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Meeting Minutes							
Location		Time					
Mckee PS - 35 Church Ave, Toronto	6:30 – 8:45 PM						
Meeting Chair		Meeting Scribe					
Wen Teoh & Ting Wu		Barbara Gokianlin					
Attendees							
Jeanette Lang	Barbara Gokianlin	Mahboubeh Janbakhsh					
Maleka Kaderbhai	Andrew Rupf	Rachel Pyo					
Wendy Teo	Kavita Srivastava	Hossein Hosseini					

#	Topic		Owner
1	Openir	Wen Teoh /	
	a.	Adoption of previous board meeting minutes (November 7, 2018)	Ting Wu
		All approved – Andrew & Kavita	
2	Principals & Vice Principals Report		Jeannette Lang/
			Maleka
	a.	School Budget	Khaderbai
		There is a portion that SAC can use for purchasing Insurance, Child Minding,	
		Food during meetings.	
	h	Reporting / Assessment - Report Cards – 20 weeks of school	
	J.	Sent home Wednesday, Feb 13.	
		February 14-15 PTA Meetings (14 th after school to 8pm / 15 th 8:30-12nn)	
		Any students who the teacher deemed at-risk will be contacted for an interview.	
		All parents are welcome to ask for an interview time if they feel they would like	
		to discuss anything with their child's teacher.	
	c.	Learning Opportunities Index (471 schools TDSB – #368 Mckee)	
		The Board ranks schools based on several different criteria. Many factors can	
		affect the scoring. Census is changing – Demographics / Diversity.	
		Those listed lower on the LOI are deemed needier than those ranked higher on	
		the LOI (#1 most needy, #471 least needy)	
		Our number has remained consistent over the past 7 years. LOI lists are	
		refreshed every 2-3 years. Mckee Recent Sight and Sound data tells us:	
		a. 280 kids screened	
		b. 65 (23%) were red flagged needing follow-up regarding either vision	
		and/or hearing	

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d. Assemblies

Lunar New Year (Thursday, January 31)

Dragon boat races in p.m. and Bee Assembly and Lunar New Year presentations in a.m. Included so far are videos, performances from Earl Haig, Dances, choir, etc. Each student will receive one fortune cookie. Students are welcome to wear traditional dress in the afternoon.

Dance-a-thon (Wednesday, March 6)

McKee will continue the tradition of this fundraiser.

Parents are asked to make donations to our school through their children via purchasing raffle tickets. There are many raffle prizes to motivate our students. Contributions will be used to enhance Technology, Music and Physical Education programs. This year's goal is to raise \$10 000

Kickoff: Friday, March 1, 2019.

Committee is arranging for wonderful prizes. If you or anyone you know have something to donate, we would appreciate this.

Spirit week - leads up to it (Crazy Hat /PJ /Twin / Career - Day)

Nowruz (Friday, March 22)

Recognizing Nowruz at 9:00- a.m. along with our Honesty Bee Assembly.

e. Buddy Bench - School Council Bought

Friendship Bench – concept if anyone sits at buddy bench it is everyone's opportunity to help.

f. Bookfair (Raised: \$14,206)

Thank you, parents, for your support.

Due to the volume of sales, Scholastic has given back:

\$1350 worth of free books + additional \$3000 to support the school library. \$3,523 was used where each classroom was given \$100 to spend on books based on student interest;

Next Scholastic Book Fair in June, then there will be a Book Swap.

g. Boundary Change / Optional Attendance Forms (Deadline: February 28)

Boundary change took effect September 2018. Special optional attendance request forms for the sibling of a current student at McKee should be submitted by February 28. Parents will be notified by March 8th. If Mckee cannot accommodate all requests given after our projections from JK registration, we will hold a lottery. Principal will invite the Trustee, SO, Chair of SAC and together will draw names after to the number we can accommodate.

h. Staffing/Projected Enrollments

April will provide an opportunity for SAC members to view our projected enrolment for September 2019. SAC will be given a preliminary school organization to review. Your comments and feedback are welcome.

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A loose **CAP** is observed for the number of students in each classroom. 29 students in Kindergarten & 20 students Grades 1-5.

