

Unionville Public School Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Attendance:

Council Members present: Michael Tamaki, Connie Prentice, Barbara Hockin, Karen Harvey, Gary Crosby, Debbie Kline, Tara Tomlinson, Steve Gardner (Principal), Carol Worthylake, Kelly Smyth

Council Members absent: Julia Sumner, Jeffrey Smith,

Guests present: Karyn Toon

A. Introductions and Overview of Council

B. Meeting Minutes – April 2006

Motion for approval of the April's Minutes was made by Carol Worthylake and seconded by Gary Crosby. Minutes approved.

C. Financials

- April 2006

Motion for approval of the April's Financial statement was made by Tara Tomlinson and seconded by Kelly Smyth. Minutes approved.

- Budget Request for additional funds to supplement original cost sharing for computers. (see attached request form for details). Approved.

Note: Mr. Norquay & Mr. Yip will be attending a train the trainer session on June 7th for the new computers.

D. Asbestos

- Karen Harvey and various members of KOFF waited for Mr. Unites had a scheduled meeting with Mr. Unitas today, but he did not show up nor did he call. Bill Crothers indicated to Karen, the board will be sending UPSAC a letter indicating they will no longer discuss the asbestos issue with UPSAC.

E. School Update – Principal's Report

Administrator's Report – May 16th, 2006

1. Annual Playground Inspection Report

- Met with Mr. McBean from Plant Department first week in May
- A number of points of interest/issues were raised re. UPS
 - i. All UPS play structures will have additional pea gravel placed on ground this school year.
 - ii. All "track rides" have been removed in YRDSB schools therefore the UPS hardware needs removal (it has been inoperable for the last 2 school years)
 - iii. YRDSB does not purchase "Rope Ladders" anymore and our ladder is in need of replacement roping. RESULT – to be removed
 - iv. There are conflicting zones where the pommel climber and parallel bars are located. RESULT – one apparatus to be removed and opening at base to be closed off
 - v. Pyramid Climbing ladder in JK/SK playground too high for Kindergarten yard and conflicting and overlapping zones with slide. – RESULT – remove ladder
 - vi. Climbing wall on JK/SK structure to be replaced (currently made from wood) – new material is rubber – **School to cover cost (Company visiting UPS in June to provide quote/price).**

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- vii. Pea gravel area on West side (primary area) – RESULT – remove pea gravel and exposed concrete footers. (paving may result)
- The work will be scheduled during the summer.
 - UPSAC asked Mr. Gardner to see if it was possible to retrofit the “Rope Ladder” and the “track ride” with something else, rather than removing it (use the existing frame). UPSAC is willing to pay for the retrofit cost. The thought is retrofitting would cost less than removing the equipment and then later adding something new in its place. UPSAC also, asked Mr. Gardner to see if the board is willing to share the cost of the retrofit, since they would save money by not having to remove the old equipment. Mr. Gardner agreed to look into the possibility, and will report to council at the next meeting in June.
 - It was suggested, Mr. Gardner observe which of the two, “pommel climber” or “parallel bars” are used the least and base his decision of removal on what he observes.
 - It was suggested, to move the “Pyramid climbing ladder to the Junior playground.
2. We will be hosting our UPS Reads! Kick-off assembly in June. A Canadian Author (TBD) will read to students and parents (2-30 minute assemblies) and then we will proceed to have a 30 minute “snuggle-up” and read time. Parents are encouraged to attend if they can.

The goal of the UPS READS! Program is to engage families in sustained, uninterrupted reading. This may include texts such as fiction and non-fiction books, poetry, magazines and newspapers. Families are encouraged to read together. For English as a Second Language learners, parents may read to their children in their first language. Students are encouraged to read for a minimum of 15 minutes nightly, this would equate to approximately 450 minutes over the course of a month. Once 450 minutes of out of school reading is completed, students are asked to submit this form into the drop box located in the front hall (only submit completed forms). The plan is to link this to the house colour program. UPSAC suggested, posting a list of board suggested books.

3. The school is a buzz with Aladdin! – Evening performances are taking place on Wednesday, May 17 and Thursday, May 18th at 7:00 PM in the school gymnasium. Morning and afternoon performances took place today and they were wonderful. Thank you very much to Mr. Sillito, Mr. Hawco and Mr. Farber for their direction of this school-wide production.
- i. L & D Foods will be setting up a display of foods and opportunity for parents to ask questions.
 - ii. Grade 8 students will be setting up a booth for the “Make a Wish Foundation” and selling bracelets for \$2.00.
 - iii. There will be an opportunity in the next week to order DVD’s of the Thursday performance.
4. Date for BBQ and Curriculum Night – Wednesday the 20th of September. Judith Crombie and Deb Kline will co-ordinate.

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5. Grade 7's (2006/07) attending Camp Muskoka – September 13-15th, 06.
6. Concert band performing at Wonderland on Thursday, June 1st.
7. Congratulations to our Junior Girl's BB team who were Regional Silver Medalists!
8. UPS- Legacy Run was a success – fun was had by all. Mr. Bob McCulloch, CAYRE Chair and run organizer was present to say thank you to our students, Doctor Bear (Alex P. in Grade 8) was present and appreciated by all. UPS raised in excess of \$6300.00 for the Markham-Stouffville Hospital. Thank you!
9. The Concert band performed at the Markham theatre last week and it was a great success. Thanks to Mr. Stokes and Mr. Dienstmann.

F. Action Teams:

- Environmental Committee
 - L&D lunch will look into the possibility of changing from juice to bottled water. They will also look at changing the containers to re-sealable ones, so that it can support the boomerang lunch program.
 - It was suggested we investigate the Walmart community environmental initiative, to see if they could supply re-sealable containers to be used for the lunch program.
 - The trees will be replaced this month.
 - June 7th is planting day.
- House Colours
 - Green is ahead of blue by 10 points, followed by black.
 - winner's Lunch is scheduled for June 16th.

G. New Board Policy #676.0 – School Fundraising

- \$500 Board Funding
 - The Parent involvement fund can be used to support communication, broadening the number of school events that include parents and the number of parents who attend; Diversification of communication tools to meet the varied needs of parents. UPS will use the funds to support the UPS reads campaign, which will be kicked-off in June. The plan is to bring in Canadian authors to read to the students. See the Principal's report above for more detail.

H. UPSAC Constitution - Revisions

- Item 11, change submission date to Sept. 15th.

I. General Business

- UPSAC meeting in September 2006 will be on the 26th.
- June meeting including teacher appreciation will be at Karen Harvey's house.
- Copy of the 2006 – 2007 school year calendar distributed.

J. Meeting Adjourned 9:30 p.m.