

Allenby Parents Association Meeting
May 26, 2014
Minutes
Held: Allenby Jr. Public School Library

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm with the following agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Amendment and Adoption of May 2014 Agenda
3. Amendment and Adoption of March 2014 Meeting Minutes
4. Adoption of April 2014 Meeting Minutes
5. How the iPADS are being used in the classrooms
6. Principal's Report- Cate Spidle
7. Treasurer's Report- Scott Larin
8. Discussion on potential fundraising options for Field Project
9. Class representative selection process for 2014/15
10. New Business

1. Welcome and Introductions- Paula Riczker:

2. Amendment and Adoption of May 2014 Agenda:

- Paula Riczker moved to amend and adopt May agenda
- 2nd motion-Bonnie Joynt
- **Motion carried** (unanimously passed)

3. Amendment and Adoption of March 2014 Meeting Minutes:

- Paula moved to amend and adopt March 2014 meeting minutes
- 2nd motion-Rochelle Fox
- **Motion carried** (unanimously passed)

4. Adoption of April 2014 Meeting Minutes:

- Paula moved to adopt changes to April minutes to reflect error made in the technology motion
- 2nd motion- Gillian Uy
- **Motion carried** (unanimously passed)

5. How iPADS are being used in the Classrooms – Elizabeth Lau:

- TDSB “imaged” with an Allenby account
- Use iPADS to document learning with pictures
- Ms. Lau gave 2 examples of learning “why 5 is a special #” and a lesson on developing a persuasive argument; showed us 2 video clips to illustrate how the iPad is used
- teachers participated on IT Global; Ms. Julian's class worked on a new school yard plan, Focused on: UN Rights of a Child, how to make it accessible to everyone etc
- Txt was removed from the book “Hey, Little Ant”: Removed txt and had to use their own words using Educreations or iPads voice recording to make the story
- iMovie Trailers: “A Day in the Life of Room...”; planned a storyboard and used success criteria
- Reading Comprehension Strategy using the iPad

- Discussion on why the technology was not up and running for this school year; significant concern by parents present at the meeting about this delay in getting this up and running for this school year. Cate Spidle suggested contacting trustee to see if he can facilitate the technology being implemented ASAP

6. Principal's Report- Cate Spidle:

- i. Update on band/strings program
 - Teachers felt there was alot of time spent setting up for the band/strings music class which left little time for actual instruction
 - Currently some students go out for strings/band and those that do not participate stay in the classroom and therefore the teacher cannot teach anything new for students who do not participate in the strings/band program
 - Allenby administrators feel it is not working well; how can we make it a more meaningful use of the time for all
 - Possible Solution: offering band and strings only for grade 6 for one 60 minute period/week; all English grade 6 will take string/band; grade 6 French immersion will take this as an optional; no grade 5 will get strings/band in 2014/2015 school year
 - This will be a trial for next year
 - Parents have given concern about Glenview not knowing about this change in the music program and feel Cate Spidle needs to let them know that students will not have a 2 year experience before entering their string/band program
 - Discussion of other music opportunities for the grade 5 children (e.g. recorder)

ii. 2014/15 staff update

Allenby 2014-2015 Staff List

English Track

FDK - JK	Elva Alvarez	109
FDK - JK	Danielle Shin (LTO)	108a
FDK - JK/SK	Rachel Kanarek	110
FDK - JK/SK	Mark Philpott	108b
ECE	Olga Ianosev	
ECE	Brigitte Rose	
ECE	Jennifer Marsh	
ECE		
1	Mimi Doherty (LTO)	102
1	Gail Zuill	103
1/2	Shari Stephens	104
2	Logan Anderson	201
2	Dan Roberts	107

2/3	Michael Intini	202
3	Fiona Alberti	211
3	Sean Gillespie (LTO)	203
3	Heather Ichiyen	212
4	Miri Spencer	208
4	Evra Trought-Pitters	210
5	Risa Levitt	111
5	Megan McGee	114
6	Pam Segal	112
6	Lynn Vangou	113

French Immersion Track

FDK - FI SK	Michelle Lalanne	105
FDK - FI SK	Adrienne Duncan	106
ECE - FI	Jillian Guerin	
ECE - FI	Vanessa Williams	
1	Danielle Smith	006
1	Angie Glendadakis	007
1/2	Zoe Centeno	004
1/2	Gabriela Timofte	005
2/3	LTO for Eva Chau-Wolpert	002
2	Jennifer Donevski	003
3	Julia Henrikson	206
3/4	LTO for Elizabeth Nadel	207
4/5	Melissa Line	204
4/5	Lindita Bicaku	205
5/6	Jafar Hussain	215
5/6	Helene Linka	214

Prep/Resource teachers

Library/Prep	Jeffrey Osborne
Core French	Veronica Lucero
Primary HSP/Bilingual Resource	Sarah Pryor
Junior HSP/Resource	Alanna Julian
0.5 Resource	Lisa Sherman
Music	Alison Bannerman
Physical Education	Mario Galofaro
FDK Prep/Physical Education	Timothy Leaney
0.5 Drama/Dance am	Caroline Dobkin-Kurtz
0.5 FDK Prep	Erin Silbiger
0.5 Media Lit/Prep	Caroline Rosta
Swimming	Marcel Ferreira
Swimming	Emily Dunn

- 1) May started with another very special SHOWCASE. The staff is looking at ways make more room for families to attend and enjoy these events next year.
- 2) Madame Mirfendereski and her class organized the first ever Allenby DRESS LOUD day to help raise awareness and funds for children with hearing impairment.
- 3) Track and Field tryouts and events have been a big focus for May.
- 4) Our choir and Mrs. Bannerman participated in the Upper Canada Choristers event "Turn the World Around" at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on May 9th Those in attendance were very impressed with the students' performances.
- 5) Many teachers had their students sing for the annual Music Monday on May 5th.
- 6) Allenby participated in a new initiative, Kindness Week, and students talked about the importance of doing for others in class. We hope that there were some random acts of kindness happening at home that week as well.
- 7) The annual ALLENY OPEN HOUSE was well attended. Students were selling "Allenby" t-shirts and there are still some left.

