

**McKee Public School
Toronto, Ontario**

**School Advisory Council Minutes
Wednesday June 10, 2015**

In Attendance:

Wendy Teo	Charles Yang	Cesar Oh	Gary McGilvray
Bonnie Yu	Ravi Dorairaj	Vanessa Najera	Domenic Giorgi
Hannah Tudo	Eman Khairallah	Steve Hayakawa	Divya Balasubramanian
Kash Aquil			

- Call to order. 6:45 pm.
- Review of April minutes.

[MOTION1: Pass the April minutes Kash / Jeff]

- Review May minutes

[MOTION2: Pass the May minutes Hannah / Wendy]

- **Principal's Report (Domenic Giorgi)**

- Welcome to Kindergarten – approximately 80 families attended. Thank you to Vanessa and Hannah who represented SAC
- Changes to kindergarten drop off area inside the black gate at the front of the school has been successful so far. Would like to expand this to include the primary playground area so that parents drop off children in the enclosed space.
- Volunteer Tea – had a great turnout
- Scientists in the School & Prologue – another success this year. Thank you to SAC for supporting these initiatives which the children really love. Would like to ask if SAC will continue to support these two initiatives for next school year. Would require approximately \$5000 for each initiative.

[MOTION3: Earmark \$10,000 to support both Scientists in the School and Prologue for 2015/2016 school year Jeff/Wendy]

- Yearbooks – will be handing out yearbooks at the end of the school year. The yearbook committee did not add extra pages to the yearbook as discussed at a previous SAC meeting. Thank you to SAC for offering to subsidize the cost of additional pages

- Added 40 new iPads to the school this year. Thank you again to SAC for your generous support.
- Draft calendar for 2015/2016 school year – Parent asked to change the September SAC meeting to Wednesday September 23rd instead of the 30th.
- Update on construction for rooms 107 & 108. Will be reconfigured as kindergarten classrooms for next year. Good news, initial plans didn't allow for installing a washroom for the two classrooms. Children would have to go down the hall, but now, washrooms for the two rooms will be installed.
- Report cards – will likely be a letter sent out to parents.
- SAC table at school events for next year may increase parent participation. Good events to have a SAC table would be the Welcome Back BBQ in September, Welcome to Kindergarten in May, the December sing-a-long assembly, and the spring concert.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Reviewed financials to June 5th. We are in a healthy financial position.
 - September BBQ requires a \$500 deposit to book the vendor for the food. Jetsuns Burgers was the vendor last year. Last year's price was \$3.50, the cost will increase by 10 cents this year. The cost includes a hot dog/burger, chips and a drink. Vendor will need to make sure there is more staff on site to reduce the wait time for food.
 - **[MOTION4: Motion to place a \$500 deposit to book the vendor for the BBQ in September. Jeff/Cesar]**
 - **[MOTION5: Motion to have both cotton candy and popcorn available for sale at the BBQ. Cost of equipment rental will be minimal and sales will easily cover the cost. Hannah to submit expense next school year. Jeff / Cesar]**
- **New business.**
 - Hot Lunch and Pizza Lunches – Parents were asking if we would continue with the Lunch Lady and if it's possible to have pizza lunch every week, or bring in another hot lunch option that is healthier and less expensive. Real Food for Real Kids is another hot lunch company serving healthy meals but their delivery model is very different and may not work in McKee's space. Many factors need to be considered including logistics of different lunch hours for different grades, volunteer coordination, space issues, meeting parents needs, etc.
 - **[ACTION1: Gary to ask Ali if he would be willing to coordinate a pizza lunch every week next school year]**
 - **[ACTION 2: Bring forward this discussion and options for other hot lunches to the SAC meeting on September 23rd.]**
 - Staff Appreciation Lunch/Breakfast – Parent wanted to know if SAC might consider hosting a staff appreciation lunch/breakfast. Domenic suggested that a

breakfast for the PA Day just after the last day of school would be a nice gesture to acknowledge the hard work of teachers and staff.

[MOTION 6: Committ upto \$500 to provide staff breakfast for meeting on June 26th. Charles/Eman]

- **Meeting Adjourned 8:13 pm.** Next and final meeting for current SAC council (September 23, 2015)

Notes from community meeting with Superintendent Linda Curtis, School Trustee Alexander Brown and TDSB Planner Peter Napertskow.

- Update from Peter Napertskow
 - Student enrollment in May 2015 was 738. Currently 734
 - Projected student enrollment for next year is 764. Trends show that numbers have been climbing
 - To ease enrollment pressure at McKee, will be transforming the current music room to a classroom. Will also be utilizing the computer lab upstairs as an additional resource space. Will also be converting Rooms 107 & 108 to FDK rooms for a total of 8 kindergarten rooms.
 - Will likely get a new portable. Still working on getting permits and arrange proper space to place the portable to align with city by-laws and other regulations regarding parking and addressing safety issues, etc.
- Update from Superintendent Linda Curtis
 - The address audit at McKee has resulted in a significant number of files that need to be verified, confirmed and updated. Goal is to ensure students residing within the McKee school boundaries are at McKee.
 - The new Avondale school is slated to open in September 2017. They will start planning for revised school boundaries in Fall 2015.
 - A minimum of one public consultation must be held if school boundaries are revised. This will likely be conducted some time in 2016.
 - Projected capacity for the new Avondale school is 553 students. The planned project will be 2 stories, with a foundation/footing built-in to allow for possible 3rd storey if required in the future.