

School Council Meeting

Approved Minutes

Thursday October 8, 2015

Members Present – Mary Zervas, John Bakous, Jill Rosen, Becky Ayers, Anna Tikkanen, Steph Rogers, Ellie Bakerman, Laura Ovesia, Temitope Kentabe, Lakshmi P Kotra, Dasantila Golemi-Kotra, Naomi Fisher, Zohar Gilula, Fion Lam, Dongbo Zhu, Paula Amaral

Agenda Item	Decisions/Action Taken	Person Responsible
<i>Welcome and Introductions</i>	Welcomed everyone and went over the agenda.	John Bakous, Chair
<i>Review and Approval of Minutes May 21</i>	Ellie makes motion to pass May 21, 2015 and Zohar seconds. Everyone agrees with minutes.	Mary Zervas
<i>Treasurer's Report</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance in chequing account is \$9,897.42 • Ellie informs everyone that the School council cannot go into deficit • Pizza lunches were successful but we cannot have pizza and hot dog lunches at this time due to Work to Rule action being taken by teachers • Fun Fair profit was \$3,421.21 (Income of \$5,834.55 plus Silent Auction Income of \$820.00 minus expenses of \$3,233.43) • There are events we typically budget for: performances, Scientists in the School (SITS), field trips if funds are available • \$14,660.25 was spent on covers for Ipads, and two Hitachi interactive boards 	Ellie Bakerman, Treasurer
<i>Principal's Report</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone introduces themselves • GENERAL UPDATES • New Playground: Mary informs everyone that the old playground by room B% and the gym was condemned. The new playground is under construction. It has been a 4 year process and it has now started. We were approved for 	Mary Zervas, Principal -

