

Karen Kain School of the Arts Council
Notes for April 12, 2010

Present:

Eva Ballentine, Tanya Carey, Susan Cohen, Judy Diercks, Jennifer Fraser, Kamal Ghai, Mary Heenan, Manjeet Kalra, Jan Lavelle, Sunnie McFadden Curtis, Lori McMurray, Helene Pfeiffer, Carolyn Rasiuk, Beth Scannel, Anita Shack, Kim Shaw, Tulin Valeri.

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introduction of Bob Poldon from Ward 3, visiting the council meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

Changing order: school business will go first and then council business.

There will be added business at the end of meeting.

Motion to approve, Kim. Jan seconds, carried.

Action items from last month's minutes will be looked at the end of next month's meeting.

3. Students' Report: Adri (minister of communication)

-Spirit day this Friday, students to pick partner to dress like each other.

-Movie morning coming up this Sunday—selling tickets now.

4. Teachers' Report: Mme. Panzara

-Staff meeting highlights:

-Upcoming big event for earth day—activities for entire day, breakfast television will film events, students need to bring objects to recycle for events: socks, sculpture out of junk—recycled art. Any flowers for planting and tools for planting, gardening will be taking place first thing in the morning—list to go home with students of required donations.

-Ms. Patterson is looking for sponsorship for 4 additional chairs for the library. The chairs are \$50 a chair. Donators name will be painted on back of chair for recognition.

-Choir and Dance:

-Choir uniforms have been purchased with school logo and students' name on sleeve. Performance at Massey Hall is May 6. To purchase tickets please contact Ms. Noble ASAP.

-Dance: On April 21 students of the dance club will be performing in a TDSB dance event called Ignite. The performance will be at the North York Centre for Performing Arts. Ask Ms. Noble for tickets.

-KKSA will be starting a "Me to We" group at school—this is a movement to get children involved in social action.

-Kids involved Karin' Coins to be bring in loose change to donate toward the Me to We initiative. The money raised is to go towards health projects in 3rd world countries. There will also be a "water walk" for a "Me to We" fundraiser.

5. Principal's Report: Ms. Pfeiffer

-Regarding money involvement for parents' of the school—there may seem to be always drives—but for the students of KKSA this involvement is for social justice. Ms Panzara will be helping in an initiative to build a library in Ghana this summer. Ms. Panzara will be teaching but also will be helping with a beading project in which money raised goes toward a library in Ghana.

-10 days on next 2 months that doesn't have anything on them. Arts events, trips, committees, professional learning activities, track and field.

-Staffing: Status quo for next year. Same numbers for student enrollment (max. at 180) thus staffing remains the same.

-There will be 8.5 teachers for next year. We have been given 2, 0.5 educational assistants for special education.

-At KKSA we want all kinds of students; a balanced student base, which we cannot do that without additional support. Staffing committee discussing staffing models for next year prep. time up to 220 minutes, which is up 10 minutes from this year. This is not much time to work with.

-Applications for September: 118 applications have been sent to KKSA. 60 accepted and 13 students are on the wait list. There will be more boys next year; either 14 or 16 new boys will be attending.

-QSP budget—handed out figures for QSP fundraiser (attached form).

-Upcoming Forest of Reading—the students will be voting in April for their favorite books and then there will be the Harbourfront Trip in May.

-Tomorrow the grade 6's will be partaking in an "Express Dance" workshop.

6. Committee Report:

Co-Chair :Carolyn Rasiuk and Eva Ballentine

-Adela Award: There is a flyer handout with Adela's story and what the award is about. The flyer will be given out to the students to apply for award. The Award will be given at the grade 8 graduation.

-\$500 is budgeted every year for parent outreach.

-Idea raised for a September welcome BBQ. This event would be to meet the teachers, and for new parents to hear about the council. Discussion: should this be the same night at curriculum night?

-Carolyn motions to go forward with the idea of a September event with the budget of \$500.

-Motion to accept idea to spend up to \$500 on the night of Curriculum night: Kamal, Seconded Jen. Carried.

