BAYVIEW HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: October 18, 2010

Chair: Wendy Steinberg & Jennifer Ip

Attendees: Paul Woods (Principal), Patricia Nobuto, Joanna Yu, Malini Mathur, Karen Drakes, Jennifer Costas, Melonie Goboitsios, Parm Jandoo, Laleh Marashi, Jaime Bunbury, Diane Daccord, Punita Bansal, David Cheng, Sam Safarian, Norman Maddeaux, Sandra Piperas, Mira Wong

1) **Review of minutes** – no changes entered.
   Administrative- Karen Drakes...spelling, Parm Jandoo...attended September’s meeting

2) **School Council Update**
   Jennifer Ip – PARENTS REACHING OUT GRANT
   Proposal regarding health, wellness, mind and body application – Approved
   Budget of $1000.00 available for council along with $500.00 grant

3) **BHES School Concern** - Wendy Steinberg & Paul Woods
   Still of great concern is BHES overcrowding which continues to affect classroom sizes and learning opportunities. Current situation: 3 or 4 classes too full
   Pressing issue – IB Program approval... Ms. Takagi along with other staff members went to Vancouver to support BHES commitment to IB program. IB program approval takes precedence to overcrowding.
   **Discussion**
   Could it be a question of school being too small?
   Questioning number of out of area families
   Issues of multiple family dwellings
   Resources are tight
   Safety issues (possibly also a board issue)
   **Next Steps:** Parent council to support schools’ out of area policy
   School Board to help identify appropriate owners (cd)...cost a mitigating factor
   TDSB offers external audit to help investigate falsified information...School Board to support us and take ownership
   Follow up on leases on an annual basis

**BHES Progress Report** - Paul Woods

Progress Report is not evaluative eg. Progressing, progressing well etc.

New report – still in progress, no longer standardized reporting process and of course will be a learning process
There will be two terms – end of January and end of June
Student led conferences- IB criteria will be removed as we move forward with anecdotal progress report
Scheduled for November 11 for primary division
Intermediate grades 7 & 8 will be set up as a carousel in the gym. There will be a form to request meeting with teachers.

**Safe Schools Concerns** - Paul Woods and Norman Maddeaux
Doors locked consistently, being monitored 3xs daily
Issue- parents that frequent the school – must sign in, wear visitors tag and should not be exiting through doors other than front door or parking lot
Volunteer Handbook- Package and training with permanent tag for regulars
Reminder in newsletter about safety being our priority and to watch for volunteer handbook roll out

**Facebook** –Paul Woods
Program expensive and feedback from two Aurora schools is that not worth the cost.
Will move forward to look for a community liason to offer similar program

**EQAO** – Paul Woods
Scores really strong however remain a snapshot
Grade 3 84%, 85%, grade 6 90%, 92%, 90%
Focus to be on primary division looking for alternative data to find support and consistency in data for both girls and boys moving forward

**Musical Instruments**- Paul Woods
$ 10000.00 given from council, $ 6000.00 in rentals which will be paid for with end of year funds
Issue – instrumental returns – Cosmo holds BHES accountable for familial rentals. This is being addressed as it should not affect our rentals or financial obligations

**Kindergarten Play and Supervision**-Paul Woods
Intermittent measures in place with temporary fences and gates
Proposed a vote for November council meeting – provides opportunity to investigate safety concerns, conference with day care (shared cost, shared maintenance), and investigate other schools.

**School Council Meeting Dates**
Monday nights entered...no changes to date
4) **Literacy Initiatives**
Digital Literacy for grades 6, 7 & 8 – children technologically engaged and it’s time for school to meet their needs
Key- Netbooks as BHES wireless school. This initiative to come from school board

5) **Sub Committee Updates**
Fundraisers – Gift wrap Initiative underway. It is set up as a one week campaign with one package per family. It is a no prize program and is set up with online ordering to streamline order process.
Parent and Community Involvement – Family fitness-hip hop and nutrition is scheduled for November 24, 2010
Movie night is scheduled for December 1, 2010
A social worker with expertise in stress and anxiety is scheduled for January 26, 2011
An open house community and resources initiative with focus on health and wellness booths is scheduled for March 2, 2011
Community BBQ is scheduled for June 8, 2011

Extra Curricular Committee to investigate Camp Millionaire
Extra Curricular committee has been working hard to set up indoor soccer and indoor hockey...details – 5 week each program with details posted on website and a flyer produced.
Boys and girls will have equal opportunity and will be divided by age/grade. Program will be offered on Wednesdays

OELC – Program is a leadership camp which is offered in one week intervals. Focus is team building and cooperative skills for children in grades 7 & 8. Program is available in the spring and council proposes a small fee to cover instruction.

6) **Budget** – Sandra Piperas
Last year recap statement provided
November meeting – discuss further net budget
Discuss pizza and milk money
Committee to have copy of rough budget set for the 2010-2011 school year

Next Meeting – November 22, 2010