BAYVIEW HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: February 22, 2011

Chair: Wendy Steinberg & Jennifer Ip

Attendees: Paul Woods (Principal), Stephanie Wallat, Diane Daccord-Tsotsos, Laleh Marashi, Norman Maddeaux, Patricia Kitagawa, Sandra Piperias, David Cheng, Malini Mathur, Jenn Costas, Parveen Nath

1) Review of Minutes – approved

2) School Council – Wendy Steinberg & Jennifer Ip

Lunch Program – Although another lunch organization approached the parent council, there isn’t a need to review the incumbent Kids Kitchen program at this time

3) BHES Admin Update – Paul Woods

School Safety

- Two children have been transferred from the school
- Annual health & safety inspection is scheduled for the week of February 28th
- There was a flood at the back of school. Temporary barriers were put up to redirect everyone from that area until Facilities Services cleared the drain.

Drop off Loop

- Ongoing concerns. Three accidents have occurred at the end of the loop. Suggestions were put forth to make a bigger sign to indicate that no left turn is allowed from the bus loop and/or paint lines (cross hatch pattern).
- Cars are also stopping/parking where not permitted. The Town of R.H. is issuing tickets.

School Newsletter – A suggestion was made to review the sign up process as not everyone is receiving the newsletter yet

School activities

- French day – March 4th. Volunteers needed.
- Arts Night – March 9th & 10th. Grades 1 & 2 will share what they’re doing in class during the afternoon. Grade 3 is doing an arts night in the evening. The Juniors will have a gallery
- Variety Show – March 30th by Grades 6-8. (Note: Next year it will be a Drama show. Variety and Drama rotate every two years)
- Spring Council Forum – April 12th
IB Program

- Grade 5 exhibition is on May 6th in conjunction with Harrison Public School. This is the first time that BHES is collaborating with another school. A blog has been set up for the students from both schools to communicate with another and conduct research.
- IBPYP – The next review of BHES has been postponed to the Fall since further training is required. The IB program which has been under review by the School Board has moved from policy planning group to the elementary policy review group.

Sub-Committee Updates

Parent & Community Involvement – Malini Mathur

- Dr. Aureen Wagner has been confirmed to speak on March 3rd at BHSS about children and anxiety. The event will also be open to all parents of BHES, BHSS and other feeder schools in the area. BHES & BHSS are co-sponsoring this event and sharing costs.

Fundraising – Wendy Steinberg

- The dance-a-thon is scheduled for April 15th.

Finance – Sandra Piperias

- Funding for the current 2010/11 school year was reviewed, including expenditures previously approved (Primary Playground, Professional Development, and Technology).

Various options to allocate the remaining funds were discussed. The following additional expenditures were approved:

- Increase in funding for grade 8 graduation - $500
- Grade 8 trip for financially challenged children (at principle’s discretion) - $2500
- Video camera/security system for outside the school - $25,000

Next Meeting: March 21, 2011