Bayview Hill Elementary School
School Council Meeting
Date: Monday, May 17, 2010 @ 19H15

Chair: Wendy Steinberg

Attendees: Paul Woods (Principal), Carol Takagi (Vice Principal), Daniel Yim, Sandra Piperas, Stephanie Wallat, Jennifer Costas, Hae Yung Yim, Norman Maddeaux, Karen Drakes, Patricia Kitagawa, Malini Mathur, Marcella DeGiorgio, Mita Bora, Annette Livi, Sioban Karman, Anita Brant, Ajay Pahwa, Derek Wu, Joanna Yu, David Cheng, Jennifer Ip, Diane Daccord, Ada Leung.

1. Review of Minutes – April 19th, 2010 minutes carried by consent.
2. School Council/Safe Schools
   i. Proposal for the purchase of three Smart Boards (cost of $7433) was voted via email and passed by majority of council.
   ii. School Council Forum Update – This forum is held two times a year where council members from all schools meet and discuss varied topics. Parveen Nath, Wendy Steinberg and Carol Takagi represented BHES. The topic was Mental Health. 20% of students suffer from mental health issues. It is important that support for parents and students are in place and that we all recognize the signs. Currently when a student is identified, school team meeting is held including a social worker. Weekly psychologist visit is incorporated.
   iii. IB program – Decision has been postponed. It is under review and our IB program is status quo. Although the program is not on the Board’s agenda this year and the funding is not approved, monies have been received ($12000).

3. School Council Nominations (June)
   BHES has held the nominations and elections in the fall traditionally. This is outside of the norm for the region. Nominations should be held in May with elections in September of the current year.

4. Staffing update for September 2010
   Teacher’s leaves for maternity will be filled with occasional teachers.

5. Organization for 2010 – There will be three split grades. Sk/G1, G2/3, and G3/4. There will be three G1, three G2, four G3, two G4, three G5, three G6, four G7, and four G8.

   A. There was a presentation be staff on the Literacy program. The focus of the program was for the students to answer open ended questions. The program challenged students to do well by using success criterion, descriptive feedback. The teaching strategies were designed for all students. With the funding from the parent council, three PD per teacher for Literacy were completed. Session 1 was on Descriptive Feedback where different methods were learned. Session 2 was on Differentiated Instruction, again focusing on
different strategies. Session 3 was on Moderated Marking where teachers met and compared marking paradigm so that the marks given were uniform.

7. Sub-Committee Reports
   A. Dance-A-Thon raised $7900 net this year
   B. Community BBQ – June 8th, 2010. Most preparations are in place including M & M for food, magicians, children’s entertainment (jumping castle etc.) Budget for the total event is $3000. Council passed the funding by majority.
   C. Staff Appreciation Lunch – June 18th, 2010. Proposed budget is $2000. Food will be catered this year.

8. Eco School Report – We had a site visit for certification. Eco Rangers (students), teachers had a meeting and a binder was compiled and sent off for certification. The committee added two more parent volunteers. We still have some gaps in our initiatives such as school grounds waste, composting and ‘walk to school’.

9. PRO-Grant dialogue – Jennifer Ip is spearheading this project. It is a ministry funded grant of $1000 for parents to reach out to the community. Project proposal deadline is June 11th, 2010. Some topics for the events are ‘Family Health and Wellness’, ‘Father and son volleyball’, ‘Nutrition’. Program is specific about what can be included. Paul Woods and Ms Matthews also have a program called Boys in Literacy. It will identify at risk boys for literacy and enrol in the program. It involved reading linked with physical activity, journals to record and teaching parents. Council deliberated and decided that Boys in Literacy can be funded by Program Enhancements and therefore, Council will support Jennifer Ip. Due to the short time limit, Jennifer will draft a proposal and council will vote via email.

10. Kindergarten Graduation – talking point with community as to the decision for cancelling the tradition. There is anxiety for some and the academic/social relevance for the students was raised as a deciding point. Parents want it for the social/community aspect and in keeping up the tradition. Paul Woods will give it some additional consideration with the staff.

11. Review of Budget – Point was raised that we cannot roll reserve to future years and that funds raised is to be used for students. Council voted to match funding for Music Program of $8000.

12. Quality Assurance – School generated fund can’t be a separate bank account with a parent council member having signing authority. The funds must be deposited in SCHOOL CASH.NET where there are 10 – 12 specific ministry categories for spending. Parent council still has control over the funds; however, we must use school accounting. This actually promotes continuity and accountability.

13. Requests for Disbursements – Ms Matthews $7000 for gym equipment and $3603 for locking cages, parachutes, hockey nets, etc. Funding approved by majority.