Bayview Hill Elementary School
School Council Meeting
Date: Monday, December 14, 2009 @ 19H15

Chair: Parveen Nath

Attendees: Paul Woods (Principal), Carol Takagi (Vice Principal), Joanna Yu, Daniel Yim, Sandra Piperas, Stephanie Wallat, Jennifer Costas, David Cheng, Mira Wong, Heidi Bjerkan, Hae Yung Yim, Ajay Pahwa, Joseph Porretti, Norman Maddeaux, Ashna Kohli, Allison Beecroft, Patricia Kitagawa, Jennifer Ip, Ada Leung

Absentees: Wendy Steinberg, Malini Mathur, Karen Drakes, David Cohen

Before starting the meeting Mira had the people from U Got Dance to come in and present to the Parent Council group. They showed a video showing different kinds of programs that the company can offer to schools.

1. Review of Minutes – November 16th minutes carried by consent.

2. Review of Monthly Financial Report (Sandra Piperas)
   A. Please see Appendix ‘A’

3. School Financial Support Request (Paul Woods)
   A. Please refer to Appendix ‘B’ for cost details.
   B. Professional Development Literacy Training for SPCI – Up to now ‘at risk student’ was the focus for PD; however, for the upcoming year, the staff would like more time to devote training to ‘all students’. This will entail hiring occasional teachers to relieve staff. Thus administration is requesting 2 ½ days per teacher for development of teaching strategies.
   C. Safe Schools – in order to maintain safety, administration is requesting 2 walkie-talkies, 6 safety vest for ‘morning drop-off monitors’ and 5 Epipen stations. Mr. Woods explained that primary age students do not carry their Epipens out at recess or at lunch. School would like to have the 5 stations for anaphylaxis emergencies for ‘identified students’ and those unidentified students who may experience anaphylaxis. YRDSB does not fund Epipens. Members have raised questions as to why YRDSB would not fund a medical necessity. It was suggested to ask the Board funding for 2 ‘exquisite children’ who already attend BHES.
   D. Inclusionary Programming – for bullying prevention speaker for all grades
   E. IT Cost sharing – this funding has already been approved.
   F. PD Information Technology – funding for staff training
   G. Special Education – BHES has students with Autism, Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity, and Asperger’s Syndrome. These students
require support materials for better ergonomics and education. Examples were detailed by Mr. Woods, such as weighted vests for Autistic child to help ground them, move & sit cushions for ADHD child so that they can sit and pay attention, and visual timers for primary grades which help them monitor allotted time appropriately.

H. Funding for Primary Play Day, Junior Track and Field Days refreshments, and new basketball buckets for primary grades.
I. Guest author visit for primary grades
J. Two items from the request were removed – Recess Play Kits and CD/Stereo Player.
K. The merits for each request were discussed and initially, council decided to vote on Safe Schools first. The funding was voted and passed by majority with provision that administration look into requesting funding from the YRDSB.
L. Treasurer interjected with advice that the budget allows for $55,000 in student achievement and with the removal of $11,935 in teacher fund, the council has ample funds to support all financial request at this time. Council voted to void the funding for Safe Schools and decided to fund the entire request. Majority passed this.
M. 2009 – 2010 Budget will be approved at next meeting.

4. Musical Instruments (Carol Takagi)
A. Currently BHES rents all musical instruments at the cost of $11,500/yr. BHES would like to purchase instruments by pieces over 4 years. Financial committee asked BHES to bring proposal with cost for purchase, maintenance and replacement.

5. School Council Update (Parveen Nath)
A. Chairs would like feedback on ‘Lunch Lady programme’.

6. Office Referral From (Carol Takagi)
A. Behavioural problems will be triaged according to severity. Minor problems will be noted and dealt with accordingly while Major disruption will be referred immediately and the action will be prompt.

7. Discussion on Student Led Conference (All)
A. Many parents want one to one time to discuss student development with the teachers and there isn’t allotted time for this in conference.
B. Last year stations were added for one to one with teachers, however it was not well utilized.
C. Mr. Woods explained that YRDSB allows one interview per year and IB program mandates a student led conference, thus limiting options.

8. Discussion on School Board Website (All)
A. Any concerns can be addressed via the website, or through school trustee, Mr. Peter _______. Ultimately concerns should be addressed to Superintendent, Margaret Roberts.

B. Every spring there is a meeting for school council and it would be ideal venue for raising concern by the Parent Council representatives.

9. SPCI (Paul Woods)
   A. Due to limited time, Mr. Woods will share items through out the year.

10. Winter Electives (Paul Woods)
   A. This is an extension of physical education curriculum as an elective programme. Mr. Woods voiced concern that this programme has lost objective as a PE programme.
   B. Also, 4 days of WE with the addition of Family Day has meant loss of one week of learning.
   C. Thus, WE will be 3 days and activities assigned as
      i. G1-3 – skate ½ day and activity at school ½ day
      ii. G4-6 – ½ day Kort Wright Centre for Olympics, Orienteering, snow shoeing and ½ day skating, full day skiing.
      iii. G7-8 – full day skiing or ½ day survival & orienteering with ½ day bowling
      iv. Ski helmets will be mandatory along with a ‘buddy system’.
          Supervision will be 2 teachers at chalet, 1 teacher at each lift (colour coordinated), all staff monitoring behaviour and 1 teacher to 10 students for junior grades, 1 teacher to 15 students for intermediate grades.
      v. Students must go and come back on the bus. There will be 3 check points, checking in with ‘buddy’ in the morning, at 1pm for lunch break, and at 2:15pm for the last run.
      vi. There is only 1 free ticket per 20 students for staff.
      vii. Parent volunteers are to assist with equipment on & off only.
      viii. Discussion about time lost on ‘safety video’ was held. Suggestion to show video on the bus and tagging students who has seen the video was made. However, the ski operators will want safety to be followed for legal reasons.

11. New Staff (Carol Takagi)
   A. Grade 8 – Daniel O’Hara has been reassigned to replace Anna Rock who was replacing Stuart Sommers
   B. Grade 6, 7 – Mary Hillby to replace Ms Loughery on maternity leave, Melanie Steinberg to replace Mr. Giffin

12. Basketball Programme (Mira Wong)
   A. Balls are in bad shape and need replacement. #5 balls for Jr. cost $23 each and #6 ball cost $33.15 each.
   B. Request is for 12 No. 6 balls for total of $331.50
C. Also, First Aid kit is needed. The kit in the Administration office will be moved Tuesday evening to the gym.

13. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is on January 18th, 2010 @ 7:15pm.