sherman and Tanny Fung

- 1. Opening of meeting:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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. Pro-Grant - Mindfulness Presentation update** – Dr. Freedman will be offering a parenting workshop on Mindfulness on Wednesday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Babysitting is available.
- b. Lunchtime and after-school programs** – Mad science is offered Tuesdays at lunch and Tae Kwon Do is after-school on Tuesdays. The ukulele and fitness programs are both offered at lunchtime on Thursdays. Michelle asked about the lunchtime Lego program. This program is run by the teachers and not SAC. The Lego program is offered to students in grades 1-3 and run by teachers, including Ms. Teckert.
- c. School play** – The idea of a school play was discussed at the last meeting. After looking at this program closer we realized that it's going to be a lot more work than first anticipated, therefore we are unable to offer it this year. The teachers will continue to run their individual classroom performances. Instead we could offer a lunchtime play program. One alternative that is being considered is having an outside company organize a lunch theatre program that would run for 13-15 weeks (depending on holidays/PD days) from February to May. The challenge is what grades to offer it to. Suzanne thinks that we shouldn't offer it to the older grades because they usually don't have much interest in any of the programs. We could offer it to students in grades 1-3, however; the outside company will not prepare a full production for that age group. If we offer the program to students in grades 2-5 then they can do a full performance. Parents agreed that they would like to see a final performance. The company would like to meet the kids before deciding what play to offer. The cost is approximately \$200 per student. The final

performance will be at school during the day or possibly in the evening. Michelle asked how many kids are needed to run the program. They would like around 20 kids but they need a minimum of 15 students. This program would really be replacing Alex Moses. Elizabeth stated that in other schools SAC has sold tickets (for about \$5) and refreshments. It was treated as a partial fundraiser. Michelle is interested in an alternative program to what Faywood has done in the past. It would be nice to know what play they would be offering. What have they done in the past? Suzanne will continue to get more information. Funds (\$3360.00) that had previously been allocated for the play, back in December 2014, can be put back into the balance.

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

### **Principal's Report November 2014 to Jan 12, 2015**

#### **Safe Space:**

Open space and communication for students. A guidance office will be set up with posters and Daphna Jalon is trained to be able to help so if students have questions they have someone to talk to (mostly about sexuality but available for other issues as well). Try to connect families and students with resources.

#### **a. Construction Update**

- Phase two construction is proceeding well
- Roof leak was fixed where plastic covers ceiling tiles near staffroom door; anticipate the interior ceiling repair soon

#### **b. Caring, Safe and Accepting Schools**

- New Camera installed to monitor entry at door off of Faywood ABC
- Lights indicating when door is opened have also been installed for people who cannot use the voice prompts or the buzzing as a cue to open door

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

- This term ALL classes will be planning a STEAM task
- Teachers are participating in professional development

#### **d. Math**

- Coach working with Gr 4, 5, 6 teachers on Three Part Lesson Framework, Planning and Achievement Chart

#### **e. Reading**

- Looking for more parent volunteers who can commit to reading with students once a week for a morning/afternoon who have police reference checks

#### **f. Speech Competition**

- Faywood Jr Speech Competition grades 4, 5, 6

#### **g. Clubs**

- Math Tutoring in Partnership with MAC's students for Grades 5, 6
- ECO Club, LEGO Club starting this week
- Ukulele Club in the planning phases

#### **h. Current Arts Partnerships**

- Gr. 7/8 and DHH making panels for Subway for Pan Am Games
- Gr. 6, 7 DHH making a movie for the Deaf Movie Festival
- Gr. 6, 7, 8 working with Artists in the Classroom

#### **i. 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)
- Cost is between \$400- \$500
- Exploring a partnership with another school

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

Jan 19 - Police Presentation Bullying Gr 4 8:45-9:25, Gr 2/3 and 3 9:25-10:05

Jan 22 - Movie Night

Jan 23 - PA Day

Feb 4 - Family Communication Night (ASL) PM

Feb 4 - Mindfulness Workshop Parents PM

Feb 9 - Police Presentations Safety Gr 1-2

Feb 11 - Reports Go Home

Feb 12 and 13 - Kindergarten Registration (In-District)

Feb 12 - Dufflebag Theatre Production for students

Feb 12 - Interviews PM

Feb 13 - Interviews AM

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

- Movie night** – Movie night is schedule for January 26<sup>th</sup>. We aren't sure what movie will be playing but we need volunteers since many of the SAC executives are unable to be there.

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

Everything looks good. Currently working on year end.

**8. New Business:**

It was asked if Faywood could look into offering 'Lunch Lady' on an additional day. Currently it is offered once a week but parents might be interested in having it available a second day. Shelagh wondered if this would affect the Eco status of the school because of the amount of garbage produced. Another company to consider is Foodshare. Courtney agreed to look into this and it can be discussed further at the next meeting.

**9. Good and Welfare:**

Before the break some students in Ms. Buchanan's class and other classes wrote cards to soldiers overseas. The students received a wonderful response letter as a thank you.

It's very difficult to set up the Faywood website. Can't figure out how to set up the website and it needs to be an official TDSB website.

**10. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.