

Manor Park School Council and Home and School Association Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2013
MPPS Library

Present:

Shari Brodie
Maha Albari
Celeste Gibson

Nancy Grinberg
Mike McMullen
Kari Glynes Elliott

Erin Yoshida
Jutta Paczulla
Leigh Anne Richardson
Laura Frappin

Welcome:

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Erin Yoshida.
no quorum yet, will wait before approving minutes

Principal's report

results of grade 4-6 survey "tell them from me" has been released to school officials
(not available to public)

- social and emotional outcomes – 90% of MP student reported high sense of belonging (higher than average)
- 22% of students say that they were victims of bullying in last month – lower than average, but still worrying
- don't know if this Q in study reports one time event or on-going problem

The information from this survey ties into the work that MP school is working on concerning bullying, especially cyberbullying

Workshop from Tina Daniels

Maha spoke about a workshop presented by Tina Daniels – very useful, teachers liked it – she wants to PREVENT bullying

On June 5th there will be a presentation for parents

the workshop focuses on building positive peer relationships

not constructive to label all negative interaction as "bullying"

Maha is introducing peer mentoring – older kids helping younger kids

behaviour at school does not concern JUST parents and kids – Maha will invite

members of community including business owners and religious leaders to attend presentation

she wants us to publicize this presentation to wider community

will try to post something during plant sale and May Fair

Principal's report cont.

sports news- girls won gold in handball, boys won b side in basketball

new principal will meet with council at date tbd

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she has visited school
will come to May Fair

Shari said that there is going to be a meeting on June 10th regarding how classes will be organized for next year

youtube presentation

We moved into computer lab and Maha showed us a youtube presentation on anti-bullying

PRO Grant

Erin and Leigh Anne talked about application for PRO grant
need to research what sort of speakers would be most useful and appreciated
Leigh Anne suggests survey monkey to canvass parents
need a point person from council to take project on (before application)
some suggestions for topics include
 info to parents on issues like new math, computer policies, use of social media
 outside school, practical and healthy nutrition, how to deal with exposure to
 violence (ex Boston bombing), etc.
Might not want to apply for grant this year
with or without grant, it is agreed that we will try to offer speaker series for next year
(Erin says she will help, Susan says she might be able to provide some support)

idea of open house is popular, but may not be fair to new principal who has not been consulted

new business – council meetings

next meeting is scheduled June 19th but there are conflicts for school staff – Erin proposes to have meeting one day earlier *Tuesday, June 18th*

what about for next year? - 3rd Wednesday of each month, no meeting in December or February – the meeting in September will be 4th Wednesday (see schedule proposed by Erin)

no quorum – can't vote on minutes or issues discussed – will send query by email

meeting adjourned 8:21

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Meeting of the Home and School Association

Meeting of the home and School Association called to order.

Mike McMullen passed financial info around
pizza – estimated to earn around \$10,000
most allocated funds have been spent
Victoria is working to re-design or relocate butterfly garden which is being trampled
by kindies

Erin will likely be treasurer next year

budget subcommittee meeting usually held in June after May Fair
further conversation will be by email

since last meeting there was a request for \$ for new planters – it was approved (by
email)

another request – graduation

money already allocated for food, T-shirts, etc.
Motion to allocate a further \$100 to Maha for clothes and hair to graduating students
– will vote by email

plant sale

plant sale is this weekend – prices are the same as last year
it will run on Saturday from 8-3

May Fair

Jutta reported that everything is under control
still looking for cakes and drinks

new convenors canvassed – some people volunteering to step up

information night for parents of new kindergarten students

kindie info night May 30th – might want to advertise, esp council info

departing teachers

Kari will purchase gifts by mid June for those for teachers who are leaving MP

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meeting adjourned 8:48
