



## McKee School Council

<b>BOARD MEETING</b>		<b>April 18, 2018</b>
<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	Wendy Teo
Maleka Kaderbhai (VP)	Andrew Rupf	Wen Teoh
Gary Gagnon (Teacher)	Barbara Gokianlin	Hannah Tundo
Daniel Gogek		Ada Zhu

BOARD MEETING MINUTES			
#	Topic		Owner
1	<u>Principals Report</u>  a. <b>Enrollment Update</b> – Projected Enrollment of 751 students has been confirmed for September 2018 as follows:  Kinder      189 students (7 classes)      Grade 3      124 students Grade 1      114 students      Grade 4      94 students Grade 2      124 students      Grade 5      106 students These totals will be used to determine our staffing for 2018 - 2019.  b. <b>Staffing for 2018-19 School Year</b> - A draft model is available for you to view. There are 32 regular classrooms:  Kinder      7 classes      Grade 3      6 classes Grade 1      5 classes; Gr 1/2   1 class      Grade 4      3 classes; Gr 4/5   1 class Grade 2      5 classes; Gr 2/3   1 class      Grade 5      3 classes		Jeanette Lang

	<p>Non-classroom teachers include: 4 ESL, 2.5 Special Education, 6 prep teachers and 0.5 library. Our Support staff include: 7 Early Childcare Educators (ECE), 13 Lunchroom Supervisors (LRS), 2 Secretaries, 1.0 Educational Assistant (EA). 1 Principal and 1 VP. Caretaker allocation is currently 3.5. Total Staff: 45 teachers, 23.0 support staff, 2 Administrators</p> <p>c. <b>Rhonda is retiring</b> – May 31st – <b>SAC suggested they will contribute a small gift towards this retirement</b> – 16 years. May 31, 3:15pm everyone is invited to the school library to have a little farewell party. New OA (Office Admin) will be hired - transfer.</p> <p>d. <b>Planning for our School Organization in Sept. 2018</b> - We will soon be coming together as a staff to carefully consider class placements for the 2018-2019 school year. The following will be communicated in our May Newsletter. The staff at McKee care deeply about student needs. Years of meeting the learning needs of children give our teachers the unique qualifications to recommend student placement decisions. Rest assured that placing students and balancing classes will include the best opportunities for student achievement and well-being. A balanced class reflects the diversity of our community and allows the variety of interests and talents of our learners to emerge and be appreciated. Each new school year brings opportunities to meet new friends and expand our circle of acquaintances. School becomes more comfortable and familiar and accordingly our potentials have great possibilities of realization. The following are the criteria we use to guide our placements:  <u>Balance of Ability, Interests and Talents</u> - all children are unique and different. The teacher's task of providing meaningful learning programs is enhanced when classes are created to accommodate instructional groupings.  <u>Learning Style</u> - how does the learner go about the process of learning? What kind of environment would best suit the learner?  <u>Social Blending</u> - what is the best cluster of individuals to effectively and efficiently learn? This should not be viewed as a grouping of friends. At particular stages, some close friends learn best in separate classes.</p> <p>Do we need to know something particular about your student that you feel we do not already know? Letters stating a particular teacher, a request for your child to be with a specific friend or a request to NOT be in a combined grade - are not reasons to write administration a letter. If you have information to share with us, it must be shared in writing by May 15, 2016.</p> <p>e. <b>Yearbook 2017-18</b> - Pre-order forms were sent home via email. Cost is \$25 with deadline April 27, 2018.</p>	<p><b>SAC to contribute gift card and small gift for Rhonda retirement</b></p>
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2	<p><b><u>Chairs Report</u></b></p> <p>a. <b>Adoption of minutes from previous board meeting</b> Andrew motion to approve minutes, Wen 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, All In Favour. Minutes Approved.</p> <p>b. <b>Fix Our Schools – Representative from Mckee</b> Group of Parents, Grandparents, teachers, principals that are campaigning to raise money from Government in order that every “publicly funded school in Ontario be a safe, healthy, well-maintained building that provides an environment conducive to learning and working.” This group has met with Premiers, Ministers of Education and other high profile people to affect change. They need someone for the next 4 months ASAP. Principal Lang will post in newsletter to recruit member. On a side note, status is unknown for the 2nd floor expansion for Mckee that former Minister of Education Mitzie Hunter promised. <a href="http://fixourschools.ca/">http://fixourschools.ca/</a></p> <p>c. <b>Overcrowding</b> – Chair Ali and Daniel Gogek met with Trustee Alexander Brown on how to approach the new Minister of Education. He suggested that the Mckee Council write to 3 politicians locally and 3 party leaders to ask for their position on the Overcrowding issue. If they are willing to support change and support a one-time EDC(Education Development Charge) on developments. TDSB needs to get money to build new schools. <a href="mailto:MckeeSAC@gmail.com">MckeeSAC@gmail.com</a>, an email passed on from previous council, has sent a letter to Ontario PC(Progressive Conservative) Candidate Stan Cho on his position. In his email reply, he is supportive of EDCs. Another option is to have developer build the schools (especially for 16 high rises – in Sheppard and Leslie). North Toronto School in Yonge &amp; Eglinton is built inside the condos.