

Faywood ABC School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

November 28th, 2016

In attendance: Terri Jackson, Melissa Gardes, Dayle Gordon, Marla Stone, Sue Schacter, Kimberly Walsh, Riva Turner, Alana Gordon Reznick, Amber, Mindy Caplan, Tanya Knights, Andrew Judelman, Lowell Brown, Yanjin Zhang, Allison Sherman, Courtney Weiner, Karen Gnat, Robyn Temins Sklar, Jordana Britt, Principal Elizabeth Schaeffer, VP Shawn Gauthier

1. Welcome and Opening of meeting- 7:07pm
2. Approval of minutes from October meeting- Courtney Weiner and Allison Sherman
3. Chairpersons report -
 - (a) Gift card for babysitter- Margaret has been doing the babysitting. For the holidays asking for a total of \$20. Motion by Alana Gordon and 2nd motion by Courtney Weiner. Voted and Approved.
 - (b) Lunch time and Afterschool programs- all providers are lined up.

Monday lunch- design-Her co- 2 program- hand sewn stuffies or diy emojis- \$88. Afterschool- Chabad.

Tuesday lunch- mad science- space explorers, afterschool-International Languages program- American Sign whole year program and will accept new participants. \$20.00. from afterschool to 5:45pm. (international languages website) Hatch Canada 2-8 grades- basic coding knowledge using a priority software. Interactive. Grades 60 minute \$208.00 and 90 \$292.00 minute program. (will give a GC for funfair.) 8 weeks.

Tuesday afterschool- sk-2 TAC sports mixed martial arts.

Wednesday – lunch time play program. Holding a spot for now for a Play program. Play-works, Solar stage, Zodiactors, Characters, Deborah Weir Greenglass. Trying to follow up and find a program. Studio- Explore It - Lego Robotics- Grades 3-6; 8 weeks.

Wednesday afterschool- Music Agogo. Grade SK-3; 7 week program make your own instruments. All the fundamentals of music. Music through play.

Thursday lunch- Explore It- Grades 3-6 Lego Animation. Sonshine and Broccoli popstars program 8 week offering grades 2-8. \$144 plus HST.

Thursday no afterschool.

Looking for different programs for Spring- Explore It, TAC sports soccer, Ten-ten sports, Green Acres, Ukulele. Tried to keep the programs affordable. Police reference check is needed for the first day that they run the program. Permits needed for all the programs.

(c) Allocation of Funds- need a new system for handling money between Treasurers and Fundraisers. We know that we make about \$40,000 a year. We would like to break it down into categories. Pre-allocate ahead of time. Educational resources \$6000, technology is \$16,000 which we have spent \$12,000. Art is \$7,000, phys-ed \$2,000, playground moneys aside each year to improve the kindergarten playground. Contingency is \$2,000. Buses which are allocated for \$. Courtney- still need to approve each expense as they come in. It is a clearer budget to know how the money is broken down.

Principals report-

- (a) School Improvement- Mindfulness reducing stress in classroom- can manifest itself differently. Cultural reflective information and making students more engaged. During staff training Staff is looking at how we identify times when we have felt included and excluded based on identity (Human rights code) how as an adult have felt. Second roll out- what are the implications. How to recognize the inclusion or exclusion. How to implement in the classroom. Gloria Ladsim- Billings. Not new to the TDSB. New to Faywood staff. K-12 learning coach equity and inclusive schools.
- (b) Rich tasks and data learning in math- special ed students or ESL students don't do as well based on language. Looking at different tools to bridge the language gap. Math dictionaries and journals. Staff are leading and training peers. Creating tools.
- (c) WWR- partnership with Ryerson- host school for 2 students working with Grade one emergent readers who are at risk. Jan-April. 11th year. Weekly 4 days a week and they will be doing reading and assessments for at risk with students. Lead teacher in grade one. Teachers can gain knowledge on how to accommodate. Reading recovery program.
- (d) Health and Safety- TDSB website can see all the Occupational health and safety reports. Inspections in building forward concerns and take action to complete work. Any questions can be forwarded to Elizabeth.
- (e) Safe Caring and Accepting schools- Courtney is the parent liaison. Met last week. Play-scape pending 3rd inspection- has been complete. Everything is fine. Meets standards. Play-scape- puddling during rain. Contractors did some repairs. Soil analysis that soil is clay based so it isn't draining. Will need to put into more drainage. Huge success. Great interest in the fire pole. Ribbon cutting with Pasternack- instead we may need to do something at the fun fair.
- (f) Additional funds left over from Play-scape. We had looked at some pavement line drawing or a buddy bench. Once we have a better idea of what funds are available, it can be allocated. Must be part of the school culture, for inclusion. We could have contest
- (g) Accepting schools- equity workshops for grade 4,5. Using racialized language. Inclusion and how to make people feel included.

