

Beverly Glen Parent Council Meeting

Date: September 28, 2017

Commenced 6:30PM, Ended 8:00PM

Attendees: Morag Killackey, Frank Costa, Nithya Caleb, Thomas White, Karen Mohabir, Carmen Khuu, Tanya Neretljak, Kimberly Liu, Rachel D'Souza, Yan Fu, Xia Luo, Mabrouk Chouk, and Magdalene Shim.

Meeting Minutes:

School Administrator update:

- New signage for the school and garden in place
- Re-alignment of classrooms
 - No teacher eliminated due to one teacher going on leave of absence.
 - Parents notified changes.
- School Garden
 - Over the summer, parents and community members helped maintain the garden.
 - Eco Club will continue to work on the garden.
 - Student 'Garden Guardians' will continue to help in the garden.
- Gifted Screening for Gr.3 happened on Monday, October 2
- Lunch Room Supervisors needed. Interested to contact vice-principal, Frank Costa
- Lunch programs on chess and robotics to restart this year.
- PALS continues
 - Public health nurse coming into train the students.
 - PALS help younger grade students learn how to play Cooperative games
- Toronto Police Services to survey the parking lot, similar to the one done four years ago.
- The school is seeing more need for self-regulation among students. This is board-wide.
 - Planning professional development for teachers and workshops for the students.
 - Looking into the possibility of workshops for parents as well so that the message is consistent both at home and school.
 - Workshops like "Kids have stress too," and Resiliency.
 - Continuing Mindful Mondays and teaching the children breathing techniques to self-regulate.
- Curriculum night-October 5
 - Single timeslot with teachers either preparing individually or grouping by grade.
 - Parents will have to decide which to attend if they have more than one student attending Beverly Glen.
 - Settlement worker will be present.
 - School council will be in attendance, but no booth presence
- **Technology**
 - School laptops / ipads purchased 5 years ago are failing in significant quantities.
 - Principal and VP will be preparing their wish list for next council meeting.

Arts in the School Discussion

- Beverly Glen teachers teach art through programming

- Parent Council votes on additional programming, if needed as a group
- BG has a Kiln and student do use it during the year
- Manna Wong (School Trustee) working on a ward-wide grant for arts education.

Fundraising Updates

- Chocolate Fundraiser still happening this year – forms need to go out.
- Pizza day – forms went out and money tallied 2nd and 3rd week of October.
- Samko & Miko Scheduled in end-November to beginning of December.
- Dance-a-thon booked and happening February 15.
- Popcorn day will be run by new fundraising chair, Mabrouk Chouk.
- Possible Family Game night and Movie night hosted at BG in the Evening.

Funded programs:

- Scientist in the school for all students
- Student field trip-\$5 per student

Council Vote Results

- Chairperson – Nithya Caleb
- Vice Chairperson - Kimberly Liu, Carmen Khuu
- Treasurer - Rachel D'Souza
- Secretary - Magdalene Shim
- Fundraising Chair - Mabrouk Chouk
- Member at Large - Thomas White
- Member at Large - Minaz Asani-Kanji
- Member at Large - Yan Fu
- Member at Large - Xia Luo

Next meeting: Thursday, October 26 (7:00-8:00PM) Staff room