BAYVIEW HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2011

Co-Chairs: Jennifer Ip, Wendy Steinberg
Minutes: Patricia Kitagawa

Attendees: Alex Kastanis, Carol Takagi, HaeYung Yim, Jennifer Ip, Jenn Costas, Laleh Marashi, Lei Chen, Lucy Tao, Linda Lin, Marlene Sen, Nancy Liss, Parm Jandoo, Patricia Kitagawa, Paul Woods, Pixy Mital, Punita Bansal, Sandra Piperias, Shane Christensen, Wendy Steinberg

1. Review of Minutes - Wendy
   • Minutes of October 17th, 2011 meeting approved

2. Volunteer List – Wendy
   • A Volunteer List has been compiled by Wendy Tan and sent to Council. Chairs/Co-Chairs of all sub-committees are asked to contact parents who fall in their category to recruit more volunteers.

3. Budget Review – Paul and Lucy
   • Lucy distributed a copy of the budget statement for the year ending August 31st, 2012
   • We will not be doing the gift wrap program this year, and this will be removed
   • **HaeYung to follow up on the rebate of the milk program last year**
   • Paul confirmed the primary playscape cost around $47,000. He informed us that we received a credit of $3,400 from the original $50,000.
   • We have an opening balance of $142,000 from last year, and we must use this money before the Province moves to levelling the playing field and distributes the money amongst other schools
   • We should have an opening/closing balance of only $35,000 to $40,000 annually
   • Each division has made a wish list of items they require for the school for review tonight – details below
   • Mr. Grant and Mr. Christensen were present at the meeting to present their proposals for computer supplies

Mr. Christensen
   • The Board’s cost sharing program will match funds for computer technology to a maximum of $7,500 this year. The proposal includes a Macintosh Multi Media MacBook package for $2,288.70, a mobile computer Kit of 5 HP laptops for $7,403.75, a smartboard package for $4,189.24, a smartboard for $1,830, a high end camera for $344, and an LCD projector for $438. Total cost is $18,637.87, less Board discounts and HST rebates, the Cost to council would be $7,449.98.
   • Motion was approved for total cost of $7,449.98.
• There is a separate proposal for items not included in the cost sharing program listed below

• Instead of replacing the analog TV, they are proposing new equipment as follows: 17 LCD projectors mounted for $11,900 to $13,600, Six LCD projectors for $2,628, an HP desktop for large computer lab $300-$350, two Copernicus Interactive Teaching Centres $6,068, five speakers for smartboard carts $250.

• Total $22,896 approved.

• All current projectors mounted by staff have to be remounted by Board. If you would like to see the difference, there is a correctly hung one in the library, as well as an incorrect one.

Mr. Grant

• Mr. Grant borrowed ten iPads for one week test from the Board and it has been an extraordinary experience for the intermediate students
• Evernote is a free product on computers, iPads and iPhones and is also being used in colleges – it is like a personal assistant and syncs to all devices. It helps grade 8’s prepare for high school
• iPads can also be used as videos and cameras
• Mac 5’s are being proposed for videos, movie trailers, and reading and writing
• Proposal consists of 10 Macs for $17.647 and 10 iPad 2’s for $5.717.50 and 1 iTunes card for $300, total $23,664.50
• Media production equipment proposal consists of 1 Power sync tray $995, two Wacorn bamboo graphics $220, one Green Screen Starter Kit $350, and 2 Digital Video cameras for $300, for a total of $1,865.50
• Both proposals total $28,853.42
• Motion was approved for total cost of both proposals.

Library Proposal (Annette Livi)

• For the last three years, the library budget has been put into the Literacy at School Technology based program with Mr. Grant This is a 3 year program- $6,000, $5,000 and $3,000 - this year, the money has gone back into the library overall budget
• BHES has not had the forest of reading program for a long time – proposal for $2,161.23, new DVD’s $1.060, author visit $1,000
• Total proposal $4,221.23 Approved

Tech Crew/Drama

• Speaker cables $40, 3 hanging mics $345, 3 cables $95.97, lapel mic $260, 50 feet of mats $200,
• Total $940.97 Approved
Health and Physical Activity (Lynn Matthews)