- (h) 2 focus groups based on equity on Gender based prevention for grade 7, 8. Healthy relationships, boundaries with regards to social media. Sexting and sending inappropriate texts, age appropriate relationships. Focus groups to look at what are the issues that they are facing. Students feel at home and safe and comfortable. Boys were more emotionally mature than girls. Issues on body acceptance, self esteem. Relationship issues. Kids did express that they want to talk more openly in class. More workshops on self worth, healthy relationships. Can we do some social media workshop for grade 6's as well. Social media workshop (paid) for parents. Lowell Brown has offered to help. Looking for a date in January or February. (No SAC meeting planned for February) Will SAC be willing to contribute? Will vote on the amount needed in January.
- (i) Portables- still need PA system to be installed. Also swipe cards need to be programmed. Internet still need to be installed. At this point they communication with Walkie Talkies which both Ms. Buchanan and Mr. Dougie have embraced. Can access the library and it is open for students to access. Ramping up book exchange. First week they have been transitioned it back to a library space. Quote for card swipe was \$3,000. Cameras an additional \$6,000. Swipe cards are going to be covered. Super intendent has agreed to cost share for cameras. Cameras will be pointed towards the doors of the portable to monitor during day and afterschool hours.

Positive spaces rep in the school goes to classes. Talks about openness around LGBTQ. Largest group of students to feel isolated and at risk for self harm. Safe and positive safe. Ms. Jalon has reminded students about having access.

Budget update. At 61% into budget. Had to do some furniture purchases. A bit further ahead in spending than would like.

Winter Concert- performances from grade 1-8. Have the performances staggered in 3 parts. The only way to have students showcase their work. Limiting to only 2 adults. Maybe have tickets to control attendance. Kindergarten 150 students. Kindergarten concert in 2 shifts for spring concert. Scheduled for the 22nd of December.

Karen- apologies, she believed that there was money left over for 'the arts'. Karen approved play \$900, without a motion at a meeting. 3 little pigs k-grade5. Motion for play, Dayle and Alana, voted approved.

4. Fundraising-

- (a) Acorn Cards – Artwork and order forms should have been sent home. About 70 orders came in. \$664.94 raised. Turn around was great. Some of the teachers didn't understand the expectation. Not a lot of time allotted for the art work turn around. For program for next year needs to be launched more clearly. Can we launch to the teachers for the September meeting.
 - (b) Pizza and juice- Eliot has looked into the HST for pizza- we do not need to be charged. Savings on HST is about \$1,800 a year. Also saving on juice. Changed to No name juice- all the same on nutritionals. Apple juice and grape juice. Will still offer Orange to a few children. Savings of \$650 for the year on juice.
 - (c) Labels- currently sell Oliver's labels on Friday files. Do we want to switch to a different label like Mabel's labels. Which companies give us the most money back? As part of the welcome to kindergarten bag and at the end of the year to remind parents. Elizabeth will need a welcome letter from the SAC, sign up for the email and the Labels info. In May.
 - (d) Spirit Wear- starting this week. Have sample sizes. Some will be at Movie night as well. Do we need to have the clothes on display for sizing. Can have the glass showcase for sizing. Will have a Spirit Wear day.
 - (e) Marlie's- hockey game tickets \$20-\$30for game. Are tickets are all together? Can we arrange a section. Incentives for ticket sales. Can we do it as a community event or as a fundraiser. E-blast on Facebook. Weekend game?
 - (f) Movie Nights December 1, 2016
5. Treasurer's report- Acorn cards brought in \$2,050 (paid \$1,400) total of \$650. Paid for a play \$904. Fall dance was \$850. Popcorn brought in \$297.50 Balance of account is \$32,166.56.
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 7. New Business – Halloween dance. Largest amount raised from popcorn and snow cones. Could we open up the sales of popcorn for younger classes? Most classes were doing classroom parties. Open to selling the popcorn. Last dance will be Valentine's- can we sell to all the classes to reduce the amount of snacks coming in. Idea of selling Cookie-grams for Valentine's Day.
 8. Movie night on December 1st- need more volunteers for the night of.
 9. Good and Welfare – none.
 9. Adjourned at 8:54.