



## McKee School Council

BOARD MEETING		January 24, 2018
<b>Location</b>		<b>Time</b>
McKee PS - 35 Church Ave, Toronto		6:30 – 8:30 PM
<b>Meeting Chair</b>		<b>Meeting Scribe</b>
Alirezi Youssefi		Barbara Gokianlin
<b>Attendees</b>		
Jeanette Lang (Principal)	Alireza Youssefi	Faezeh Safari
Maleka Kaderbhai (VP)	Andrew Rupf	Wendy Teo
Nancy Charron (Teacher)	Barbara Gokianlin	Wen Teoh
	Ada Zhu	Hannah Tudo

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#	Topic	Owner
1	<p><b><u>Principals Report</u></b></p> <p>a. <b>Report Cards</b> – Go home Tuesday, Feb 13. 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 the need to discuss with the teacher. Interviews will be held on Thursday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup> after school up until 8:00 p.m. and on Friday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 8:30am – 12:00nn. Lunar New Year is on Feb 16<sup>th</sup> so we are providing discretion for teachers to schedule interviews on alternative dates for those who are impacted by Lunar New Year.</p> <p>b. <b>LOI (Learning Opportunity Index) – 368/471.</b> The Board ranks schools based on a number of different criterion. Those listed lower on the LOI (ie. 1/471) are deemed more needy than those ranked higher on the LOI. Our number has remained consistent over the past 7 years. LOI lists are refreshed every 2-3 years.</p> <p>c. <b>Parent Engagement Session</b> – Upon monitoring the learning skills</p>	Jeanette Lang

(cooperation, self regulation, organization) of students in Kindergarten and Grade 1, some students struggle with self regulation. Due to this, teachers together with settlement workers will deliver a 45 minute presentation to parents on how to help their child at home. This parent engagement session will help parents to work in partnership with their kids to successfully develop learning skills. Teachers will distribute flyers to inform students of the session.

- d. **Judy Reynolds (Mindfulness sessions)** – Mindfulness is based closely on book “Calm, Alert and Learning.” This paid program which lasts for 45 minutes, teaches kids how to self regulate and stay calm when stressed. There are 11 sessions for each of the 7 kindergartens classes. Kids need to learn develop skills on coping with making mistakes. Also, how to change their energy flow during transitions. The sessions focuses on problem solving what we are feeling at the time and working through our emotions.  
Minds Up from Scholastic --- is another resource that teachers can use and apply to children.
- e. **Professional Development** – There is a focus on Indigenous Learning.
- f. **Trustees Ward Forum** Feb 20<sup>th</sup> at Lillian.
- g. **Dance-A-Thon** – McKee will continue the tradition of this fundraiser. Parents are asked to make donations to our school through their children. There are many raffle prizes to motivate our students. All funds are used to enrich the lives of our students at school. Contributions will be used to enhance Technology, Music and Physical Education programs. The kickoff date will be Friday, March 2, 2018. Committee is arranging for wonderful prizes Need someone to go out and ask for donations.
- h. **Boundary Change – September 2018.** There was success of communication for the change which grandfathered those who were already at Mckee, giving families the choice of new school. For those with siblings entering in JK for the first time, we have developed a special optional attendance request form. Requests for optional attendance need to be handed to Jeanette by Feb 28 and parents will be notified by March 9<sup>th</sup>. If Jeanette cannot accommodate all requests given after our projections from JK registration, we will hold a lottery. Jeanette will be inviting the Trustee, SO, Chair of SAC and together we will draw names after we have decided upon how many we can accommodate. Only 3 families have applied. Numbers will go down. After March Break. There will still be portables.
- i. **ELL (English Language Learners) project** – Often times, learning disabilities in children who are ESL are not discovered until grade 4 or 5 and its too late. This project aims to identify English Language Learners who are at risk for learning disabilities. The project will allow us to understand whether some ELL’s low academic achievement is due to having a learning disability or merely to the normal course of learning a 2<sup>nd</sup> language. ELL’s will be recruited through

