

Unionville Public School Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday, April 18, 2006

Attendance:

Council Members Present: Michael Tamaki, Connie Prentice, Barbara Hockin, Karen Harvey, Gary Crosby, Jeffrey Smith, Debbie Kline, Tara Tomlinson, Steve Gardner (Principal)

Council Members Absent: Julia Sumner, Carol Worthylake, Kelly Smyth

- A. March 2006 UPSAC Meeting Minutes** - Motion for approval by Barbara Hockin, second by Gary Crosby.
- B. March 2006 Financials** - Motion for approval by Connie Prentice, second by Gary Crosby.
- C. Asbestos**
- Karen meeting with Mr. Unites @ Starbucks Friday 21st @ 1:30 pm. To review proposal and supporting documents.
 - Letter from Council to YRDSB's Chair's Committee - Motion for approval by Barbara Hockin, second by Deb Kline.
- D. School Update - Principal's Report** 15 minutes

Administrator's Report – April 2006

1. Fundraising Report – Board Policy 676
 - a. May not be used to – purchase core learning materials, cover on-going staff costs, to support religious or political candidates, to provide Occasional Teacher coverage for teacher in attendance at professional development activities, to purchase items covered by the Provincial Funding Formula
 - b. Private Donations and sponsorships are acceptable forms of fundraising
 - c. The one major fundraiser clause is removed
 - d. Collaborative approach to fundraising initiatives
 - e. Required to ensure that independent review is conducted on all school generated funds raised through school council or other fundraising groups
 - f. Karen will contact the board to get clarification on the need for an independent auditor, as the cost associated with doing this is high.
2. EQAO dates finalized – Monday, May 29-Wednesday, May 31, 2006
3. Softball equipment to be purchased (coordinated by Ms. Lovatsis and Mr. Yip) for spring softball season. For use by P.E. classes and extramural team.
4. Opportunity for families to opt into spring portraits (Lifetouch school portraits). To take place in early May.
5. Extracurricular Update

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- Congratulations to the UPS Concert Band under the direction of Mr. Will Stokes - Gold Medal Performance at Music Alive Festival.
The money used to purchase black band sweaters was well spent. On stage, the 58 students of the concert band (aside from sounding awesome), appeared polished and professional.
- Congratulations to Intermediate Girl's BB team – Regional Bronze Medalists
- Congratulations to Jr. Boy's BB for an excellent season
- Congratulations to Jr. Girl's BB who will play in the Area Crossover on Wednesday, April 19 @ Armadale – Winner is sent to Regional Championship

6. Staffing

- Welcome to Ms. S. Terzian. Ms. Terzian will be the LTO Teacher in Grade 7 for Mrs. Ambtman. She is coming to us from WM. Berczy where she also taught a Grade 7 class.
- UPS will be receiving a 0.5 Vice Principal for 2006-2007
- Our registration numbers continue to grow in the Intermediate Division.
- At this point, Primary enrolment is low.
- May 19th is the cut off for parents who would like to send a note to office indicating student's learning needs/style and teaching style that best compliments it. Please do not send teacher's names.

Calendar Items

April 21st – UPS Yard Clean-Up

April 24-28th – Toonies for Autism

May 1-3 – Scanlon – Grade 6's

May 1, 2, 3 – Dental Screening – Grade 2, 4, 6, 8

May 4th – UPS Legacy Run

May 4th – Fast Eddy – Yo Yo Demonstration re. Character Matters (AM) K-6

May 5th – Elementary PA Day – no school for students

May 16-18th – Aladdin Production

May 24th – Kindergarten Concert

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May 24th – Hoops for Heart (Grade 7 & 8)

May 26th – Jump Rope for Heart (Grade 1-6)

E. Action Teams:

- Environmental Committee recommended starting a boomerang lunch program two days a week. On these two days students will be expected to take home everything they did not eat for lunch. The purpose of this is two-fold, first from an environmental perspective, decrease the amount of garbage, and second to let the parents see what their children would normally throw out.
- House Colours - Green is leading by 50 points.

F. New Board Policy #676.0 - School fundraising

- S. Gardner to provide overview
- Fundraising for 2006 / 07 school year

G. UPSAC Constitution - this will be reviewed at next months meeting. Since an annual review of the Constitution if required, it was suggested that we review sections of the Constitution each month to make this task manageable.

H. Council members' roles and Initiatives

- Letter to U.P.S. parent community

I. Other

- Reviewed sample invitation for parents to attend next Council's meeting May 16th.
- Playground audit report and cost estimate still pending.
- New Apple computers expected in May or June.
- There was a discussion about how we could upgrade the library to make it more inviting for the students. There was concern parents may not feel this is money well spent? A simple book shelf or display case can cost hundreds of dollars.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20