



MCKEE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Parents of McKee Public School

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35 Church Avenue, Toronto, ON M2N 6X6

September 21, 2022

formsMeeting Minutes: September 21, 2022

Location	Virtual Meeting: Zoom Conference	
Time:	6:00PM – 7:00PM	
Meeting Chair	Melisa Ash and Maria Speare	
Attendees		
Melisa Ash (Co-chair)	Maria Speare (Co-chair)	Jeanette Lang
Tina Weinberg	Hayley Buckler (Co-secretary)	Ai-Chin Liu
Nicole Di Wu (MAL)	Tess Liu	Hezhong Wu
Reem Dabbour	Mandy Cheng (MAL)	Karen Tse
Atefeh Javadian (Co-secretary)	Fidan Naghiyeva (MAL)	Josephine Chuk (Co-treasurer)
Dareen Carafeddine	Julia Chung	Abhiram Gangadharan Nair
Roger Chen	Ridaa Ghraizi	Kaushal Mamdani (MAL)
Kavita Srivastava	Yise Zhang	Prajakta Sawant
John Li (Co-treasurer)	Claire Chiu	Hossein T. Hashemi
Lawrence Lin	Ms. Kenedy	Lucy Hu (MAL)



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#	Topic	Owner
1	Principal/Vice-principal introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">Looking forward to working with the council over the course of the yearMain purpose of council is to act as an advisory group to the principalPrincipal and Vice-principal are not voting members, but will participate in discussions and answer questions	Jeanette Lang / Tina Weinberg
2	Approval of last meeting's minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Motion to approve: Atefeh JavadianSeconded: Fidan Naghiyeva	Melisa Ash
3	Assigning roles for new council: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Chairs: Melisa Ash (Sophia, Gr. 4), Maria Speare (Alexander, Gr. 2 & Catherine, SK)Treasurers: Johnathan Li (Evan, SK & Chloe, Gr. 3), Josephine Chuk (Efes, Gr. 3 & Camus (JK)Secretaries: Hayley Buckler (Audrey, Gr. 1), Atefeh Javadian (Daniel, Gr. 1)	Melisa Ash / Maria Speare



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members at large: Kaushal Mamdani (Rian, JK), Anna Fan (Jason, Gr. 4 & Isaac, Gr. 1), Fidan Naghiyeva (Jivad, Gr. 3), Shirley Lee (Sharon, Gr. 1), Ella Wu (Calen, Gr. 3), Nicole Wu (Nicolas, Gr. 1), Dareen Charafeddine (Salam, Gr. 4), Nichole Chu (Aiden, SK), Mandy Cheng (Riley, JK), Lucy Hu	
4	<p>Principal's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thank you to SAC for Tim Horton's gift cards to staff in June as well as the flowers provided by Atefeh• Student numbers/class sizes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Off to a busy, but positive, start to the year– 41 new students– 545 projected; 595 in the building– Awaiting increase in staffing allocation and will then rebuild the staffing model and reorganize the classes– Aiming for no splits, but will see what can be done– Primary grades are the issue– Grades 1-3 will be reorganized– Mindfully done; consult with teaching staff	Jeanette Lang / Tina Weinberg



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- October 3 is the official date where all staff and students need to be in their correct classes
- Not just a numbers issue, there's a balance of needs, gender, special education support, ESL support, separating kids who need to be separated, etc.
- Great teachers are in line to work at McKee, so Jeanette and Tina have the privilege of interviewing great teachers
- **Curriculum night:** October 13th (intentionally done to happen after any reorganization)
 - Welcome Back BBQ same night (Fire it Up)
 - 2 presentations: 5:00pm and 5:30pm
- **Extracurriculars:**
 - Cross-country: 3 tryouts this week; 2 practices a week after once the team has been chosen
 - Soccer tryout permission forms went out today for Gr. 4 and 5 boys
 - Sports – chess club – French club – art club – folk dancing (Mr. Trevor signed up!)
 - and more! Huge list of extracurriculars to be available this year
 - New ESL friendship club
- **New crossing guard** at Kenneth and Norton



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– TDSB Walk to School Day (October 6)• Terry Fox Day: This year the Terry Fox run will be held on Thursday, September 29th with all students beginning with an Assembly to share the purpose and story of Terry Fox. All students will participate in a run/walk organized at various times throughout the day. An online cashless link to help raise funds for cancer research will be sent out with donations welcome up to Friday, October 7th. Cash donations are also welcomed in the form of a toonie or other forms of cash.<ul style="list-style-type: none">– assembly (age-appropriate presentations; can be triggering for families who might be dealing with cancer)• Orange Shirt Day: students will be asked to wear something Orange on Friday, September 30th to recognize this day where we discuss how “Every Child Matters”. The story of Phyllis Webstad, a residential school survivor, is shared to help build awareness and educate our students about the history of Indigenous peoples as part of our Calls to Action mandate<ul style="list-style-type: none">– If no orange shirt, other options will be available (bracelets, cut out orange hearts, etc.)• Photo day: Thursday Oct 6<ul style="list-style-type: none">– There is a retake day to be scheduled later	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– class photo this year• Bee Assemblies: Will continue to recognize but will do so in classroom in front of peers with the focus of assemblies being deeper content rich in equity and cultural relevancy<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Will put together an equity committee to prepare these assemblies– Parents welcome to attend assemblies (parents will be notified)	
3	Treasurers' Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• August 31, 2022: \$6,951.83• \$500 spent by SAC for the BBQ (but we'll get it back through the fundraising efforts of that night)• No outstanding cheques• Transactions will likely be much busier this year• Flipgive has earned us about \$300 (not cashed out)	Yise Zhang (2021–22 treasurer)
5	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next SAC meetings: October 19, November 23, January 18, February 22,• Hybrid option likely best, but decisions can be made on a meeting-by-meeting basis	Melisa Ash/ Maria Speare



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thankful for all the new parents who are interested in joining the council!	
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