- 8 Stacking cups $159.60, 9 fitness spots $107.90, 3 balance masters $206.85, 3 aerobic steps $221.85, 2 primary yoga kits $63.90
- DPA games – meteorite mission $154.95, marble maze $174.95, running man $99.95, prism let it fly $59.95
- DPA (Daily Physical Activity) Days – Supplies are used for strategy and eye/hand coordination; used on inclement weather indoor recess days when kids are in a contained space
- Total $1,412.39 Approved

Primary Grades – Paul

- 2 kidney tables $418, primary reading kit x 2 $260, borrow a book refresh $1,000, 7 hands on math $250, 6 whiteboards $1,110, 2 projectors $876 (included in Mr. Christensen’s proposal), 2 speakers $117.90
- Total $3155.90 Approved

Junior Grades – Paul

- 4 whiteboards $740, 2 projectors $876 (included in Mr. Christensen’s proposal), 2 speakers $117.90, 2 kidney tables $418
- Items also requested on Mr. Christensen’s proposal not included here
- Total $1275.90 Approved

Special Ed – Paul

- Move ‘n sit cushions x 5 $250, therapeutic items $200, assessment pack $875
- Paul mentioned the cushions are pricey, but they actually work
- Total $1,325 Approved

Intermediate – Paul

- 2 projectors $876 (included in Mr. Christensen’s proposal), 2 speakers $117.90
- Total $117.90 Approved
- Paul is to follow up with Intermediate to see if there is anything else they would like to propose

Outdoor Proposal – Paul

- Triple hoop x 2 $2,304.56
- Fencing for primary actual $2,600, proposal $1,500 (to be covered by refund of $3,400 for primary playscape)
- Bunkers x1 $1,800, Resurfacing $2,500, line painting $500
- Total $8,604.56 Approved
Eco school – Patricia

- Ms. Wong has requested one inflatable 39 inch globe for hands on learning, for $160
- Cost of $160 Approved

Other items to be considered – Paul

- We are moving towards downloading text books (free) and eliminating carrying text books home (average child knapsack weighs about 32 pounds with text books)
- Next September, user fees will impact schools dramatically
- Whiteboards are being replaced over blackboards and last about one year
- Staff learning – approximately $11,000 is budgeted
- Retractable screens – waiting for estimate

3. BHES Admin Update – Paul and Carol

Facebook 101

- Chris Vollum provides one day workshops for staff, students and parents for $1,000
- Kiwi Commons provides a one day free workshop
- Constable Brown provides free workshops for parents and children
- Kids are kids and do not understand the consequences of facebook
- Recently some photos have been posted, and some kids have been talking about sports while wearing their BHES apparel and not aware of where they are sending info on facebook
- We currently have a bullying issue in grade 7 on facebook – since this happened outside of school, we can only deal with the child, not the parents – consequences of this incident are private and confidential and could not be shared with council, but suspension is one consequence and it stays on your record
- Carol says some grade fours are also using it, and staff is not aware if parents know about this, or if parents know how to use it
- Lucy said she has attended Chris’ workshop and recommends him
- Sandra suggests booking the “best” person to teach students and parents
- How do we educate more on diversity?
- Give kids strategies on how to deal with bullying and how to keep safe
- Ms. Liss said she debriefs her kids on books, material, etc. and informs them it is a point of view, she teaches that bullying and discrimination is ugly and it has to be discussed systematically and intelligently and consistently – whatever subject it falls into, it has to be addressed. Ms. Liss teaches grade 6, but Paul says it is also being taught in grades 7 and 8
- Council voted to have Paul book Chris Vollum for the new year
4. Sub-committee reports
   - Sandra asked those present from the Infrastructure sub-committee to meet briefly at the end of tonight’s meeting
   - All sub-committee reports will be discussed at next meeting

5. Voting on proposals
   - As indicated above, voting took place for all budget proposals, and were all approved
   - Approximate total of $81,000
   - Lucy will prepare new budget to reflect these amounts at next meeting

6. Dates
   - Please mark your calendars for movie night on December 7th. Volunteers needed.
   - Please mark your calendars for Diversity night on February 8th, 2012.

7. Next meeting
   - HaeYung suggested a December meeting be added, due to the number of agenda items that have to be dealt with in a timely manner
   - Meeting date of December 19th, 2011 at 7:00 PM was added

Meeting adjourned approximately 9:15 pm.