

**McKee Public School
Toronto, Ontario**

**School Advisory Council Minutes (DRAFT ONLY)
February 22, 2011**

In attendance:

<i>Arnold Chan</i>	<i>Frieda Chen</i>	<i>Jennifer Schmidt</i>	<i>Robert Co</i>
<i>Cheryl Patterson</i>	<i>Gary Gagnon</i>	<i>Kate Zhang</i>	<i>Sepideh Behboodi</i>
<i>Clement Lee</i>	<i>Gary McGilvray</i>	<i>Mojgan Kahnjary</i>	
<i>Debbie Ralston</i>	<i>Jane Yi</i>	<i>Monica Morishita</i>	

1. Call to order 6:40 pm and introductions. Welcome and thank you to returning Teacher Representative Gary Gagnon.

2. Review of minutes from January 12, 2010.

a. **Review of action items carried forward from last meeting:** Robert to move raffle money to SAC account. [**ACTION (1): Jennifer to follow up with Robert**]; Jennifer to find price and see if they can order with St. Gabriel to get better discount (not required); Debbie to check with Julie (previous year's raffle organizer) regarding rules regarding unclaimed prizes. (Outstanding. Have not heard back); Debbie to ask Clem to order fewer Pizzas for Pizza day directly following the Outdoor Ed trip (completed).

b. **MOTION (1): To approve minutes from January 2011 (Debbie/Clem S)
PASSED**

3. Principal's Report (Cheryl Patterson)

- a. Next year we will have staffing for 701 children. Since we are short 1 classroom, will lose music room.
- b. Show - Kid's Life, Tuesday, Wednesday, May 3 and 4. Half the school (Grades 1-5) will perform per show one night and the other on the second night.
- c. Hearing and Vision - Booked time for first week of June. \$10. Forms will go home. Issues will be referred.
- d. Several trips including Grade 2, Forsythe Farm \$400, Grade 4 Science Centre \$700 require reimbursement from SAC for bus transportation costs as part of trip allowance. Check can be written immediately for \$1610.64 Grades 1,2, and 4 upon submission of request form.
- e. March 8 - Bayview Middle School Musical. McKee Grade 5 students are invited; March 9, Dance-a-thon and Beach day - prizes include a netbook; March 10 - Big crunch assembly. All children will bite into an apple at the same time to promote healthy snacks. March 12-20 - March Break, March 21: Norooz, March 22 - Grad Photos, March 25 - Norooz Assembly - ESL children will do

presentation.

- f. Ministry of Education has a new food and beverage policy for next school year. All principals and vice principals are required to pass a test demonstrating understanding of this new policy, and any food and beverages sold at the school must comply starting in the new school year. At least 80% of the food must be considered “healthy”, 20% can be on the “acceptable” list. No caffeinated drinks, trans-fats containing food, candy or chocolate are permitted to be sold. This will affect the Pizza lunches and when the policy is in place, pizza must be on a whole wheat crust to qualify as “healthy”. Schools are allowed 10 exemption days. One should be reserved for the Welcome Back BBQ. Also to consider how this affects cookie days. If we have any snacks that do not qualify as healthy, they must be used up before the end of the year. Juice sold is already 100% fruit juice. **[ACTION (2): Debbie to check if cookies are trans-fat free. ACTION (3): Clem to come up with alternate snack options for pizza lunches ACTION (4): Frieda to put Snack vote on next agenda]** Note, most of money is made on snacks as approximate unit cost/snack is presently 13 cents. **[ACTION (5): Cheryl to look into sub lunch offer. ACTION (6): Clem/Debbie/Jen to look into how other school councils are dealing with this policy and come to up with proposals].**

5. Co-Chair Report

- a. Issues relating to overcrowding at McKee. Precedence is set with Churchill plans approved for retrofit boundaries. Those south of Park Home Avenue are to go to a different school. Meeting members of Toronto caucus. Progress is slow. McKee is projected to have over 700 enrollment in September.
- b. Parent Involvement Night report. School council chairs for TDSB schools were in attendance. Speakers included TDSB director Chris Spence, an MPP who’s parents were immigrants, PIAC representative. Topics included the declining enrollment across the board, growing cultural diversity and the problem of community apathy, and poverty. PIAC advisory **[ACTION (7): google translator put in newsletter]**. Reference rules for sample by-laws.
- c. Parent engagement fund organization. Ronald Morrish Workshop entitled “Secrets of Discipline” to be held on April 12. Voted to have 2 hour session start at 6:30 p.m. Decided to have registration form with tear-off section distributed to determine number of participants and number of children requiring babysitting. **[ACTION (8): Cheryl to get permit for Tuesday evening]**. The registration form to go out the first week after March break with April 1 deadline for return of forms. To sell cookies and drinks for donation. Before decision is made about food, need to determine how many people will come first. **[MOTION (2): To give Frieda authority to make decisions on food and babysitting (Robert/Debbie) PASSED]**.
- c. Ward meeting (report given at end of meeting by Kate). Major issues included: Changing boundaries to overcome crowding; Programs of choice - boys school; Kiwi Seminars - computer company presentation regarding internet safety; Analysis of grants and expenditures. A major issue is the declining enrollment and the \$3 billion backlog in repairs due for aging school buildings.

6. Treasurer's Report (Robert Co -see attachments from the meeting for details)

- a. December financial statements. Funding \$9000. Expense for next 2 months focus on concerns: School performance \$7172.28 (12 classes). Pizza lunches have so far brought in 4532.70 of the budgeted \$7000. Some concern whether cash flow OK. Field trip costs so far have come to \$1610 compared to the budgeted \$3100. We will be spending more than we earn this year because we must use up funds for current year. Right on target.
- b. Bank charge \$3 can be waived if there is proof of non-profit organization. We are not a registered charity, therefore must pay this charge.
- c. **MOTION (3): To accept the financial statements (Arnold/Jane) PASSED.**

7. Fundraising (Debbie Ralston)

- a. \$350 for cookies. We are now above the budget (\$300) for this item. Next cookie sale scheduled for April 1.
- b. Frozen yogurt Fridays to return for the months of May (3 Fridays) and June (4 Fridays).
- c. Dance-a-thon. At organizational meeting it was decided that the Grand prize would be a netbook. Proceeds to go into non-board funds Prologue and Scientist in the school **\$8800**. We may not be able to pay - to discuss.

8. New Business

- a. School photographer. Some complaints about Edge. **[ACTION (9): Monica to look into alternates with Debbie and Gary.]** Jennifer asked that discounted packages for multiple children families be taken into consideration. I.e. Third child free.
- b. Meetings - Jennifer proposed that April 6 meeting be cancelled. According to the regulations, only four full council meetings need happen per year. We voted to keep the remaining meetings for the year and to take this into consideration in the new year.
- c. Newsletter content. Discussion about adding a health related feature to the newsletter.
- d. Lunchroom supervisor allowance. Some supervisors bring in treats (stickers) and cutlery for the kids. Cheryl orders the forks and spoons online. **[ACTION (10): Karen to talk to Rhonda about ordering from board stock. No more stickers.]**
- e. Emergency phone announcement. On snow day, afternoon kindergarten parents received a test message sent by Gary using an automated messaging system. It worked.

9. Next Meeting Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 6:30 p.m

10. Meeting Concluded at 8:40 p.m.