Caveat is that 10% of classes get exemptions 33 or 23. You must build up each class to the exemption limit first then can readjust to distribute the students evenly after a certain time.

i. SAC Email

Communication between the Board and School Councils is important. It ensures relevant information is effectively communicated to school councils and TDSB families, throughout the school year.

WEN Will give e-mail to Principal / VP

The Board seeks the advice of school councils and shares relevant Board decisions and information on the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC).

The Board is asking that an email address be provided for each School Council Chair by Monday, February 04, 2019. The address will be shared with the Board, the Ministry and the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC). If the School Council Chair does not wish to share a personal email address, then a TDSB School Council email address must be activated.

3 **Treasurers Report Andrew Rupf**

a. Monthly Budget

Please see financials.

b. School Council Allocation and Parent Engagement Funds

Financial Seminar held every year starting November.

Some Ministry of Education grants:

- School Council Allocation \$1.25 student per school min 500 max 1,000 -\$989
- Parent Engagement Fund \$500 from Ministry December given Encourage involvement of parent in school GL4150
- PRO Grant \$1000 Parent Outreach Grant usually used for Welcome to Kinder
- **Trillium Grant**

c. School Cash Online for SAC (Status of application)

An Option for SAC fundraising – application sent in November. Now we need to do a Penny test to see if monies are getting in. Service fee is 1-2%. Money collected will be directly deposited to PACE. Mckee Report can be generated by principal to see who paid for which class.

d. HST Rebate

TDSB is eligible to receive this. They don't need to pay PST on various things. 10% of HST spent, school gets back / retains. When SAC gives money to Mckee school for purchase/procurement, the system just takes out only the amount needed, and the school keeps the rest. Another option is to wait for posting of amount, then issue a blanket cheque to maximize use of monies excluding the HST rebate.

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e. Consolidating SAC external fundraising into TDSB accounting system

Currently SAC is using external bank account PACE with direction of Treasurer & SAC and some parent volunteers to handle money matters. There is another option available to SAC where TDSB will do administration. Fundraising monies will be put into TDSB school board and are expensed as needed. SAC can direct Mckee to take it and use it for certain purpose.

SAC needs to deliberate and vote on this matter soon.

PROS & CONS OF MOVING OVER TO TDSB SYSTEM

PROS	CONS
No need to file PSAD annual / bi-	More paperwork for Principal &
annual report, administrative	other Mckee Administration
tasks shifted to Mckee	
Council will still have control of	Less flexibility on how to use
how money is used	money, more accountability /
	Strict rules on what Money is used
	towards
No need for cheques and changes	Interest is not earned as cannot
to signatories each time there is a	use term deposits etc.
new SAC	
Cash Online is easier / less	
volunteers needed	
Continuity for SAC when new	
members come in.	
Service Fee of only \$5	

Minority of SACs use external accounting because many schools fundraising efforts do not reach the amounts raised at Mckee.

Others

a. Money Mentor\$ Parent Information Program

Trishia Berry target grade 4-5. Perhaps use of Mckee PRO-Grant for this purpose, but shall still be deliberated upon as it only applies to the older grades

b. PIAC School Council Appreciation & Information Night Thursday Feb 21

c. Networking w/other SACs & Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) Treasurer attending the information session. PIAC is here to support the board & SACs. Possibility to invite a Representative to come and enlighten us.

d. Parenting as Partners conference (March 30)

https://www.parentsaspartners.ca/

Closing Remarks

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a. Next board meeting February 20,2019, Wednesday @6:30PM

Wen Teoh / Andrew Rupf **JEANETTE** to consider using **Pro Grant Money** for Money **Mentorship Program?**

ANDREW to invite PIAC Representative

Wen Teoh / Ting Wu



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Ou	Outstanding Items				
1	Dance-A-Thon Raffle Prize Donations	Call out to			
		Community			
2	Migration from External Accounting to TDSB Accounting Platform - Vote	Andrew / SAC			
3	Money Mentorship Program (Trishia Berry) – will Pro Grant Money be used? Or is this something SAC can support?	Jeanette / SAC			
4	PIAC Representative to come and give a talk to SAC	Andrew			