



Meeting Minutes

Location		Time
McKee PS - 35 Church Ave, Toronto		6:30 – 8:45 PM
Meeting Chair		Meeting Scribe
Wen Teoh & Jennifer Ting Wu		Kavita Srivastava
Attendees		
Jeanette Lang	Ting Wu	Mr. Gagnon
Wendy Teo	Andrew Rupf	Wen Teoh
Kavita Srivastava		

#	Topic	Owner
1	<u>Opening Remarks</u> a. Vice principal is at the equity session	
2	<u>ProGrant – Mental Health Issues (Grades 4/5)</u> ProGrant use must be mental health related and have parent engagement. Last year, the grant was applied towards – mental health literacy – might be helpful for parents to hear about and helping to build resiliency. Andrew had a conversation with Jonathan prior to this meeting to discuss what we could do with that ProGrant money. Jonathan has been working in child and mental health for about 20 years. Adults give kids advice for how to manage stress, but no one explains why (what's going on at that moment that's causing the challenge). Parents don't have a good understanding of why it's happening. Jonathan has supported teams that do work with young children to have the capacity to understand the concepts if presented in the right way. Suggestion for Progrant use towards: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have a session where you invite children and parents, and this will give parents tools to help their kids at home. The session would be part of the school day, where you would invite the parents. Jonathan could host a Q&A with the parents after the session.• Can we have the session aimed at kids younger than Grade 5? Especially since McKee has been intentional about trying to help Grade 5 kids	Jonathan Choi



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	<p>transition to middle school. Per Jonathan, you can always get more dosage of this stuff – i.e. the more you hear it the better it is.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jeanette to get the date in the calendar after conferring with teachers. Jonathan to send some dates for availability to Jeanette and Jeanette to confirm with TDSB that It's ok for Jonathan to present and lead the session.	
3	<p><u>Chairs Report</u></p> <p>a. Adoption of previous board meeting minutes (April 24, 2019) All approved. – Motion – Wen ; 2nd – Andrew</p>	Wen Teoh / Ting Wu
4	<p><u>Principals & Vice Principals Report</u></p> <p>b. Welcome to Kindergarten (May 23 @10:15-11:15am) 67 families are registered – expect that 55 will show up. Early Childhood Educators and Kindergarten Teachers will be hosting a Welcome to Kindergarten event. Collaboration with McKee McKids is ongoing. Then families will go to classrooms (2 empty classrooms) with 6 stations set up. Would anyone want to speak at this event?</p> <p>c. Staffing update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classrooms and teachers not yet finalized but have received good input from parents. McKee is doing their best to try to accommodate parent requests <p>d. Yearbook Feedback from community is that parents would prefer the hard cover version. Committee came up with digital version (slideshow format) – teachers didn't have the bandwidth to do the hard copy. On-line and cash/cheque orders are coming in.</p> <p>Could you have the grade 4/5 help with this next year? Suggestions and rationale are welcome.</p> <p>e. Eco School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• McKee is evaluated yearly to determine their compliance. Platinum level – May 27th our audit.• Eco Grant – applied and awaiting results. Increased chances if attend the bike to school campaign.• Bike to school campaign on May 31 in Finch Public School. Jesse James and Councillor John Filion - Trustee Brown and community police officers to come.	Jeannette Lang



