

Allenby Parents Association Meeting
April 27, 2016
Held: Allenby Jr. Public School Library

1. Welcome & Introductions –Paula Riczker
2. Adoption of the Agenda and March Minutes-Paula Riczker
3. Principal's Report – Tracey O'Toole
4. Treasurer's Report - Scott Larin
5. Hot lunch review
6. Schoolyard Enhancement Project Update- Gillian Uy & Shannon Phillips
7. Committee Updates

1. **Welcome and Introduction** – Paula Riczker welcomes everyone. Introductions by ever Riczker welcomes everyone. Introductions by everyone in attendance and quorum is reached.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda and March Minutes** – Motion to adopt April APA Agenda and March APA Minutes as posted. Seconded by Gillian Uy and motion passed unanimously.
3. **Principal's Report**
 - **Teacher Collaborative Inquiry Groups** - Under Mrs. O'Toole's leadership, Allenby teachers have been participating in interesting and engaging discussions and work on a number of topics that impact our students learning and experiences at Allenby. They've been doing this in groups and will continue on this initiative into the 2016/2017 school year.
 - **PLCs** – Allenby staff have been participating monthly in professional learning embedded into the school day. This occurs for our grade 1 to 6 teachers while students are in their houses working with Dynamix. Our kindergarten team meets before school in order to ensure that teachers and ECEs can participate. The focus of these PLCs has been on Self-Regulation (for kindergarten) and Inquiry (for grades 1 to 6) with each month addressing how to incorporate inquiry into different curriculum areas. The work that is done during these sessions is being incorporated into the teaching and learning in the classrooms and is building collaboration across panels and divisions.
 - **Staffing for 2016/2017** – Next year, all classes will have two periods of Phys Ed a week, Music with a specialist, Drama/Dance in our new drama/dance studio and the Kindergartens to Grade 3's will be receiving Digital Literacy instruction in Allenby's new Innovation Lab. There is a greater effort made next year to provide speciality subjects for French immersion classes in French (especially for our primary classes). The first period every Monday will be Mindfulness Monday where teachers will address topics such as mental health, anxiety, collaboration, problem-solving and self-regulation. Classroom teachers, specialty teachers and community partners will be assisting us with this new initiative.
 - **Process for Determining Student Placement** - Watch for information regarding the student placement process that will be coming from the school shortly providing an opportunity for students to select a number of students with whom they would like to be classmates with (the school will ensure they are placed with at least one of these students). There will also be an opportunity to communicate relevant information to be considered in class placement meetings in writing to Mrs. O'Toole or Ms. Themeliopoulos (although direction will be given regarding this). They will not be meeting with parents to discuss this nor should parents share this information with classroom teachers as the ultimate decisions regarding class placements are made by the school administration.
 - **Teaching Assignments and Student Placements** – Teachers have been given their teaching assignments for next year however, these can change over the month ahead as interested teachers apply to postings at other schools. Teachers will not be sharing their teaching assignment with parents, daycare staff, neighbours, etc. Parents please do not ask them as it places them in an awkward situation. Our students won't have to wait until

the first day of school to find out where and with whom they've been placed. Students will find out their teacher and room number when report cards are distributed in June! Sent home along with the final report cards, will be a staff list outlining all of the teaching assignments and room numbers.

4. **Treasurer's Report** – Was postponed to May APA Meeting
5. **Hot Lunch Review** – Nomi Rozen described the current program being delivered by the Lunch Mom. Lunch Mom does Buffet style lunches according to set menu on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Parents/students may participate in one day, two days or all three days. Registration happens three times per year. Meals are \$5.50.

Two additional providers were considered:

Rose Reisman Catering – Will not be put forward for consideration as meals are pricey (\$4.50 to \$7.00 plus extra for optional sides) and each student's meal will be delivered in separate packaging.

Real Food for Real Kids – Prices are comparable to Lunch Mom, meals are served buffet style, with one main meal that all students are served. Parents are to send dishes to school with their children.

Next Steps – Hot Lunch Review team agreed to do a survey of parents to determine what is most supported by parents. The Review Team would like to provide a sample of Real Food for Real Kids before a survey is offered and/or final decisions are made.

6. **Schoolyard Enhancement Project Update** – There will be a meeting between the school and TDSB regarding Kindergarten Yard improvements on May 16th.
7. **Committee Updates**
 - **Fundraising** – Fun Fair is Saturday June 4th. Information regarding class baskets should be coming out soon and volunteer sign up (via SignUp Genius) is also coming soon.
 - **Communications**– Class Representatives will be transitioning to a new APA focused role for the 2016/2017 school year. APA Representatives will no longer be communicating on behalf of teachers and about classroom/school business.
 - **Community Awareness** – Relief efforts for Ecuador are being announced in the newsletter. Items (such as 1. Water filter brand Lifestraw, Canned foods (easy open lid, grains, pasta), Tent, Folding beds/cots, Sleeping bags, Batteries (for flashlights), Flashlights, LED and halogens lights are being accepted in a bin at the St. Clements door.
 - **Health and Safety** – St. Clements door is getting a security camera and a buzz in as the door must remain locked at all times. General community should not be using the schoolyard until after 6 pm and any concerns should be brought to the attention of the office. A parent raised concern over the parking that is occurring at the St. Clements door. Tracey agreed to follow up with the staff member who had parked there, but explained that she and Frances do park there because they are often in before students start arriving and leave after students have left.

	Lunch Mom	Rose Reisman	Real Food Real Kids
Variety of Menu options	vegetarian, gluten free, dairy free, egg free	10 different meal options/day	Vegetarian & meat available
Cost Per Meal	\$5.50/meal	4.50-7.25/day plus extra for sides	5-5.25 -5.50/day
Allergy considerations	nut free and seed	nut free facility	separate meal provided; strictest guidelines
order paper vs online	paper/cheque	online	online
cancellations/makeup	yes/extended cancellation	yes	yes with 3 days notice; managed online
requirements onsite	lunch room/table	table	lunch room/tables
waste/packaging	none/lunchware provided	individual packaging recycled by provider	bring your own lunchware/goes home
fundraising component	.25 per lunch, semester of lunch to funfair, 2% to tdsb	funfair prizing and fundraising dinner program	for every 20 meals bought, one is provided for free to a child in need at the school
# of days/week needed	minimum 2, max 5 - 40 kids min	No commitment for time or days	min. 2X up to 5/week; they don't really do trials b/c they get parental buy in first through survey.
one meal vs. individual order	one meal	individual order	one meal
food sources/organic	flanigans, bondi, stuart	Ontario food terminal and Ontario meat venders	local/organic when possible/nothing processed
space/staff needed	lunch room/tables	table	they bring their own people;