

Allenby Parents Association Meeting

April 28, 2015

Held: Allenby Jr. Public School Library

1. Welcome and Introductions-Paula
2. Adoption of the April 2015 Agenda - Paula Riczker
3. Adoption of the March Minutes- Paula Riczker
4. Math and Literacy Presentation - Mrs. McGee; Mme. Linka; Mr. Roberts
5. Principal's Report- Cate Spidle
6. Treasurer's Report- Scott Larin
7. Vote for Interactive Whiteboards (\$9450)- Lisa Parker
8. Vote for Climbing Ropes for Gym (< \$ 500)- Scott Larin on behalf of Mr. Leaney ad Mr.G
9. Schoolyard Enhancement Project Update- Gillian Uy and Shannon Phillips
10. Committee Updates
11. Open Questions

1. Welcome and Introductions: Paula Riczker welcomes everyone. Everyone in attendance introduces themselves. A quorum was reached (n = 28)

2. Adoption of the April 2015 Agenda:

Gillian Uy seconded the motion

Motion Carried (unanimously passed)

3. Adoption of the March 2015 Minutes: - Chair Paula Riczker

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

Scott Larin seconded the motion

Motion Carried (unanimously passed)

4. Math and Literacy Presentation:

- APA literacy presentation by Mme. Linka and Mrs. McGee: <http://goo.gl/D4TA7B>

- APA math presentation by Mr. Robert: <http://goo.gl/vgc5XD>

5. Principal's Report:

1. April Fools was fairly quiet until the evening arrived and our students performed in SHOWCASE # 3. The highlights were the exceptional dancing moves ranging from the Tango and other Latin rhythms to free-style movement presented by several classes.

2. To celebrate Asian heritage, the Little Pear Dancers visited the Allenby gym and mesmerized our students on April 8th. Thank you to the APA for funding this cultural experience.

3. Our Allenby swim team had an early start on April 9th as we met in the lunchroom for a 7AM departure using TTC. Forty three students and several parents lined up to be counted and follow our coaches, Mr. Ferreira and Mrs. Uddenberg (who both had to be up and out of the house before 5 AM) to our first bus stop. The competition was exciting, and Allenby came home with banners for all grade levels.

4. The grade 6 English and grade 5/6 FI classes signed up to attend the viewing of an inspiration documentary, Opposite Field, at TIFF on April 10th. The experience became even more unique when the Ugandan coach and 2 young Ugandan baseball players came to Allenby to speak to the

students along with Ruth Hoffman and 3 other people who made the film possible through Play Global (www.play-global.org).

link for the film trailer <http://tiff.net/festivals/tiffkidsfestival15/film-list/opposite-field>

5. Thanks once again to the APA for organizing and funding a thorough school-wide Lice Check on April 16th.

6. Field trips continue to Art Barn, the Science Centre and other local venues to expand the learning opportunities for students. Artists in the classroom are also bringing skill building workshops to the school, such as pottery making.

7. Lunchtime Mindfulness continues on Fridays for grade 5 & 6 students and staff.

8. Project Giveback is winding down this month, however, our grade 4 students will be saving all of their project boards and learning to share with parents, guardians and our grade 3 students on June 17th in the gym. Thank you to the APA and Ellen Schwartz for bringing this exemplary programme to Allenby year after year. Many staff and parents are looking forward to Jake's Jam tomorrow night too!

9. Mrs. Bannerman's CHOIR CAMP is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon and the Band and Strings students are also preparing for our Music Night on May 13th.

6. Treasurer's Report:

- see APA website for report (www.allenbyparents.com)

- Scott Larin presented the actuals for March 2015 and the budget for the 2014-15 as posted on the APA website

- The actuals to end of March 2015: revenues \$170,000, expenses \$45,407; net income \$125,000; closing surplus \$202,000; most earmarked for schoolyard funding at \$123,000; APA surplus is \$79,000
Scott moved to adopt the financials at the end of March 2015:

Theresa Ebden seconded the motion

Motion passed (unanimously passed)

7. Technology Update and Motion for Interactive Whiteboards:

Lisa Parker moved to pass the motion that the APA will spend up to \$9500 on 5 Hitachi projectors and 5 laptops.

Andrew Heitelman seconded the motion

In favour 23; Opposed 1; Abstain 1

Motion Passed

8. Motion to purchase climbing ropes for gym (<\$500): (Scott Larin on behalf of Mr. Leaney and Mr. G)

- no need to vote on this because they do have money in their APA budget

9. Schoolyard Enhancement Update: (Gillian Uy and Shannon Phillips)

- meeting with TDSB two weeks ago to check on the status; there has been a delay in getting the tender documents out because were trying to get an increase in possible vendors; they have selected a turf vendor and are now tendering for the general contractor; confident that this will be completed in the

summer

10. Committee Updates:

a. Community Awareness Update (Krista Chaytor):

- discussion on whether to do a fundraiser for Nepal; asking for ideas; Canadian government matching until May 25th; suggested doing Helping Hands charity so kids could be directly involved
- need for winter clothes for our sister school HJ Alexander; so we can set up a bin

b. Communication Update (Theresa Ebden): no major update; sign up for the newsletter or follow-us on Twitter; Francis tweets regularly from AllenbyJPS_TDSB twitter; if anyone wants the class rep coordinator job you can volunteer

c. School Programs Update (Lisa Peel and Dawn Morris): after 4's running well; Thursday May 7th APA discussion on raising healthy families; please see details on the Allenby website

d. Director of Health and Safety (Robin Halpern and Christina Lord): no update

e. Fundraising (Gillian Uy and Shannon Phillips): Fun Fair Sat June 6th

11. Open Questions:

Meeting adjourned at 9:06

Next APA meeting Wednesday May 27, 2015; will be at 7 pm in Allenby Jr. PS Library