-Advertising will commence about KKSA. Community centers and schools will have a flyer about KKSA. This is to provide an equal chance to everyone to know about the school outside of the direct neighbourhood.

- The Stress Workshop booked for April 18th has been cancelled. The workshop may be rescheduled for the fall.
- Principals Selection Form: If you have any feedback it must be in by the end of this week. The background of the document is that the TDSB wants parents to be involved in the choosing of a principal for a school. Please feel free to make your opinion—email address is on document
- Financial Report: Consultation with techno dream—How much money we need for techno dream? There is a need for microscopes –some money will come from Ms. Pfeiffer’s budget.
Budget report handed out (attached).
- Question of how do we structure the money to fulfill promises? Helen will only take \$1000 not the \$2000 that was budgeted for Discretionary Funds.
- The funds generated from the Masquerade Ball are \$4406.42 after all the expenses were paid.
- Ms. Noble needs \$410 for music sheets.
- We still need \$9000 to fulfill the promises to Techno Dream. Ms Pfeiffer discusses how we need the fundamentals first—i.e. A small camera per class vs. Professional SLR Camera. Sunnie suggests to approach donors. Anita puts forth that we should try to find a donation for a professional camera (would be a donation with tax receipt for equipment) Jen would like to see a document as to what has been promised and budgeted for.
- Techno dreams budget is still just over \$4000 but new items are added as seen needed. Eva will send list of Techno dreams budget.
- Motion to give \$410 to Ms. Noble for sheet music, Tulin. Seconded, Judy, carried.**
- Idea raised again that parents write a cheque at the beginning of the school year to cover all fundraising needs. If we look forward to next year we can calculate how much per family. Fundraising committee would then figure out what needs to be raised after to cover needs. Need to put this in motion. Class reps need to go to the teachers to make a list— and to prioritize needs. Ms. Pfeiffer states that this can go to a staff meeting. She will suggest three top items per teacher. It is decided that Helen will take this to a staff meeting.

Fundraising Committee Report: Jan

- Nancy has been dealing with the movie day
The owner of the movie morning---the Kingsway—will not have it a private screening. Discussion ensues if the event should be cancelled or put to another date.
- Email will go out on listserv tonight that it is a public event as long as the parents know and the children may not want to wear their pjs. There are no objections to go ahead with event.
- Council has borrowed \$300 for movie morning from KKSA for the deposit at the theatre.
- Motion to reimburse KKSA \$300: Jan, seconded Sunnie, carried.
- May 29th is Mayday.
- Canadian Tire moneybox donations totaled \$11.40.
- More announcements will go out to raise Canadian Tire money again.

-Regarding a BBQ (what the fundraising money was to go toward) Ms. Pfeiffer raised the concern that there is no place to store it. When the school needs a BBQ a call should go out to parents to bring needed BBQs for an event. The Canadian Tire money could go toward boot racks, which are in need.

-Report on QSP fundraiser—this year \$6374 raised.

-Need to find someone to run it next year. Jan will sit down with someone to consult and teach how to do it. It is a lot of work but only for 2 weeks—up to 3 wks.

Committee can do this. An email will go out on listserv tonight to get volunteers.

Jan will do a quick document to say what one needs to do to run QSP. Specifics on what the obligations are.

-Spring Concert is June 17. This year there will be a silent auction and the concert will be an ESA.

-Please go out and get items for auction. If you need a donation letter please get from

7. New Business:

-Tanya needs volunteers for volunteer committee. There is a general need, but there will be a list of specific enquiry list.

-Sunnie reports on the grade 6 canoe trip meeting. Question raised: can \$250 of council funds be contributed toward trip? The funds are needed for a hotel for the bus driver, \$50 miscellaneous, and \$100 for pizza.

-The Council doesn't have to funds to donate towards the grade 6 trip.

-Ms. Pfeiffer states that the grade 6s have to have a swim test to go on canoe trip. The test will take place at Norseman pool. The pool and instructor will cost.

Grade 6s will do their own fundraising through a bake sale and Freezie sale for trip.

Ms. Pfeiffer has some discretionary money to help with kids that cannot afford to go.

8. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn, Jan. Heather seconded, carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.