



MINUTES

Monday, February 24, 2020

5:30 PM

Present: Jesse Bergeron, Karlo Cabrera, Carmen Guerrero, Nazia Ibrahim, Shawna Mitchell, Jessica Smith, Dennis Smith, Michelle Tassie, Emma Tunney & Hanna Tunney

Regrets: Lorna (Penny) Chung, Hugh Keane, Joanne McMichael, Nimanyu Singh

A. Carmen welcomed the group at about 5:40 pm

B. Karlo read the Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

C. Minutes from January 13, 2020 meeting carried

D. Principal updates:

Playscape:

- Contractors have come to the school to complete measurements; they will put in their bids to the TDSB
- As work is scheduled to commence in summer, Heart Beatz daycare may not be at Halbert during the summer – Shiromie will let parents know closer to end of school year; Heart Beatz was aware of possibility since October

School:

- Themed mural will be painted throughout halls reflecting the “4 seasons of Halbert”
- School is getting another filer system
- School getting a bike rack that may not be installed until the summer
- TDSB is providing 50% of the funds for a 4-door access pass system (Halbert is paying the other 50%)
 - o Council assisted in determining which doors are best fit for the passes: doors 3, 6, 7 and 8

Teacher Job Action:

- Due to strikes PEP not started as planned because teachers not allowed to do prep
- Drumming is the only activity that will commence
- Students performing for African heritage assembly will have a delayed practice run due to strikes
- Phase 6 came out today; staff not allowed to purchase own materials
- Supply teachers cannot replace teachers one after the other – now principal has to keep kids all in one place
- Parents can visit buildingbetterschools.com – can write to MMP, etc.
- Parents can ask for students grades from teachers

E. Review of Action Items from last meeting

a) New Secretary Election

- Nazia was appointed as the Council’s new Secretary

b) Math – Manipulatives

- Karlo provided a demonstration of multiplicatives using abacus

c) School website information

- Nazia inquired if along with the Green binder, all SAC minutes and information can be housed on the school’s website
- Karlo advised this is possible and he will do so

- d) Fundraising Opportunities
 - Michelle inquired if the Spring concert will be in May and it was confirmed by Karlo that it would be
- e) Safety – Karlo/Emma Letter update
 - As the school is getting the pass card system; we will hold off on asking for cameras
 - Karlo has put in a request to refresh the kitchen in the staff lounge as it is not to code and is used by the school staff, students, Heart Beatz daycare, cooking club, breakfast club and other areas
- f) Completion of School Statement of Needs
 - Michelle will start this document and discussion will be deferred to next meeting
- g) Making SAC materials transparent and accessible
 - Not discussed

F. Pizza lunch update

- Feedback will be provided to Big Brothers Pizza about the quality next time (some slices were not cut evenly)
- Pepperoni is halal and the form will be changed to reflect this next pizza lunch

G. SAC Newsletter

- A one-pager was shared that Lorna prepared
- The group discussed that the particular layout of this mock-up is a great visual for the bulletin board
- It was discussed that SAC could fund a banner for the side of the bulletin board
- Karlo will send a request for a prototype from the printer and provide feedback to the group about cost

H. Parent engagement survey

- Shawna suggested to the group that she will compose a short survey to be sent out to the parent community at Halbert to seek out input on how they would like to be engaged by the school and in what areas; she will share her questions (about 3-5) by the next meeting

I. SAC By-Laws

- Shawna, Michelle and Nazia shared the final draft of the by-laws to the group
- Final changes will be made and sent to Karlo for sharing with TDSB contact for final approval

Meeting concluded around 7 pm