

Faywood ABC School Advisory Council Meeting

Agenda

September 26th, 2016

In attendance: Elizabeth Schaeffer (Principal) Shawn Gauthier (VP), Courtney Weiner (co-chair), Suzanne Grant (co-chair), Robyn Temins Sklar, Karen Gnat, Nicole Nathan, Jordana Britt, Allison Sherman, Myriam Goldman, Andrew Judelman, Amber Kindabong, Terri Jackson, Alana Gordon, Riva Turner, Stephanie Shapiro, Kim Walsh, Rita Cepparo, Mindy Caplan, Felice Rosenthal, Tom McLenaghan, Yanjin Zhang, Tanny Fung, Nicole Pollock, Julie Zaldin, Nicole Sokolsky, Marla Fogelman, Rachelle Beswick, Tejay McDonald, Mireille Millette, Jessica Schnoll Beallor, David Black, Marla Stone

1. Opening of Meeting - 7:09pm
2. Approval of minutes from the meeting in June. Alana Gordon, Karen Gnat
3. Guest Speaker/ Guests report
4. Chairperson's Report
 - a. Welcome and Introduction- overview of SAC positions-
Co-Chair positions- Traditionally 2 ppl, running the meetings, liaising with the principal and VP.
Secretary- takes minutes.
Fundraisers currently 5. Various fundraising events across the year. And any new ideas that come up.
Treasurers 3 currently- 2 year positions. Allison is back for another year.
Class parent and directory coordinator.
Program coordinators organizing all classes.
Volunteer co-ordinator.
Communication- Friday files every week.
Grant coordinator for moneys for the school.
We welcome any other positions that people feel would be important.
 - b. Disband current SAC
Questions about what each position entails?
2 nominations for Co-chair- Karen and Robyn- voted and passed.
Treasurers- Allison is back and one other nomination is Tanya and Yanjin.
Voted, and Passed.
Fundraiser coordinator-it will be an exec position. Alana Gordon. Other sub-positions will be under her. Voted and passed.
Specific events or sub positions- Amber doing popcorn, Myriam- Dance-a-thon, Sheri doing frozen treat with help from Mindy, Elliot for pizza, Julie for universal donation. Sue for Acorn greeting cards. Shira leading funfair.
Movie night/Bingo night. Rachelle Beswick. (new member)
Class parent and directory- Dayle Gordon and Nicole Gross, voted and passed.

Secretary- Jordana Britt, voted and passed.
Program coordinator- Riva Turner, voted and passed
Communications coordinator- Nicky Nathan, voted and passed
Grant coordinator- Tanny Fung, voted and passed
Volunteer coordinator- collecting emails and making sure we have ppl at each event. Marla Stone, voted and passed.
Member at Large- voting rights at the meetings.

c. Scheduling the next meeting- Mondays- October 24, Nov 28, Jan 16, March 6, April 24, June 12.

d. Parent package and forms- pls get forms back. Pizza ordering is now closed for this session. Frozen treats, and class parent forms needed back.

e. Lunch time and afterschool programs- forms have been out. One program has already started. Most programs are not full. Pls get your forms back in or sign up. Sometimes programs get cancelled due to low enrolment.

f. Money requested from SAC for Grade 8 grad- \$1000 from SAC- they are asked to 'earn' the money through school volunteering. Allison Sherman and Julie Zaldin, voted and passed.

g. Money requested from SAC for School busses for each teacher for school trips. We have 18 classes and 7 DHH and DD classes. We approved \$250 for each class and \$125 for each of the DD and DDH in the past. We are looking at \$4500 and 875. \$5375.00. Q- how much money do we have and do we have each class take a trip. All classes have used it in the past. There is still money from last year. We need to vote on putting money back \$541 back into the pool. New amount of \$4834. Steve Weiner, Jonas voted and approved.

h. Request from Treasurers- Asking for a coin counter. Up to \$150.00 needed. Jordy Britt and David Black, voted and passed.

i. Play scape- schedules for the older kids and younger kids on the playscape. (in principal's report)

j. Inclusivity and parent engagement- question about how we can involve parents in another way then in the physical way. Ideas included: Podcast, email. Can we do a conference call? Uber conference is free. People can listen in. Can we publish the agenda ahead of time? To at least cover off the big issues. Suggestion box for the council. How do we advertise the box- paper? Envelop with back and forth communication. I-Calendar it syncs with your calendar. SAC Welcome back breakfast to be scheduled.

