

McKee Public School
School Advisory Council
Wed September 23, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Sophie (Wei Jun) Xi	Afsaneh Shahsavari	Julia Younova
Eman Khairallah	Hengameh Vahabi	Parvaneh Hemati
Nazli Dehghanni	Jennifer Nguyen	Abide Tan
Hannah Tudo	Sara Biglari	Vanessa Najera
Yendra Shen	Soudabeh Fattahi	Shehla Naushahi
Nouhad Noun (Nina)	Maryam Keshmiry	Minal Menghani
Nidhi Nahajan	Ravi Kumar	Cesar Oh
Ali Bhagat	Jeff Kwong	Wendy Teo
Farveh Ghafouri	Charles Yang	Domenic Giorgi
Helen Lee	Daniel Gogek	Gary McGilvray
Ishita Roy	Ed Lee	Bonnie Yu

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1. Call to order. 6:35 pm.

2. **Principal's Report (Domenic Giorgi)**

- Welcome to the first meeting of this year's council. I look forward to working with many of you over the course of the year. The main purpose of this group is to act as an advisory group to the Principal. The Principal and Vice Principal are not voting members, but will participate fully in discussions and answer questions as best as we can. It is this strong partnership that has allowed our school to continue to thrive and excel. Thank you for the many returning members. It is my pleasure to introduce Mr. McGilvray, our Vice Principal.
- We want to thank SAC for providing breakfast to our staff on our June PA day in 2015.
- Teachers are engaged in a Work to Rule. For now, all instruction and supervision is happening. Extra-curricular activity will not occur on Wednesdays. All administrative work will not be completed, including handing out forms, conducting fundraising, etc. This is a very fluid situation that can change at any moment. Parents are encouraged to keep up to date via media channels.
- We are off to an extremely busy start to the year. Teachers are getting to know our students. Students are forging new friendships and feeling comfortable in their classrooms. Our BBQ was postponed as a result of the Teachers Work-to-Rule. Traffic continues to be a challenge; we continue to encourage families to walk or park at Mitchell Field. Parking Enforcement has been regularly visiting our school and ticketing cars parked illegally.

- Construction Projects completed at McKee over the summer – two additional. Two primary classrooms have been reconstructed with toilets and sinks to accommodate two additional kindergarten classes. The Solar Panels continue to be worked upon. We will keep you posted as best as we can with the safety of our staff and students a top priority.
- Child Care and McKee Public School have increased our collaboration in sharing school space, equipment and resources. We are sharing more rooms with McKee McKids before school and after school. We have all agreed that communication is vital to this partnership.
- Enrolment/Staffing - Students are continuously being registered on a daily basis. As of today, we are at 762 students (we are at our total projected number). We have had to reorganize our 1/2 split and make it a Grade 2 class.
- Staff Additions – we have added 9 new staff this year (3 teachers, 2 ECE, 2 SNA, 2 LRS) in addition to 19 new staff last year (7 teachers (2 Kindergarten, 1 in Grade 1, 1 in Grade 4, 1 in Grade 5, two part-time prep teachers), 6 Early Childhood Educators, 6 Lunchroom Supervisors). Parking continues to be a challenge for our staff.
- Parents received a lot of paper from our office and classroom teacher. A hard copy of our newsletter and School Calendar were sent home. This will hopefully be the last time all this paper will be used as we look to use only electronic means of communicating from here on in.
- EQAO did not take place in the spring 2015, therefore we continue to show the following results from 2014:
 - Reading – 90% Board – 65%
 - Writing – 89 % Board – 77%
 - Math – 93% Board – 70%
- While this is a great result for our school, EQAO is one form of many various ways to assess student learning.
- A School Statement of Needs (SSON) will be required by the School council at the end of October. The SSON replaces the Principal/Vice Principal Profile. A copy of the latest SSON has been passed around for your reference. Completion will be done at our next council meeting.
- A Fundraising Plan will be required by the Principal to submit to the Superintendent. At McKee, the SAC carries out most of the fundraising activity. A copy of last year's template has been provided and we will need to complete a current one by the end of October.
- Our school population has many cultures with many celebrations throughout the year. We will continue to do our best to recognize all the festivals and events throughout the year such as Noroz, Diwali, Lunar New Year, etc.

- Reporting to families in 2015-16 – Part of a teacher’s responsibility is maintaining open communication with parents. Parents should not hesitate to ask how to maintain regular communication with teachers throughout the year. The following dates have been set with formal reporting to parents:
 - Progress Report for November 9, 2015 – no grades and parent-teacher interview
 - Report 1 – February 8, 2016 – grades and parent-teacher interview upon request
 - Report 2 – June 28, 2016 – grades and promotion statement
- Communication – very important for parent-teacher relationship. Newsletter is available to parents who provided email address. No hard copies will be sent home. Our website will also be a valuable resource to families. The design of a school website is up and running with a link to our SAC.
<http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/mckee/>

3. Review of June minutes and action items carried forward from last meeting. **[MOTION 1] to approve June minutes (Jeff / Hannah).**

4. Other Business

Pizza Lunches will continue every other week beginning Thursday October 8. Thank you to Ali for his tireless efforts in coordinating all the pizza lunches and thank you to the many parent volunteers who help distribute the pizza to the students. This year, cost of pizza has gone up since we now have to pay tax. Therefore, in order to minimize having to deal with change, we will only be accepting pre-orders for each semester.

5. Elections of 2015-2016 School Advisory Council

Co-Chairs:

Afsaneh Shahsavar, Jeff Kwong

Co-Secretaries:

Nidhi Nahajan (for the first 1-2 months, Hannah Tudo will fill in for her)

Ravi Kumar

Co-Treasurers:

Charles Yang, Bonnie Yu, Wendy Teo

Members-at-Large

Eman Khairallah

Hengameh Vahabi

Yendra Shen

Daniel Gogek

Abida Jan

Sara Biglari

Jennifer Nguyen

Cesar Oh

6. Meeting Adjourned, 8:30pm
 Next SAC meeting will take place on Wednesday October 21, 2015, 6:30pm