

Faywood ABC Advisory Council Meeting

Minutes for Meeting – Monday November 30th, 2015

In Attendance: Suzanne Grant (co-chair), Elizabeth Schaeffer (Principal), Jordana Britt, Karen Gnat, Myriam Goldman, Sheri Askey, Nicole Nathan, Yanjin Zhang, Allison Sherman, Nicole Gross, Dayle Gordon, Alana Gordon Reznick, Tanny Fung, Robyn Temins Sklar, Mindy Caplan, Sue Schacter, and Lindsay Hoffman

1. **Opening of meeting:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm
2. **Approval of the minutes from June's meeting:** Approved by Karen Gnat and seconded by Alana Gordon
3. **Guest Speaker/Guest Report:**

Guest Speaker: None
4. **Chairpersons' Report: (Suzanne Grant)**
 - a. **Re-Furbished Computers** – Elizabeth has requested funds from SAC for 5 re-furbished computers for lab. She is requesting an amount of \$1500.00. This amount was approved by Alana Gordon and seconded by Allison Sherman. Voted on and approved. Motion passed.
 - b. **Library and School Reading Materials** – Movie night made just over \$400.00. SAC would like to give just under \$600.00 more for a total of \$1000.00. Karen asked if reading materials can be updated because what we currently have is very dated. Question of where the books are purchased was also asked. Elizabeth explained that the books come from Scholastic. The amount of \$1000 was approved by Robyn Temins Sklar and seconded by Sue Schacter. Voted on and approved. Motion passed.
 - c. **Fitness Program** - Last year Deb Kirsch ran a lunch-time fitness program for students in grades 1-6 at no charge. She has kindly agreed to offer the program again but this time we would like to split up the group - Grades 1-4 from Jan-March and Grades 5-8 April to June. The program would be every Thursday at lunch (starting in January). SAC would like to cover the permit costs. The cost is approximately \$160.00. This amount was approved by Shira Farber and seconded by Nicole Gross. Voted on and approved. Motion passed.
 - d. **Lunch-time and after-school Programs** - Mindy Caplan has been organizing these programs for the New Year. She will be sending out

information on them in the next few weeks. The programs will include arts and crafts, Mad Science, Ukulele, Lego and Robotics and more. Check the Friday Files for more information.

- e. **School Directory** - Dayle and Nicole have been working on a school directory. They will be mailing out a PDF of the directory. We hope that more parents will decide to sign up once they see it.

5. Principal's report: (Elizabeth Schaeffer)

- a. "Faywood Helps" Food Drive in each class. Students are bringing in nonperishables for donation. The classes are competing to see who collects the most. Food going to the North York Harvest Food bank. Also collecting hats and mittens on the tree. These will be distributed to the North York Woman and Children's Shelter. There is a social media campaign where virtual 'hugs' are being given. Donate a hat or mitts for a virtual hug.
- b. Playground Consultation meeting happening on Dec 15. Need to make some decisions on the playground at that time.
- c. Caring Safe and Accepting Schools - January presentations on Safe social media, anti-bullying, and community safety. Presentations will be geared to specific age groups.
- d. Winter Concerts - Not all classes will be performing at this time. December 16th. There will a note sent home on scheduling. Will be asking parents to consider bringing a food donation at that time. 6:30 Start. The question was asked if we could borrow space at another school in order to accommodate more guests or more classes performing? Elizabeth- not possible at this time. Because of Work-to-Rule some classes will not be ready to perform.
- e. Hebrew School - A Rabbi from Chabbad has approached with an interest in having an after-school Hebrew program at Faywood. There are some parents who have expressed interest for next year. Open to discussion with the Rabbi to see if it can work here. Some concerns include space for the program, as well as permit costs. SAC will not be involved in running the program. It has to be completely independent as it is not universally applicable. Question about the TDSB Heritage language program through continuing education. Wilmington runs these programs. This is language-based rather than religious-based program.
- f. Progress Reports - TDSB sent out an update. December 10th for reports to be distributed. For JK/SK there is no report at this time. Parent/Teacher

interviews will be in February. Teachers should be contacting parents if there are any concerns.

6. Fundraising Report: (Karen Gnat, Steve Weiner, Myriam Goldman, Sheri Ashkey and Julie Zaldin)

Popcorn – Moved popcorn days to Tuesday and made the same amount of money. Movie night was a success. Selling Bracelets again in December.

7. Treasurer's Report: (Nicole Nathan, Allison Sherman and Yanjin Zhang)

\$6000 brought in during period. \$3600 from pizza. \$1600 from Universal donations. This form is still on the Friday Files. Robyn will send out a reminder. \$10,000 to playground is committed.

8. New Business:

None

9. Good and Welfare: nothing

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