

## **Faywood ABC Advisory Council Meeting**

Minutes for Meeting – Monday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**In Attendance:** Courtney Weiner (co-chair), Suzanne Grant (co-chair), Elizabeth Schaeffer (Principal), Jordana Britt, Steve Weiner, Karen Gnat, Myriam Goldman, Sheri Askey, Nicole Nathan, Yanjin Zhang, Allison Sherman, Nicole Gross, Dayle Gordon, Alana Gordon Reznick, Tanny Fung, Mindy Caplan, Sue Schacter, Marla Stone, Thomas McLenaghan, 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 Allison Sherman

3. **Guest Speaker/Guest Report:**

**Guest Speaker:** Angela Dozzi (Student Nutrition Program). TDSB support admin brings programs in from food suppliers. Research and studies have been done on morning meals for students. Research indicates that a morning snack helps with learning and development. Providing a morning meal in class helps students focus, concentrate and be successful. Last year there were 120 new programs in the Toronto area across all school boards. 120 schools were offered the funds to run this student nutrition program. Faywood was not selected but showed interest. Angela will try to fit Faywood into one of the spots since not all of the schools offered were interested in participating. Funding comes through the Ministry of Youth and Children services. Must meet criteria - have a local program committee, food must be nutritious, and universally offered to all students. Funding doesn't cover the full cost. The food must also be ethical/cultural sensitive as well as religiously sensitive. Financial reporting is required monthly. Funding flows through a non-profit organization- funneled down to the schools. They are then audited. 70% must go to the food, 30% can go to supplies, a small honorarium, etc. Work with public health to ensure that the food is healthy. Food Share Amintors- provide assistance with purchasing and food safety. Foods are served in the classroom before morning recess. The snack covers 3 food groups: Veg/Fruit, grain products and dairy. It's a substantial snack. Have over 700 programs in the system. Can offer the program as a pilot or a few days a week (minimum is 2 days a week). Elizabeth mentioned that 2 things need to happen before we could start this: 1) Survey to parents needs to go out to determine if there is interest. 2) There will be a meeting with teachers to see if they would want to support the program. We need to qualify for the program first. Grant money available from Food Service will cover the cost of a fridge and any other equipment. Courtney asked how would we cover the rest of the cost for the food? Angela stated that schools can

collect 2 times a year then you know ahead of time how much money we have. The cost is about \$7 a month.

**4. Chairpersons' Report: (Courtney Weiner and Suzanne Grant)**

- a. Dates of 2016 meetings** - The SAC meeting dates for the 2016 school year will be January 18, February 22, April 4, May 16, June 13, The next meeting is Monday November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Coffee Meet and Greet** – There will be a coffee meet and greet for parents on Tuesday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:40am. There will be coffee and muffins available to parents in the staff room. All parents are invited to attend.
- c. Grant update** - Tanny, (Grant Co-ordinator) has been researching some grants that we might be able to take advantage of. The Metro Green Grant is a \$1000.00 fund that might be able to go toward a snack program, or cooking classes. The Metro Green Grant could also be used for the “big crunch” initiative which takes place in March from Food Share. There is a School Life Grant which could be used for music, drama, etc. but we must wait until the work-to-rule is settled. The Evergreen Grant could provide the Kindergarten courtyard native shrubs.

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

- a.** Confident that there is a lot of great things happening in the classrooms- moving forward with academics. We had a few extra-curricular activities, including sports for the grade 6, 7, and 8's.
- b.** Have some arts-based programs starting up. 7, 7/8 DHH starting working with Drummer - making 25 drums. Free program though art for children and youth. Lessons in drumming also.
- c.** Last week West African drummer workshop with grade 4 and 5 students.
- d.** Popcorn fundraising for a drum-fit tomorrow. Will work with every class.
- e.** Remembrance assembly day on November 11<sup>th</sup> - works with Vimy Ridge project. WWII vet is coming on the 10<sup>th</sup> to speak to the students- will update in Friday Files. Morning grade 1-8 assembly. Students doing a power point presentation.
- f.** Parent night for grade 8 transitioning students will be hosted by Elizabeth - date will be confirmed tomorrow.
- g.** Playground - met as a committee to discuss. We have retained a viability study and it has been approved. Second stage was to form sub-committee, and put money into an account, and it will be used to retain the landscape architect and surveyor. Scope of project is an enhancement of current playground.
- h.** Opened a grade 2 class- teacher who was placed here. Had to post for the grade 6 position- Mr. Rocha will be here for at least one more year.

- i. Hockey - hockey program for a small group of students who may not have the financial ability or would benefit socially/emotionally from this activity. Joined the family of schools initiative. Students get 7 half days of lessons and the program provides free equipment.

Work to rule still in place with teachers. No report cards or parent meetings. Because several unions are on 'work to rule' we cannot start any new fundraising initiatives at this point. We will continue with pizza, popcorn and frozen yogurt.

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

- d. **Dance-A-Thon deposit** – Karen will soon have to pay a deposit to the DJ for Dance-A-Thon. She would like to allocate \$150 for this event. The amount of \$150 was approved by Steve Weiner and seconded by Robyn Temins Sklar. Voted on and approved. Motion passed.

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

There is a new form to compare funds from this year-to-date to last year.

**8. New Business:**

None

**9. Good and Welfare: nothing**

**10. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.