

ALLENBY PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Dec 15, 2014

MINUTES

Held: Allenby Jr. Public School Library

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

1. Welcome & Introductions – Paula Riczker
2. Adoption of the Agenda and September Minutes – Paula Riczker
3. Principal's Report – Cate Spidle
4. November Business-
5. Treasurer's Report - Scott Larin-
6. Committee Updates
7. Open Question Session

1. Welcome & Introductions

Paula Riczker welcomes everyone. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves. There were 23 people in attendance.

2. Adoption of the December agenda and November Minutes- Chair Paula Riczker

Paula Riczker moved that the December 2014 Agenda posted on the APA website, be accepted.

Gilian Uy seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED. (Unanimously passed)

Adoption of the November 2014 Minutes – Chair Paula Riczker

Paula Riczker moved to adopt the November 2014 APA meeting minutes, as posted on the APA website, be accepted.

Scott Larin seconded.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimously passed)

3. Principal's Report- Cate Spidle

1. Hockey tryouts, swim team tryouts, basketball tryouts and volleyball tryouts have kept staff and students busy this month.
2. Wonderful field trips have continued in December and the much anticipated Allenby Skating Days are almost here as well.
3. The first Showcase for this school year was well attended and sounded very professional with the new audio equipment.
4. Madame Rosta organized an Aboriginal Workshop for junior students last week. Many students were very curious about aboriginal traditions and customs that were shared.

5. Safe and Caring School Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, December 18th at noon. Everyone is welcome.
6. Last day of school for 2014 is this Friday – Pajama Day.

4. November Business –

- a. Erin Christian moved to spend \$1000 of Pizza lunch revenue from 2014/15 to be donated to Toronto Foundation for Student Success (TFSS) student nutritional programs.

Paula Riczker seconded

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Motion defeated.

- TFSS student nutritional program; aligns with school message of giving more to communities in need
- Erin Christian reviewed the previous discussion in November 2014 and reviewed the meeting minutes from November 2014
- People discussed that they wanted another initiative to raise money for TFSS but did not want it coming from the budget. After fundraising initiative for the schoolyard may want a toonie drive or some other initiative to raise money for TFSS
- Discussion to adding amount from pizza lunch to be dedicated to TFSS in the budget next year.
- People suggested also having it something to opt into on the pizza lunch form for 2015/16

b. Schoolyard Enhancements

- Meeting with TDSB planned for Fri Dec 19, 2014 at which time we will find out more precisely about the costs of the track.
- If we need to call an ad hoc meeting in January to amend the costs then we will
- We can only go by what the TDSB has provided us with in terms of the cost and construction details for the track
- This information will be shared as soon as we obtain it
- **Motion to table:** Approve the spending of any and all funds raised specifically for Phase 1 of the Allenby Junior Public School's schoolyard enhancement project (i.e. the schoolyard "segregated" funds) on expenditures relating to Phase 1 of the Allenby Junior Public School's schoolyard project. Cumulative expenditures not to exceed \$117, 000 as per the "low estimate" as presented in the November 2014 meeting.
- Motion tabled by Gillian Uy; Seconded by Scott Larin

c. Shop and Support- Motion to be tabled-

To direct all "Group/3rd Party Revenue" as listed in the APA budget, including Shop and Support and Echoage, to the Schoolyard Enhancement Campaign starting December 2014 to June 2015

- Decided to amend to start December to June and can address next year's budget for the following year.
- Motion tabled by Gillian Uy; Seconded by Paula Riczker

5. Treasurer's Report- Scott Larin- see APA website for report (www.allenbyparents.com)

- Scott Larin presented the Actuals for November 2014 and the budget for the 2014-15 as posted on the APA website; please see APA website for details
- The closing surplus at the end of October of \$145,810
- After 4 will likely make \$3000
- Scott Larin moved to accept the November 2014 APA Financial statement; Andrew Heitelman 2nd the motion.
MOTION CARRIED (Unanimously passed)

6. Committee Updates

Community Awareness Update (Krista Chaytor):

- Jennifer Arp (new schoolboard trustee) will meet with us in the New Year at an APA meeting
- The new counsellor Christine Carmichael-Greb her office will come to the school and review the traffic issues in the New Year.

Communications Update (Theresa Ebden):

- No update

School Programs Update (Luisa Peel and Dawn Morris):

- After 4 registration has begun for many old and new programs; programs to start in the new year (week of Jan 12th)

Director of Health & Safety (Robin Halpern and Christina Lord):

- Walking Wednesdays to begin in January 2015

Fundraising (Gillian Uy and Shannon Phillips):

- Dancethon- raised over \$12,000 thanks to students and families; Thanks again to Magen Boys for their generosity in donating this event
- Soiree for the Schoolyard- ticket sales is underway. Reminded attendees that the event is taking place on Jan 29, 2015 at the Capitol even theatre. This event will help us reach our fundraising goal for Phase 1 of the Schoolyard Enhancement project. Encouraged attendees to purchase tickets early so we could confirm numbers. The value of the auction is over \$40,000, with some amazing unique experiences up for auction in addition to a fabulous grand prize for the casino. Lots of food from Eglinton restaurants and amazing general community support

7. Open Questions

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Next APA Meeting: To be determined in Jan 28, 2015; will be at 7 pm in Allenby Jr. P.S. Library