</p> <p>d. <b>Toronto Star News Article – “Weed Stores Near Schools?...”</b> Torontos first Cannabis store will be located 450 meters from an elementary school. Mckee SAC supports Mr Gogek in writing to politicians/ mayor to get commitment that no cannabis store will open within 5 km from Mckee.</p> <p>e. <b>Vices affecting children.</b> There needs to be a New Legislation on Legalization of Cannabis to protect Children – if Legal for Adult to purchase Marijuana, what happens if you find out your child is using it. Or if child is in a friends’ home where a parent uses it, and offers it to your child? Or what happens if your child has secondary exposure?</p>	<p><b>Alireza Youssefi</b></p> <p><i><b>Fix Our Schools Representative from Mckee. Jeanette to include in newsletter</b></i></p> <p><i><b>Daniel to send inquiry to the political leaders on their position for EDCs.</b></i></p> <p><i><b>Daniel to ask political leaders for commitment that cannabis stores be located at least 5km away.</b></i></p>
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	<p><b>Factors for the politicians to consider:</b> 1) Marijuana is not part of meal (vs alcohol) 2) Marijuana is inhaled 3) MJ Can be given and to someone (ingested / inhaled) and they may not even know it.</p> <p><b>Question to Pose to Politicians:</b> What are the controls that will ensure adults do not give these to children or commit a crime to do it? A current problem secondary schools are facing is the E-cigarettes (no scent), and teachers are not aware if students smoke or not. <b>Daniel Gogek to write a letter to officials/politicians: Ask for clarity and in practice what can you do if suspect an adult gives Cannabis to a child? Ask for commitment as well none of these stores within 5km of Mckee.</b></p>	<p><i><b>Daniel to ask political leaders for clarity on controls used to ensure adults do not give children marijuana</b></i></p>
3	<p><b><u>Treasurers Report</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Monthly Budget</b> – March 31, 2018 – Wendy 1<sup>st</sup>, Barb 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Agreed. Approved</p> <p><b>b. Suggestions How to use Funds Raised</b> Estimated \$25-30k raised by the end of the school year. <b>Programs this year include:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Brazilian Drummer (New) \$1,200- 2,500</li> <li>2. Scientist in School \$5,000</li> <li>3. Prologue to Performing arts \$4,000</li> <li>4. Indigenous Program?</li> </ol> <p><b>How to use rest of funds:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cover the Skating Costs / Subsidize Field Trip</li> <li>2. Coding – Lego League, Media Lab</li> <li>3. Cost of Chair Rental in Musical</li> <li>4. Allocate next year what to spend. And try to increase our expenses.</li> <li>5.</li> </ol>	<p>Andrew Rupf</p>
6	<p><b><u>Other Business</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Teachers Appreciation Breakfast - June 29</b> Finalize date and budget. \$500 last year. Invite Rhonda. Motion to approve event – Andrew 1<sup>st</sup>, Wendy 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Approved</p> <p><b>b. Welcome BBQ in September 2018</b> Check with other schools' schedules (Bayview &amp; Cummer).</p> <p><b>c. MAY 22 or 23 Education Week</b> – Ward Meeting at Bayview Middle School - Green Party, NDP &amp; Liberals (all parties) are invited to Talk about education issues. Andrea Gordon from Toronto Star will be Moderator. If this event is held in Mckee, we can hold our SAC meeting earlier at 5:45-6pm on May 23.</p>	<p>Hannah Tudo</p> <p><i><b>Hannah to check Bayview &amp; Cummer welcome bbq schedule for 2018-19</b></i></p>

5	<b><u>Closing Remarks</u></b>  a. Next board meeting – May 23, 6:30pm.	
<b>Meeting Minutes</b>		
<b>Outstanding</b>		
1	List of Fundraising Programs to do for next year – MAY AGENDA	
2	RBC Grant Update	Ali
3	Write Politicians regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Their Position on EDCs for school expansion / renovations</li> <li>- Cannabis Controls for Children</li> <li>- Commitment for no Cannabis stores to open within a 5km radius from Mckee</li> </ul>	Daniel Gogek
4	Treasurer to 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 Rupf
5	Mckee Wishlist Copy to Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JK / SK Playground</li> <li>- Trees</li> <li>- Scientist in School / Workshops for kids &amp; teachers</li> </ul>	Jeanette
6	SAC Representative to welcome JK Families @ Welcome to Kindergarten event May 24	
7	Mckee Representative for Fix Our Schools	