

Allenby Parents Association Meeting

May 27, 2015

Held: Allenby Jr. Public School Library

1. Welcome and Introductions-Paula
2. Adoption of the May 2015 Agenda - Paula Riczker
3. Adoption of the April Minutes- Paula Riczker
4. Principal's Report- Cate Spidle
5. Treasurer's Report- Scott Larin
6. Lunchtime Mindfulness Discussion- Veronica Takes
7. Schoolyard Enhancement Project Update- Gillian Uy and Shannon Phillips
8. Committee Updates
9. Open Questions

1. Welcome and Introductions: Paula Riczker welcomes everyone.

2. Adoption of the May 2015 Agenda:

Scott Larin seconded the motion

Motion Carried (unanimously passed)

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

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

Scott Larin seconded the motion

Motion Carried (unanimously passed)

4. Mindfulness Lunch Program: Veronica Takes

Introduction of the mindfulness lunch program. There was a great response to the program this year.

Presentation at <http://allenbyparents.com/blog2/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Mindful-lunch.pdf>

questions:

kindergarten teachers have done PD with TDSB on mindfulness, yoga, self regulation

talked about equity and how to reach the most kids

Plan: to continue the lunchtime mindfulness program next year. Will discuss funding at the June meeting when budget is presented

5. Principal's Report:

Principal Report *May 28, 2015*

1. Allenby started May by dressing "loudly" for GET LOUD DAY to raise awareness about students with hearing loss. Room 210 also sponsored a Bake Sale with proceeds going to an organization that supports these students.

2. During Education Week, Allenby opened the classroom doors for a morning GRADES 1 - 6 OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, May 6th. The kindergarten students were taken on a make-believe journey in the afternoon with the Royal Canadian Ballet performance of The Velveteen Rabbit.
3. The Allenby Music Night was well attended for our Primary and Junior Choirs, along with the Band and Strings performers.
4. Baseball, Soccer, Track & Field, and Water Polo practices and events have kept teachers and students very busy this month.
5. The APA Helping Hands initiative is raising funds to support the people of Nepal. Have a look at the bulletin board across from the office to find out what students are doing at home to raise donation money.
6. Field trips have included venues such as the Art Barn, the Ontario Science Centre, local farms, the Botanical Gardens, Ste-Marie-Among-the-Hurons and many more.
7. The next Safe and Caring School Committee meeting will be this Friday at 1 pm if anyone would like to attend.
8. The students from our ECO Club and several classrooms have been busy planting in our learning garden and around the school. We are looking for some families who are interested in helping with watering over the hot summer months. Please contact the office for more information.

classroom teachers will be announced in next few weeks and will be posted on the website

6. Treasurer's Report:

to be added

- seconded the motion: Gillian Uy

Motion passed (unanimously passed)

7. Schoolyard Enhancement Project Update: The contractor has been hired for the project and it will begin June 8, 2015. The TDSB is confident project will be done for September

8.. Committee Updates:

a. Community Awareness Update (Krista Chaytor): ETFO strike action update. They stopped Ministry initiatives (EQAO, report card comments) and it is being reported in the media that the strike action will increase. Not booking field trips and may not participate in Ministry training. Has not yet been a press release.

b. Communication Update (Theresa Ebden): teacher appreciation lunch is on June 18

we will require a new newsletter editor for September. inquire at allenbynews@allenbyparents.com

c. School Programs Update (Lisa Peel and Dawn Morris): no update

d. Director of Health and Safety (Robin Halpern and Christina

bike to school week has been successful

last walking Wednesday is coming

Maryluz V. has shown an interest in taking over walking Wednesday

discussed traffic and accident on corner of Castlefield and Ave on Tuesday May 26

David Heath commented that he is starting to mobilize community about traffic safety around the Allenby neighbourhood

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

need volunteers for fun fair. Ticket order forms went home a few weeks ago and can be found online.

11. Open Questions: none

Meeting adjourned at 8:37

Next APA meeting Wednesday June 17, 2015; will be at 7 pm in Allenby Jr. PS Library