



## McKee School Advisory Council

<http://www.mckeesac.weebly.com>

November 2010



### **School Advisory Council Meetings**

Thanks to the parents who came out to the October meeting. Our principal Cheryl Patterson gave a report on school issues. The results of the EQAO standardized tests are now published. At McKee, the percentage of students performing above the provincial standards was higher than that across the board in all three of the areas tests: reading, writing and math. Congratulations to our students and teachers. The school budget was also presented. This year, a large portion of the money from the school board will be used to update our technology, replace computers and to maintain/expand the library collection. You can find out more when the minutes are published on our website (it appears shortly before the next meeting). The SAC executive presented our budget proposal for this school year. Parents voted in favour of this budget which will see the SAC continue pizza lunches and selling snacks as well as taking on the Dance-a-thon. The funds raised from these activities will support two worthy school programs: Prologue to the performing arts and Scientist in the School. Parents also voted to allocate some money toward defraying the costs of field trips. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the staff room. As usual, food is provided and, for those who need it, there is a babysitter for every meeting. N.B. Parents in attendance will not be charged parking fees.

Please mark your calendars for upcoming SAC meetings:

- Tuesday, November 23 - Planning Christmas fundraising
- Wednesday, January 12 - Planning for Dance-a-thon begins!
- Tuesday, February 22 - Updates on school activities and plans for spring.
- Wednesday April 6 – Spring fundraising initiatives
- Tuesday, May 10 – Planning for the next school year (administration)
- Thursday, June 16 – Last SAC Meeting of the year - review of the year

If you are interested in helping out with SAC events - even if you only have 2 hours to spare per month - we welcome you! Tell us about yourself by filling out the questionnaire on our website.

### **Pizza Lunches**

You can take a break from packing lunches on Pizza lunch Thursdays! On November 11 and 25 pizza lunches will be sold. Prices are \$3.50 (single slice combo), \$4.50 (two-slice combo) and \$5.50 (three-slice combo). If you can help serve pizza at lunch please leave a message at [mckeesac@gmail.com](mailto:mckeesac@gmail.com).

### **Upcoming fundraisers**

Coming up in December... Gingerbread cookies!

### ***Elsewhere in the community...***

**4th Annual Parents Make a Difference Conference.** Parents are invited to take part in a one-day conference that offers workshops on many aspects of public education (Saturday,

November 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Earl Haig Secondary School, 100 Princess Avenue). Last year's conference was very informative and inspiring. It's a great way to meet other parents and interact with professionals in the educational field. This year's workshops include topics such as "New Report Cards? Oh No!", "Do Boys and Girls Really Learn Differently?" and "Barriers to Student Success". Child minding and interpretation are available to participants. To register, go to the site: [www.tdsb.on.ca/parents/parent\\_community](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/parents/parent_community). You can also get more information by sending an e-mail to [tdsbpic@hotmail.com](mailto:tdsbpic@hotmail.com) or calling Linda Mendonca at 416-394-2070.

**Ward meeting.** Monthly Ward meetings are held to discuss specific topics affecting schools in our area. This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 22. Due to the recent election, details of this meeting have not yet been posted. This information will be made available on our website as soon as it is available.



Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!