	<p>referrals from classroom teachers. After screening and once parents have consented, students will be given sounds training through a computerized reading program by trained research assistants from OISE. There is a control group as well. Teachers will receive recommendations for improved instructional practice once researches have finished with the assessments.</p> <p>j. <b>Lunar New Year</b> – Celebration at Mckee is Feb 22 afternoon for parents. Committee has planned a wonderful day – dragon boat races in a.m. and Bee Assembly and Lunar New Year presentations in p.m. Included so far are videos, performances from Earl Haig, Dances, choir, etc. Each student will receive one fortune cookie. We did an email blast out to families asking for those interested in assisting with planning or presenting to contact Ms Kaderbhai. Students are welcome to wear traditional dress in the afternoon.</p> <p>k. <b>Nowruz</b> – we will be recognizing Nowruz on March 21st at 9:00- p.m. along with our Honesty Bee Assembly.</p> <p>l. <b>Police Officer Visit</b> – Grade 5 Bullying and Cyber Bullying. SRO – When kids get to highschool. Having a relationship with police officer at early years is good. Safety Proofing, when to call police etc. Its about what’s meaningful and purposeful about how teaching is so different now than before. What can we</p> <p>m. <b>Staffing/Projected enrollments</b> - April will provide an opportunity for SAC members to view our projected enrolment for September 2018. SAC will be given a preliminary school organization to review. Your comments and feedback are welcome.</p> <p>n. <b>Excellence Awards</b> – Every year, TDSB honours staff for their excellent work. Nominations will be accepted up to March 24, 2017. All nominations require two reference letters. I would like to honor several teachers but specifically Trevor Gauthier.</p> <p>o. <b>Yearbooks</b> – advance yearbook orders will take place in April. Cost is \$25.</p> <p>p. <b>Spirit Days</b> – March 6-10 – more info next month but each day will represent a different theme – PJ day, etc.</p> <p>q. <b>Gsuite Concerns</b> – Feb 21<sup>st</sup> – Keven Bradbeer, Senior Manager to speak about GSuite Privacy concerns</p>	
2	<p><b>Chairs Report</b></p> <p>a. <b>Adoption of minutes from previous board meeting</b> Andrew motion, to approve minutes, Hannah 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, All In Favour. Minutes Approved.</p> <p>b. <b>New Minister of Education</b> – Previous Minister Mitzie Hunter has become Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development. New Minister of Education is Indira Naidoo-Harris who also remains Minister Responsible for Early Years and Child Care. Trustee Alexander Brown to give an update on using Education Development Charges for school expansion / renovation. Previous Minister Hunter had promised Mckee PS an additional 3 classrooms,</p>	Alireza Youssefi

	<p>and Hollywood PS an additional 8 classrooms.</p> <p>c. <b>New Pizza Lunch Lead for School Year 2018-2019</b> – Current Lead Alireza is leaving Mckee. We are currently searching for 2 volunteers to organize/lead the Pizza Lunch for next school year. They will have a vital role as it is the single biggest fundraiser of the year. Organizers may need to: 1) Collate and create the Pizza Orders, 2) Count the Money , 3) Order Pizza 1 week before Pizza Lunch 3) Buy Juice every 2 weeks for the Pizza Lunch. Unfortunately, you cannot use cashless online system, as there is only 1 school account and it is already assigned to the school (not SAC). Our current pizza provider, Gino’s Pizza, gives us 1 free Pizza for every 20 pizzas ordered. They also donate 2 bicycle and other gifts for the annual Dance-A-Thon Fundraiser.</p> <p>d. <b>RBC Update</b> – Manager to come in April board meeting to give a backbround and brainstorm what RBC can do for the Mckee Community in May or June.</p>	
3	<p><b>Treasurers Report</b></p> <p>a. <b>Monthly Budget</b> – See Financials Attached. We are in good financial standing. Forecast that by the end of the school year we will have potentially \$30,000 raised. We need to think of ways on how to enrich or give this back to Mckee PS.</p>	Andrew Rupf
4	<p><b>Other Business</b></p> <p>a. <b>Student Well-Being</b></p> <p>See Document Attached from Ministry of Education “Promoting and Supporting Student Well-Being in Ontario”</p> <p>Four elements of well-being in the article comprise of Physical, Cognitive, Emotional &amp; Social. My concern is mainly with the Physical element of well-being, specifically having to do with the Eating Healthy at school. There is a disconnect in healthy eating habits at home and at school. Many Healthy snacks cannot be eaten without sitting down and especially not while running around playing in sub-zero temperatures. Home and school should be working together to encourage eating healthy snacks and providing opportunity . Propose Mckee to help them change and advocate healthy eating ... given how to eat at school. Jeanette mentioned Wasp issue outside. So, suggest to eat inside classroom. Comes down to discussion with the teacher. Asked teacher how they can consider have kids snack during the day like kindergartens or devise a plan how they can self-regulate. Will revisit in next staff meeting in.</p>	<p>Hannah Tудо</p> <p><i>Jeanette to send email to teachers to be open to different ways to allow healthy eating</i></p>
5	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <p>a. Next board meeting February 21, 2018</p>	

# Meeting Minutes

## Outstanding

1	List of Fundraising Programs to do for next year – APRIL AGENDA	
2	RBC Grant Update	Ali
3	Report on Overcrowding of Schools	Daniel Gogek
4	Treasurer can make a year end report to parents on what the was raised and spent, or, updates can be made throughout the year, and can be included in the newsletter.	Andrew
5	<p>SAC Funds Raised for Mckee  Mckee Wishlist Copy to Council  Suggestions on how to use funds, other programs etc?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JK/ SK Playground Renovations</li> <li>- Trees / Equipment?</li> <li>- Scientist in School (more sessions) and other programs / workshops for kids &amp; teachers</li> </ul>	Jeanette Anyone
6	Online Privacy and Safety of Students - February 21	