BAYVIEW HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
DATE: April 19, 2010

Chair: Wendy Steinberg

Attendees: Paul Woods (Principal), Carol Takagi (Vice-Principal), Sandra Piperas, Jennifer Ip, Hae Yung Yim, Diane Daccord-Tsotsos, Malini Mathur

1. Review of minutes – Minutes are read and entered.

2. School Council Update

   Dance-a-thon – Glam Rock went well. Counting of pledges has not yet begun, will likely start tomorrow. Many kids dressed up and everyone seemed to love it. Donations for prizes - Jennifer donated an i-pod, someone else donated the PSP and a colour printer. Different types of gift certificates were also bought. A raffle will be held next week.

   BBQ Event - Tuesday, June 8 – Rough budget to be approved ahead of time and the group will be meeting to discuss details.

   On May 4th, Wendy, Parv and Paul will be attending the School Council Forum.

3. Safe Schools Bill 157 – On February 1st, Bill 157 came into effect. This new policy was discussed by the school safe group committee in December. The new policy has now come into effect, and anyone who observes or hears anything inappropriate must report this to the Principal. A Safe Schools Incident Reporting Form will be filled out and acknowledgement of receipt of the report will be given to the person who submitted the report. There is some discretion, but a repeat offender will have an Ontario Student Report filed, which will remain on their permanent record.

4. School Refresh (interior/exterior) – Painting of metal doors, windows and edgings started a couple of weeks ago and will continue for 4 weeks. The exterior will be painted this summer. The interlock in the front of the school will be removed and replaced with concrete. Three trees at the front of the school are dead, and we are responsible for replacing them. We will also be replacing three carpeted classrooms with tile during the summer.

5. Fundraising Events have now been completed. Concerns about the continuation of the Pizza Lunch Program were brought up. The current team is unable to continue running it next year. Paul Woods has agreed to put a notice into the next school newsletter requesting help to continue the program, which remains our biggest fundraiser.
6. **EcoSchool Report** – Carol Takagi informed us that they are currently making announcements all week with tips on how everyone should be getting involved in protecting the environment. The school is running a litterless lunch program, a battery drive and a light bulb drive. The primary group is making art out of recycled materials, and their work will be displayed. This Thursday is “walk to school” day. An audit will be done to see how far we’ve come in reducing energy usage and waste. The school is looking for more parents to be part of this group.

7. **IBPYP Update** – Paul Woods informed us that the school board is still reviewing the IB program. A full account audit is being performed, and a decision has not yet been made with respect to the program’s continuation at BHES. Karen Friedman, our superintendent, will be coming to our May council meeting.

8. **Quality Assurance (YRDSB)** – Nicki Kaligarou will be coming to the parent council meeting in May to discuss how we manage our school budgets and bank account issues. We have already implemented some changes to the cheque signing process.

9. **Request for Disbursements** – Mr. Porretti and Mr. Christianson brought forward a request for 3 Smart Boards and 3 Projectors, at a cost of $7,433. The motion could not pass, as there were not enough attendees. Wendy will be sending an e-mail to get a majority vote on funding the request.

10. The meeting was adjourned and next meeting is on Monday, May 17, 2010 @ 7:15 pm