

ALLENBY PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Feb 25, 2015

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 January Minutes – Paula Riczker
3. Principal's Report – Cate Spidle
4. Treasurer's Report - Scott Larin-
5. Vote for \$1000 for DrumFIT workshop for Kindergarten and Grade 1 students
6. Committee Updates
7. Open Question Session

1. Welcome & Introductions

Paula Riczker welcomes everyone.

2. Adoption of the February 2015 agenda - Chair Paula Riczker

Paula Riczker moved that the February 2015 Agenda be accepted. Shannon Phillips seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED. (Unanimously passed)

Adoption of the January 2015 Minutes – Chair Paula Riczker

Paula Riczker moved to adopt the January 2015 APA meeting minutes, as posted on the APA website, be accepted.

Shannon Phillips seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimously passed)

3. Principal's Report- Cate Spidle

Principal Report February 2015

1. Kindergarten registration is a bit slower this year than last year however our numbers are still within the expected range for this time of the year with about 70 new students. (There are currently 96 JK students at Allenby this school year.)
2. Many classes are preparing for speech competitions. The English grade 4 students excelled at their speeches and selected 7 students to compete in the library for the chance to represent Allenby at the WR3 Junior Speech Competition at Rockford. Although our grade 4 competitor, Lesley Cooper, did not place in the top three, she did very well competing with grade 5 and grade 6 students.

3. Madame Pryor and Mlle Berces attended an Aboriginal workshop this month and will be bringing their learning to other staff members next term.
4. The Allenby Wellness and Mindfulness sessions are continuing at Fridays for staff and students over the lunch break.
5. Girls Volleyball and Boys Basketball has been very successful this month for the students. More tournaments are pending. Thanks to our coaches: Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Nixon and Mrs. Uddenberg as well as Mr. G and Mr. Roberts.
6. Hockey games were tight until the very end. Thanks to Mr. Osborne and Madame Pryor.
7. Swim meets begin this Thursday and it looks like our students are ready for their first challenge thanks to Mr. Ferriera and Mrs. Uddenberg.
8. Indoor recesses quickly lose their appeal for students and staff however we were happy to have a warmer day today so that students were able to go outside for fresh air and exercise.

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

- Scott Larin presented the Actuals for January 2015 and the budget for the 2014-15 as posted on the APA website; please see APA website for details
- Total revenues (Jan 2015) \$118,000; additional donations to the Schoolyard FUNd (these funds are segregated)
- Total expenses (Jan 2015) \$42,000
- Net income of \$77,000 up to Jan 2015
- The closing surplus at the end of Jan 2015 \$154,000 (includes Schoolyard FUNd); planned surplus at end of Jan 2015 was \$82,000 (without Schoolyard FUNd)

Scott went through a summary of the 2014/15 Enrichment grants

- Themed book sets and kits
- iPADS- approx 20 this year
- Manipulatives (food, math, clothing, science, geometry, blocks, flashcards, shapes)
- Music CD's
- Calendars/posters
- Gym trapezoid
- Life jackets for the pool

Scott Larin moved to accept the January 2015 APA Financial statement;
Gillian Uy 2nd the motion. MOTION CARRIED (Unanimously passed)

Discussed donor recognition program for the large donors

5. Vote for \$1000 for DrumFIT workshop for Kindergarten and Grade 1 students
 Paula Riczker presented the motion on behalf of Erin Silbiger, Dance and Drama Teacher. Info was presented on the program and watched a short video from the website.

Discussed how many students this would be offered to and cost/student. Works out roughly to \$4/student.

Parent made comment that they would like to support program that a teacher has researched and feels would be beneficial for the students.

Paula Riczker moved to vote on the motion to spend \$1000 for DrunFIT workshop for Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes , 2nd by Scott Larin

Motion Passed

6. **Schoolyard Update**

Schoolyard Fundraising Update

\$125,000 funds raised so far

Donations 55,000, Soiree- \$36,000, Dance-a-thon, APA budget

waiting to hear confirmation that tendering documents have been issued. They were not issued by TDSB last month. Reason for the delay is because they need to source more vendors for the turf infill.

7. **Committee Updates**

Community Awareness Update (Krista Chaytor):

There is a new Health and Phys Ed curriculum (Sex Ed) on the ministry website. APA is taking a neutral position on this curriculum related issue. Also listed in Cate's report in the newsletter

Communications Update (Theresa Ebden):

going to try class reps to send emails about monthly APA meetings

School Programs Update (Luisa Peel and Dawn Morris):

Spring After 4 forms will be accompanied by an e-blast so everyone is aware that registration is open

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

nothing to report

Fundraising (Gillian Uy and Shannon Phillips):

- Lip Synch Feb 26/27th - kids are ready and excited. Pre-tickets sales have been successful
- Fun Fair planning is going to begin. Going to have first meeting for planning on March 5

8. Open questions

no questions

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm

Next APA Meeting: March 25, 2015; will be in Allenby Jr. P.S. Library