<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will be welcoming a staff at June SAC to explain the thinking behind bike lanes on Yonge. <i>Jeanette to connect with Councillor Filion's office</i> to share the concern around recent events involving safety that has impacted our community and ask that Jesse James share the bike safety message instead of Councillor Filion. Discussion re: Is someone being put in harm's way by having John Filion come to the assembly after the incidents that occurred at John Filion's home (i.e. home invasion and shooting) <p>f. Book Fair (May 27 – May 31) Books arrive tomorrow</p> <p>g. Grade 4/5 Speeches All Gr. 4/5 classes wrote speeches – 2 from each room presented. Wen attended along with previous administrators, Dom Georgi, Katia Robles and Trustee Brown were judges.</p> <p>h. Mathletics Program Question was asked about parents receiving access if a teacher did not arrange for this to be part of her/his teaching opportunities. Answer from Shauna McEachern rep for Mathletics: Mathletics offers home accounts for parents which they can sign up for at www.mathletics.ca and they are \$99 per year.</p> <p>i. Visit to Avondale<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If there are parent engagement evenings next year, will invite parents from Avondale as well.</p> <p>j. Pizza Volunteer / Lead Jeanette to email parents re: pizza volunteer for next year. Jeanette to speak about it at the welcome to kindergarten as well. Review pizza fundraising and how to improve / change pricing.</p> <p>k. School Activities Bee assembly and Bike to school safety assembly –Integrity/ Ramadan, Fasting room being used by several</p> <p>l. Activities to come<ul style="list-style-type: none">• June 7 – P.A. Day• June 26 – Reports go home• June 26 – Grade 5 Graduation (1:30 p.m.)• June 27 – Awards Assembly (9:00 a.m.) and last day for students</p>	<p><i>Jeanette to contact Councillor Filion's Office re bike safety talk.</i></p> <p><i>Jeanette to email for a pizza lead volunteer next year</i></p>
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5	<p><u>Treasurers Report</u></p> <p>a. Monthly Budget - \$52,000 in cash</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have a good amount of funds for next year.• \$23K,000 come in from pizza sales – includes deposits from December. We’ve been able to collect on the cheques that bounced (since the December deposits were made so late). And one final deposit to be done in June for pizza (per Val)• \$18,000 put towards paying for several activities that happened at McKee this year• Suggest keeping approximately \$12,000 aside for fall activities in September / October for the BBQ and pizza and other expenses. <p>b. Suggestions on how to use funds Raised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast for staff• Jeanette will have more invoices from her “wish list”• Potentially consider using money for software licenses <p>c. \$5,000 GIC</p> <p>Money was put aside for the playground but now that the primary playground project may not be as imminent. Should the GIC be cashed in and used for something more immediate?</p> <p>No final decision was made on what to do with the GIC.</p>	Andrew Rupf
4	<p><u>Others</u></p> <p>a. Parent Feedback</p> <p>Some parents had provided feedback to SAC members, which were brought up to Jeanette and discussed as a group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why do we have to pay for the agenda? Students at Lester B Pearson don’t pay for it. Answer: the reason they don’t pay for it is because the parent council pays for it. Jeanette to speak with the agenda company on the quality of the agendas• Some parents think scientist in the school is not worth it<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Next year teachers get a choice▪ Staff love scientist in the school• After school extra curricular – parents are willing to pay – northern karate, hip hop<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ It’s an issue around permitting▪ Can never be on Thursdays because of international languages▪ It’s a logistics issue – at prior schools, sometimes the program would end at 5:30 and the parents wouldn’t show up and then Jeanette would have to stay until the parents show up	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Some teachers don't like giving up their classrooms – they're left in a mess; stuff goes missing• Suggestion for a strings program for grades 3 to 5<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Issues to consider: Where would we house the equipment? Who would clean the equipment? There is a lot of organization involved. <p>McKee does offer a lot of activities – e.g. Guitar, baseball, choir are after school; a lot of the activities are during lunch</p>	
5	<u>Closing Remarks</u> a. Next board meeting June 19, 2019 Wednesday @6:30PM	Wen Teoh / Ting Wu

Outstanding Items		
1	Traffic Parking Issues & Brochure	Jeanette/ Rachel Pyo
2	Migration from External Accounting to TDSB Accounting Platform – Vote	Andrew / SAC
3	Progrant – Finalizing details and session with Jonathan	Wen
4	Documentation / Procedures on how to deposit cheques etc.	Andrew
5	Bike Lanes on Yonge – Safety Issues	Jeanette
6	Pizza Volunteer	Jeanette
7	GIC Money – saved for small playground renovation – terminate or not?	SAC
8	PIAC Representative to come and give a talk to SAC – next year 2019-2020	Andrew