5. Principal's report- Thank you to the current SAC.
Happy to see the participation. Mr. Gauthier the VP. Welcome.
Enrolment is up considerably. Are 35 kids above projected. 18 home room classes and 7 DHH and 2 Special ed. 32.5 teachers, 27 support, 3 caretakers.
Lots of challenges- had to re-org primary classes. Hoping for 90% compliance. 2 new teachers to start. We have welcomed Mr. Dhugge teaching Grade 3, and Mrs Sharma teaching the 5th kindergarten class. Space is at a premium. Will need 2 portables. Teachers volunteering to move to the portables. Grade 3⁴ and grade 3 classes will be moving. Come in 2 halves. Figure out the best area for the portables. Will be delivered and assembled. Will be a process. Work to do in place for entry system so that they can access the building. Working with SAFE schools. Hope to be able to let us know at the next meeting. Realizes it is a bit stressful but it will work out for the best.
Very Confident in the new teachers hired. One-teacher position 2/3 classes will have to be posted. Right now it is being filled in with a supply teacher. 3-week window before a hire.
Student population is 470. The re-organization of classes started today. Grades one to three will start in the new class tomorrow. All parents have been contacted. Kindergarten will be moving tomorrow.
Q- Where are the classes now? The special ed 1/2 is moved upstairs. The new kindergarten is in the primary hall. The Grade 3 is going to be using the library. Ms. Buchanan will stay in the class. Studio will house the 2/3 class. According to the bylaw the staff room cannot be turned over. Also used by the daycare and after school.
Numbers are all under 28 in kindergarten. Will be 14 ppl for the new kindergarten. We also have ECE students here every term from George Brown.
New Playscape- thanks to SAC for getting the funds together. Project seems to be coming to an end. Will be a small retaining wall for the playground. Waiting on stones. Opening the week of Oct 17. Engaging with staff- to how it will be used. Introduction for the new play structure. If 7/8 are interested there will need to be a schedule. Grade one students cannot be playing while grade 6s are playing for safety. Mr. Pasternak is interested in having a mini ceremony for ribbon cutting as a celebration.
Kindergarten yard- process to improve. Major flaws in the yard. Poor drainage causing mud, sand erosion. Undergoing a process. 5-6 meetings, engaging with the daycare they want to invest in the playground. One member of executive to sit in on the meetings, during the day. Need one more member. Will take names after the meeting. Dominic and Amber have both volunteered.
Next meeting will go through the EQAO in detail.
Curriculum night on October 5th, 2016. Roasted corn with Cowboy Bob. Night for parents to go into the classroom and talk to the teachers. Not a time to discuss your child's progress- just to get to know the school and the curriculum.

2 After school programs- Hebrew school- Monday's afterschool. 30 kids. Rabbi Moshe Steiner from uptown Chabad. Working well. International languages starting with American Sign Language. Starts this Tuesday run by Ms. Digiuseppe.

Question- nights that there are 2 events the same night? Will try not to double book.

Portables- on cement or field? Not sure will depend on the architect, hope not to take up valuable space.

Why the grades 3 in the portables? Size of class. Capped at 20.

No Library time until the class is moved? Some opportunities when the students are not in the library.

Can we do an in school book mobile? To the classroom. Home reading program will be starting.

6. Fundraising report - Frozen treat switching to Wednesday due to Rosh Hashanah. Last year we made an additional \$10,000 over all. Totalling around \$45,000. Pizza is the number one fundraiser. Q- What is the overall plan for the money? It is based on what the parents are asking for and what is needed for Elizabeth. There are a few things you cannot fundraise for. From the Ministry. Things we have fundraised for in the past; Playgrounds, laptops, technology (obviously always needed), additional gym equipment, smart boards.

Q- When can we ask for something that we think is needed? Bring it up at meetings or email the SAC exec.

Policy for volunteering in your child's class room- Elizabeth has a policy to not allow for parents in the child's classroom. There are a lot of roles- home reading program. Field Trips exempt. Daily in the classroom is discouraged above kindergarten. Everyone who volunteers regularly in the school has to have police reference check.

7. Treasurer's report - outflow \$15,000. \$32,000 left with a few commitments outstanding. We have already brought in \$20,000 from pizza, frozen treats and universal donations. \$639 for outdoor classroom and \$398 left from books still want to be allocated.

7. New Business- next meeting ideas.
8. Good and Welfare- none
9. Adjourned- 8:25.