8) Gillian Uy and Shannon Phillips have been very busy meeting with staff, community members, board contacts and the landscape architect (Victor Ford), to craft out a Master Plan for the School Yard Enhancement project. Many new ideas have come out of these meetings and a plan is coming together.

9) Project Giveback presentations are now finished and students are preparing for our first Project Giveback Fair. The Grade 4 students will have an opportunity to show their projects and share their learning with parents/caregivers and our grade 3 students on June 2nd in the gym.

10) Several of our Allenby staff (M. Hussain, Ms. Julian, Ms. Lau, Ms. Line) were presenters for the 2nd annual WR3 Innovations Fair at Dublin Heights on May 21st. This was an excellent opportunity for Allenby to share student experiences with Taking It Global and Global Partners.

11) Today was a beautiful day for the first TDSB Bike to School event, which coincides with the 25th annual Bike to Work move. The fence was quite full with bikes and dozens of students took their scooters into the school for safe keeping. Robin Halpern is sending in photos and other documentation into the board for a chance to win a free bike rack. There are 2 different spots for bike racks in the new Master Plan.

12) A big Thank You goes to SCOTT LARIN and his tool box for assembling the TECH TUB cart on Friday for us.

13) EQAO is happening this week. Staff and students appear to be ready for the challenge. Cooler days will be helpful to keep the school from overheating so we are glad that the forecast is for a slight downturn in the temperatures this week.

14) Madame Mirfendereski is retiring, and in her way, she is doing it with style. The Allenby community is invited to help her celebrate on Wednesday, May 28th in the lunch room from 7 – 9 PM. (Of course, the staff bash for her is on Friday.)

6. Treasurer's Report- Scott Larin:

- please refer to financials up to end of April 2014 on the APA website
- Total revenues is \$80,553 at end of April 2014
- Artists in the classroom are now being booked up until June 2014
- Scientist in the classroom is going to finish in May 2014
- Total expenditure of \$ 67,155 at end of April 2014
- Net income \$13,398 and closing surplus \$115,172 at the end of April 2014
- Our forecasted closing surplus at the end of June 2014 estimated at \$ 43,140
 - Scott moved to accept the presented Financial Statements for April 2014;
 - 2nd motion - Paula Riczker
 - **Motion carried** (unanimously passed)

7. Discussion on potential fundraising options for Field Project:

- TDSB is to install turf summer 2015/16

- Secured \$50,000 from city of Toronto s37 funds will receive in 2 to 5 years
- Master Plan is in process so plan for completion end of school year with next meeting June 4, 2014; hoping to have concrete design and how to phase in the master plan
- Master plan to date is on the website if you want to review
- APA fundraising goal \$50,000 per year for 2014/15 and 2015/16
- example based on John Wanless plan; they set goal of \$40,000 for 2013/14; combination of school and targeting, fundraising corporate donations
- Targeted fundraising- separate from APA operating budget and APA surplus; would include stand alone events dedicated to Field and Playground; could be composition of individual, community, corporate donations as well as grants

Fundraising Options:

1. Targeted Fundraising only-separate from current APA budget; separate from current APA fundraising; events dedicated to the initiative; combination of individual, community, corporate donations and grants
2. APA fund only (cut other programs)
3. Targeted fundraising and APA funds: \$ amount or a % of surplus revenues from APA Fundraisers (beyond budgeted amount) **or** operating expenses allocated to initiative in the budget

- Andrew Heitelman discussed why option # 1 is most viable option
- Others discussed that option # 3 could work in some form with a small amount of the budget set aside for the field depending on the surplus
- Lori Pike stated that no matter whether targeted or APA budget, the \$ will be coming from the parents
- Bonnie Joynt stated that the playscape was funded through APA and the fundraising really brought the community together
- A general consensus #1 is the best option with possible additional use of surplus at the end of the year by the APA

8. Class representative selection process for 2014/15: by Colette Kim

- information sheet and how to apply; will be by lottery and max 2 per class; can only be class parent for one of their children's class;
- will be getting names/application in the 1st week and then by 2nd week will have the class parent
- some input from the teacher
- Gillian Uy to ask if this process has been shown to the teacher for their approval
- ask if teachers can use email with class parents

9. Committee Update:

1. Community Awareness - Krista Chaytor- our trustee Howard Goodman is not running in this election, we will have a new trustee; currently 4 new candidates
 - Paula wondered if Howard Goodman could organize a forum for trustee candidates in the fall
2. Health and Safety- Robin Halpern– thank you for participating in bike day on May 26, 2014, very successful

- We have new Allenby, John Ross, Ledbury safety message/image; they will be on street signs and banners; it is going to come out of the Health and Safety budget (previously voted on to spend);

- Cross walk will be painted June 9th

3. Fun Fair- Gillian Uy- volunteer #'s are not adequate; recommend urgent notice to go out; down on high school volunteers this year b/c in the middle of exams

4. Communication (Theresa Ebden)- asking for more \$ for the Teacher Appreciation Party; in current budget \$750 but need more \$ to be able to provide the lunch

- Motion to increase the budget by \$250 to a total of \$1000

- Motion 2nd- Robin Halpern

- **Motion carried** (unanimously passed)