

## Faywood ABC Advisory Council Meeting

Minutes for Meeting – Monday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**In Attendance:** Courtney Weiner (co-chair), Suzanne Grant (co-chair), Elizabeth Schaeffer (Principal), Jordana Britt, Pina Perruccio, Shira Farber, Steve Weiner, Karen Gnat, Nicky Nathan, Steve Gould, Robyn Temins Sklar, Michelle Diamond, Alana Gordon, Mirelle Millette, Esther Schaffel, Camelia Monazzam and Tanny Fung

- 1. Opening of meeting:** The meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm
- 2. Approval of the minutes from March's meeting:** Approved by Michelle Diamond and seconded by Tanny Fung
- 3. Guest Speaker/Guest Report:**  
No guest speakers
- 4. Chairpersons' Report: (Courtney Weiner and Suzanne Grant)**
  - a. Pro-grant presentation** – We had the final session last Wednesday with Dr. Freedman. At the last SAC meeting we discussed topics for 2015/2016. The new Pro-Grant application is due on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The topic of nutrition was proposed, and Karen suggested Janet Nezon from Rainbow Plate. If approved, we will be offering a session called “Peas and Harmony: How to Raise a Healthy Eater”. We are also hoping to have one or two parent led sessions on healthy eating and cooking demonstrations. Maybe we can offer a children’s workshop as well but we are not sure if we can use Pro-grant funds for a student program. We can also include a portion of money for snacks and babysitting. Elizabeth also suggested looking into “The Big Crunch” offered through Food Share, which is a special day of food education with a synchronized bite into a crunchy apple to celebrate. We would have to look into when this is scheduled during the 2015/2016 school year.
  - b. Medieval Times Trip** – Ms. Sher’s grade 4 class is going to Medieval Times as they do each year. Money from a popcorn sale went towards the trip but she is asking for an additional amount of \$370. The amount of \$370 was approved by Pina Perruccio and seconded by Nicky Nathan. Voted on and approved. Motion passed.
  - c. Technology - QSP and Dance-a-thon** – 10 desk tops will be purchased using funds from QSP and Dance-a-thon which have already been allocated to technology. The leased laptops are obsolete so they are being returned. Elizabeth is investing in Chrome Books. She wants to buy them before September but needs a cart for them. The cost of the cart is \$1664.00, and she is asking SAC to pay for this. The Chrome Books are lockable and can be charged in the cart, similar to the cart we already have for our ipads. Elizabeth is also asking for an Apple TV- box

that will enable us to update the iPads all at once. The cost is \$100. The total cost for everything is \$5494.00. Installing internet access. Hubs are being installed. The amount of \$5494 was approved by Esther Schaffel and seconded by Robyn Temins Sklar. Voted on and approved. Motion passed.

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

Principal's Report May 4, 2015

### **a. Construction Update**

- Asphalt still to come
- Bathroom - waiting on the change table

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

- Parents or guardians in grades 7 and 8 are asked to complete the School Climate Survey
- this survey looks at school experiences including issues of safety and bullying. We will have the results the following school year and will be able to use them to determine direction and programming needs.

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

- We will be showcasing STEAM on May 7, 2015 as part of gallery night

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

- Graduation has been booked for Montecasino

### **e. Lunch Routines**

In order to better utilize space and provide opportunity for lunch time sports and clubs to use a large space we are going to pilot a new lunch routine in May

- Gr 1-4 will eat in school gym from 11:30-12:00
- Gr 5-8 will play outside from 11:30-12:00
- Gr 1-4 will play outside from 12:00-12:30
- Gr 5-8 will eat in school gym from 12:00-12:30

The supervision ratio will stay the same.

Students will still have designated play areas based on age to ensure equitable and safe use of space. When the weather is good, the grade 5-8 students will be allowed to eat their

lunch outside and remain outside for the entire lunch period if they wish, but the lunchroom will still be available for those who want to eat inside from 12:00-12:30.

**f. Grade 8 Fundraising for Grad**

- Freezie sales both afterschool and at lunch in the coming months – a flyer will be sent home in advance so that students remember to bring money.

**Looking Ahead & Planning for Upcoming Events**

May 12 - Grade 6 Boys Tournament @ North Prep  
May 13 - Skills Challenge JPCI Gr 7  
May 15 - Track and Field  
May 18 - Holiday No School  
May 21 - Kindergarten Welcome Night  
May 21 - Class Production – Mr. Gaistman and Tony  
May 21 - Grade 1 and 2 Zoo Trip  
May 25 - May 29 EQAO – Grade 6  
May 29 - June 4 EQAO- Grade 3  
May 26 - Accepting, Safe and Caring Committee Meeting  
May 31 - Fun Fair  
June 1 - School Play 6-8pm  
June 3 - Salmon Released – Grade 6 and Tony's class  
June 4 - Grade 1 and 2 trip to Science Centre  
June 5 - PA Day  
June 8 - Grade 2/3 and 3 Harbourfront Trip  
June 8 - SAC Meeting  
June 10 - Volunteer Luncheon  
June 16 - Forest Valley – Neves, Jennifer and Shawna's classes  
June 19 - Character Assembly  
June 23 - Grade 8 Grad at Montecasino 5:45 pm  
June 24 - Talent Show  
June 25 - Reports go home

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

**a. Fun Fair - Sunday May 31<sup>th</sup>** - We have raised \$4200 worth of donations or sponsorship money. Some of the same attractions as before will be returning but we are getting rid of one of the climbing attractions. The dunk tank is returning. Bounce Entertainment is DJ for

free. We are bringing back the carnival games. Corporate sponsors are also bringing activities, including a Green Screen Photo booth, pony rides and crafts. We are spending a bit more money on attractions and paying for more staff to help run them. BBQ is coming in house. Rhythm dance is returning as well as the K9 unit. We will have buck-a-book, silent auction, class baskets, balloon pop and free soccer. Unfortunately Michaels cannot donate their supplies or people. Can we do something else that is free? We had allocated \$5000. We do not need to have it ahead of time.

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

- All is well (see report). \$26,000 made on Pizza this year. We make approximately 55%.

**8. New Business – None**

**9. Good and Welfare:**

- Canada Safety council award for safe school.
- The cooking classes were great. Need more money to run again next year (maybe 4 week sessions, and will consider more than one session for each age group as many kids weren't able to participate this time).
- Next meeting is June 8<sup>th</sup> and it is the last meeting of the year.

**10. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.