

McKee Public School

School Advisory Council

Tuesday April 5, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Jeff Kwong
Katia Robles
Farveh Ghafouri
Wendy Teo
Jennifer Nguyen

Bonnie Yu
Eman Khairallah
Zahra (Afsaneh) Shahsavari
Charles Yang
Domenic Giorgi

Ravi Kumar
Gary Gagnon
Sara Biglari
Hengameh Vahabi

1. Call to order: 6:35 pm.
2. Introductions.
3. Approval of January meeting minutes: Afsaneh raised a motion to approve, seconded by Charles.
4. Approval of February meeting minutes: Jennifer raised a motion to approve, seconded by Hengameh.

Principal's Report (Domenic Giorgi):

5. September 2016 school year staffing and placement options: quick excerpts from the Principal's report.
 - a) 16th September is the cutoff date set by the board for the school to reconcile the total actual vs projections for the 2016-2017 school year.
 - b) No updates on the completion of Avondale school yet. Projected to open in January 2018.
 - c) Maximum recommended class placement numbers are: JK/SK, 30 students; Grades 1-3, 20 students; Grades 4-5, 30 students. However, schools are allowed to increase the numbers to 34 or 35 for JK/SK classes based on the enrollment pressures and the actuals during September.
 - d) Board does not give the flexibility to principals for adding an additional teacher or class.
6. **Spirit week:** All the students enjoyed the spirit week and the field trip for Grade 5.
7. **Dance-a-thon:** the event was extremely successful. Sharon gave a wonderful welcome speech and also helped create awareness about the SAC among the parent community. McKee managed to collect \$15,000 through this event.
8. **Request to Council for expense:**
 - a) Principal requested Council to consider approval of \$600 required to rent 400 chairs to be used by 2 programs organized by the school in April.
 - b) In addition, Council was requested to approve the expense of \$900 for purchase of mobility carts to be used by music teachers since it would help them to move the musical instruments across classrooms more easily.
9. **Yearbooks:** have been ordered. There is an addition of 16 pages from this year. The cost of the books has been increased to \$25 from \$20 (last year) to factor in the additional pages and the increase in costs. The yearbook is not a fundraising activity for the school.
10. **Upcoming Events / Important Dates**
 - a) **Barbeque Event: 14th September, 2016 (2nd Wednesday)**
 - b) **SAC 2015-2016 year closing meeting: 20th September, 2016.**
 - c) **Curriculum Night: 5th October, 2016.**

d) **“On the Radio” musical show: April 26-27.**

11. Impact of increased math period to be discussed at next meeting.

Chair Report:

12. PIAC meeting: Afsaneh updated about the PIAC meeting and shared the message from Ministry of Education emphasizing anti-bullying policies at schools.

New Business / Open Questions:

Bicycle Rack: Council discussed and approved to add 2 bicycle racks, each costing \$600, to be placed at as yet undetermined locations in the schoolyard.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm ☺

Important Decisions and Action Items:

1. **Action [Deferred to May meeting]:** Form a Sub-Committee for Play Area Improvements & Management.
2. **Decision:** Will pilot-test selling SaveAround coupon books at school events starting in September 2016.
3. **Action [Closed]:** Council to discuss the long-term plan for fundraising initiatives and goals. Deferred to be discussed by next year's Council, after the plans for AstroTurf installation are finalized.
4. **Action [Closed]:** Plan for the funds maturing from the term deposit. The Council agreed to let the term deposit renew automatically on maturity.
5. **Decision:** Council to cancel the Acorn Card sales for this year.
6. **Decision:** *Council approved to spend \$900 for carts for musical instruments. Motion raised by Bonnie and seconded by Charles.*
7. **Decision:** *Council approved to spend \$600 for renting chairs. Motion raised by Eman and seconded by Jennifer.*
8. **Decision:** *Council approved to purchase 2 bicycle racks for \$600 each. Motion raised by Jennifer and seconded by Charles.*
9. **Decision:** *Council decided to defer discussion of the traffic report to the May Council meeting.*

Future Meeting Schedule:

1. Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 6:30 pm
2. Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 6:30 pm
3. Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 6:30 pm