

Owen School Advisory Council

Tuesday Sept 9th, 2014

6:30-7:30 pm

In attendance

Parents

Debbie Levy, Sarah Payne, Michelle Minion, Cecilia Lo, Sandra Pritchard, Helen Georgiou, Magali Leon, Rabia Shah, Rasoul Dokouhaki, Gita Maleki, Gerri Gershon, Leila Sahranavard, Mehri Sabzipour, Rakhi Tejani, Serena Beber, Madeleine Yu, Joyce Hu, Vivian Gnow, Crystal pallister, Jason Offet, Irene Sudorgin, , Alison Cha, Kristi Ashcroft, Annette Brajer, Cecilia Lo, Jennifer Young, Chanh Leuangthong, Mikki Hymus, Julie Kwon, Nazia Selzner

Administration

Julie kwon, Mikki Hymus

1-Welcome and Introduction Debbie Levy,

Debbie welcomed all parents to the first OSAC meeting this year. She also introduced the following member of the OSAC committee:

- Allison Cha & Chanh Leuangthong as financial officers
- Nazia Selzner as secretary

2- Agenda No addition was requested

3- Minutes: June 2014

- Approval put forward by Leila, seconded by Sarah: approved

4- Administration Report

- Gerri Gershon introduced and welcomed our new principal Mrs Kwon. Mrs Kwon gave a brief summary of her previous experience as principal at Sunnyview PS (JK-Grade 8). Sunnyview is a school for student with physical and mental disability. She mentioned the warm welcome that she has received from the kids and families at Owen and her appreciation and gratitude for everyone for a smooth transition.

- Mrs Kwon announced that this year enrolment is 632.
- She mentioned that overall transition to full day Kindergarten has been very smooth so far. The main challenge is the space available specially at lunch time. She announced that she has ordered several new lunch tables (cost 11000) which should arrive over the next few weeks. The other big challenge is the rainy days and indoor playing. She mentioned that each class will have bins of games to play inside and there will be movies on smart boards. She called all parents for donations of board games for these occasions.
- The VP Mikki Hymus welcomed all new staffs to Owen. She said that most teachers have now their website up and running. She also explained that due to the new rules of privacy established by TDSB (CASL) we can not send anymore publicity etc via email. She encouraged all parents to sign and send back the authorisation forms in order to receive Owen Online via email.
- With the new full day Kindergarten, there are now new classes open and the school requires possibly 4 more smart boards.
- **Fundraising Plans:**
 - **Pizza Lunch: Kristi & Annette have now taken over** pizza lunch program this year. The pizza forms were sent out. First rounds will start in Oct.
 - **Dance-a-thon Caroline Thompson takes over from Elizabeth & Chanh** it will be in Feb 9th
 - **Spring Fling: Debbie** we are looking for someone who can take over the leadership on this. Also Sarah will not run the games next year. Please contact Debbie if you are interested.
 - **Fall Affaire:** Cecilia who is no longer at our school has explained the event. This fundraising event is an adult only evening on Nov the 6th. This year the event will be held in the Vaughn Room at the Sunnybruck Estates.
 - **Subway lunch** will be replacing Quiznos lunch this year

7- Committees

- **After school: Debbie Levy** many regular programs as well as some new (such as yoga) are available. Registration is on the way
- **Healthy Living:**
 - **Milk: Maureen Ohashi takes over the program.** It will also be offered to the Kindergarten students.
 - **Snacks: Jennifer** if any ideas for snacks please talk to jennifer

- **Kids Kitchen: Michelle** It will cover warm lunch for kids 5 days a week regardless of the weather conditions. The flyers & menu are out and available at Owen on line
- **Echo Club:** Mrs Payne & Mr McArthur. If any parents wish to join please contact those teachers

- **Grade 6.**

There was a long discussion regarding the limited space for the Kindergarden classes. Mikki reassured that she has checked all the registrations to make sure that all the kids are within the Owen catchment area. There was also a lengthy discussion whether daycare should stay within school facilities or move out of the building. Mikki reminded everyone that Daycare currently subsidizes families who have no access to aftercare. It was felt overall that moving the Daycare won't be the best option and will create further problems.

6- Finances: Allison Cha & Chanh presented the details of the budget. Details attached

The next OSAC meeting: Tuesday Oct 7th 2014.

Motion to adjourn by Debbie, seconded by Nazia, all voted in favour. Meeting adjourned at 7.30pm.