BAYVIEW HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: November 22, 2010

Chair: Wendy Steinberg & Jennifer Ip

Attendees: Paul Woods (Principal), Carol Takagi (Vice Principal), Stephanie Wallat, Evy Eliopulos, Mita Bera, Norman Maddeaux, Parven Nath, Laleh Marashi, Jennifer Costas, Hae Yung Yim, David Cheng, Mira Wong, Malini Mathur, Melonie Goboitsios

1) Review of Minutes – no changes entered

2/3) BHES Admin. Update

Paul Woods- Motion carried to budget $30,000.00 to $50,000.00 for primary enclosure.

A sub-committee will be formed with council members to volunteer, support and organize initiative.

Volunteer Orientation Initiative- Carol Takagi

Volunteer Date: Thursday, November 25, 2010

Premise behind initiative- to inform volunteers about practices in BHES, outline school’s expectations and seek consent to BHES confidentiality agreement.

As a school we want to know who our volunteers are and what their roles are.

Information to be included in all new orientation packages.

Laleh Marashi is working to create colour coded badges for volunteers identifying roles and frequency within the school throughout the day.

Literacy/ Numeracy Focus- Paul Woods

BHES following Ministry’s framework guidelines.

Effectiveness Framework – BHES has paired up with Red Maple Elementary School as our “critical friend”. Role of the “critical friend” is to ensure BHES is meeting its target obligations and hold school accountable for its outlined plan. Scheduled to visit in spring 2011.

Key area of focus is Learning and Student Achievement. Literacy chosen as Board plan heavily focused on literacy.
Jump Math Program – New pilot initiative rolled out to primary division however, not currently Board approved. Jump Math Program is concept specific rather than textbook specific. It is currently used by the Special Education unit and is strongly supported for its effectiveness. Pilot is to extract data and determine if there is a noticeable difference between the Jump Start program versus textbook instruction.

This program is currently being researched by Sick Kids Hospital for its unique approach to teaching and learning.

Discussion

Numeracy numbers are strong for BHES however there seems to be tremendous support from external facilities such as Spirit of Math and Kumon. Is the curriculum too heavy which therefore causes external support requirements?

Lat S – Literacy at Schools- Paul Woods

Dan Grant is to create a plan and be explicit in BHES’ intention regarding this program. Dan’s class is designated to be a demonstration class which will provide community schools the opportunity to visit and observe the key concepts at work.

Variety Show-Paul Woods

Date: March 31, 2011.

Primary division: Class or ensemble performances.

Junior & Intermediate: Reach for the stars approach with a teacher as the mentor. Children to approach mentor to participate and organize practise time. Will continue with CIA – Children in Action to design and deliver variety show.

Electives – Paul Woods

Letter for winter electives will be sent home weeks of November 22-29, 2010. Offerings will be same as last year.

3 days have been designated: February 8, 16, 23, 2011.

As reporting process has changed, winter electives will not interfere with students learning requirements.

4) Sub Committee Updates

Mira Wong- Volleyball will be offered for 4 weeks in January and 4 weeks in February 2011.
Leadership Building through Co-operative games- (OELC) Leadership Camp will be offered in spring 2011.

Family Fitness Night-Malini Mathur
Date: November 24, 2010

Move Night- Wendy Steinberg
Cancelled indefinitely.

5) Review of Budget
To be addressed the following meeting.

Pizza Program and Milk Program

Pizza Program-Evy Eliopulos
508 orders... gross sales $83,000.00... aprox. $50,000.00 profit.

Milk Program
238 orders...aprox. $6,000.00 profit.

6) Budget Request for 2010/2011-Paul Woods
Motion carried regarding funding requirements as outlined in budget proposal.

Biggest change was in IT Resources...net books, smart boards at each grade level, 7B kit lap top, projector, clicker system ( for multiple choice and privacy of data collection).

Next Meeting: January 24, 2011