	<p>\$100,000 in funding. Scheduled to be completed by end of November. Plans are available to look at.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire drill and lock down drills: We are required to have 3 fire drills and 1 lock down drill in each of the Fall and Spring. We have had 2 fire drills and 1 lock down drill to date. • Job Action: ETFO represents teaching staff, CUPE is support staff. Both unions are in on-going province-wide labour negotiations with the Government of Ontario • Schools are open and instructional programs continue. • Student safety and learning programs are not impacted • Field trips are not taking place at this time • Extra-curricular activities that have started are continuing • Chess will be starting soon, they are working on getting their permits • APS Childcare Construction: North prep is a growing community and will require reorganization of space • Based on a PART boundaries were changed to alleviate pressure on Allenby and were redirected to North Prep. • North Prep is currently running at 92% capacity. It is projected to be 96% in 2016, 104% by 2019. • The PART from 3 years ago included input from all including school council, teachers, APS daycare, trustee and TDSB Planning Department • At the same time as PART was taking place there was a space review committee that looked at the physical space and all possibilities for usage of space. In most schools, space was found and only Allenby had additional space built. • Based on the different reviews at North Prep, it was recommended and later agreed that APS Daycare would be redirected to B1 and B2. Square footage wise the rooms do not meet the needs of the school but could meet the needs of daycare. The rooms are typically 	
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	<p>during the day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In June 2013 there was a change in supervisor for APS and the old and new supervisor told TDSB they were not satisfied with the original decisions at that time. • In response The Child Care Occupancy Review Committee began to assess the options for the daycare in October 2013. • At the end of June 2014 it was determined that there was three possible options: relocate to B1,B2 or relocate to B8, B9 or relocate to another facility outside of the school. • To use B1,B2 or B8,B9, renovations are requires to the requirements of the Day Nurseries Act with estimated costs as follows: B1, B2: \$130,000; B8, B9: \$95,000 • APS was notified there were grants available to assist with the renovations • APS decided to relocate to rooms B8, B9 and the school would use rooms B1, B2 • In April 2015 APS applied for \$50,000 and were approved • Construction has not begun due to some design issues • Parents asked what the impact is on the school Mary explained that some teachers have to work a la carte such as Health and Drama • The current timeline is that the project will be completed by the end of December. • A portable was put in place for space emergencies but it is not ready due to being ordered last minute. • B2 is currently being used for resource in the morning and ESL in the afternoon. • B1 is being used by the daycare. The school has asked if they can use the room for strings and band and we will hear back. • Parent asked if it is a possibility that daycare will have to leave as population grows. Mary responded that the priority for TDSB is to give space to the school to run its programs and not to give space for preschool programs. If the school does not need the space, the preschool programs can use the space as per 	
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	<p>lease arrangements. However, if enrollment continues to increase as projected, TDSB has to accommodate the needs of the school first.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The before and after programs are not impacted since they can be accommodated in the same space as school programs due to the fact the before and after programs operate outside of school hours. Also, as per legislation the Ministry has to provide before and after care for JK and SK. • B1 and B2 can only be used for resource programs because of square footage • Ellie commented that as per provincial legislation, daycares cannot be forced to relocate but Mary clarified that kindergarten before and after care is legislated but preschool and school age care is not legislated • Mary clarified that the goal of the school is to have the best learning environment for the students and not at the expense of having a business be profitable. • B3 will be used as a prep room and for strings, • Parent commented that she worked with a committee that worked on selecting a daycare provider for before and after care in another school and there were many options for providers that could fill the role 	
<p><i>Nominations and Elections</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first step is to elect the 11 people that are going to be on council to have a vote and represent the community • The 11 people that were voted are: Ellie Bakerman, John Bakous, Naomi Fisher, Temitope Kenetbe, Dasantila Golemi-Kotra, Lakshmi Kotra, Michaela Laura Ovesia, Ann Tikkanen, Jill Rosen, Stephanie Rogers, Zohar Gilula • Next step was to vote for the executive members. Only the 11 members voted as council members could vote. Mary went over the positions and the people running for the positions. • The results of the vote are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair: John Bakous ○ Secretary: Naomi Fisher ○ Vice Chair: Stephanie Rogers 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Treasurer: Ellie Bakerman ● All others are Members at Large ● Other members are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Representative: Becky Ayers, ○ Teaching Staff Representative: TBD ○ Non-teaching Staff Representative: Fion Siew ○ Principal is a non-voting member: Mary Zervas ● Committees that currently exist are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parent Class Rep and Student Directory: Jill Rosen, Ellie Bakerman, John Bakous ○ Pizza and Hot Dog Lunches: Steph Rogers, Anna Tikkanen, Zohar Gilula, Laura Ovesia, Ellie Bakerman ○ Pancake Day: Anna Tikkanen, Fion Lam, Laura Ovesia ○ Fall Pledge: Naomi Fisher, Lakshmi Kotra ○ Winter Silent Auction: Naomi Fisher, Steph Rogers ○ Dance-A-Thon: Jill Rosen, Anna Tickkanen, Paula Amaral, Laura Ovesia, Zohar Gilula ○ Bingo Night: John Bakous ○ Fun Fair: Jill Rosen, Steph Rogers, Becky Ayers, Anna Tikkanen, Zohar Gilula, Temitope Kentebe, Paula Amaral, Fion Lam, Laura Ovesia, Ellie Bakerman, John Bakous ○ Enrichment Committee: Ellie Bakerman, Naomi Fisher ○ By-Law Committee: John Bakous, Jill Rosen, Lakshmi Kotra 	
<i>Dates</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Official Meetings: ● Nov 3 (Jill Rosens' b-day) ● Jan 12 6:30 ● Feb 4 6:30 ● April 7 6:30 ● May 10 6:30 ● Spring Concert: 1st week of May ● Pizza lunches revolve around milk delivery so Ellie will inform pizza committee 	

<i>Fund Requested</i>	<p>The following has been requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 Girls football tournament \$56 • Grade 6 Boys football tournament \$60 • Grade 5 Girls \$30 • Grade 5 Boys \$30 <p>Ellie made motion, John seconds, everyone approves</p>	
<i>Next meeting, time and location</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 3, 2015 	
<i>Adjournment</i>	9:00	