

# M'KIS PARENT ASSOCIATION

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES– 25 SEPTEMBER 2008

### 1 Opening of Meeting

2 **Apologies** : Walt Morris, Marieke Vogtlander, Marjolein Harting, Mini Guda, Sheri Putri

3 **Approval of Minutes** The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

### 4 Reports

4.1.1 Principal Middle/High School B. Peterson

Dr. Peterson reported that of the 38 Juniors, 37 attended the IB retreats. After a review of the IB reports, it was determined that MKIS results stand up to any of its competitors in this area. One of the 11<sup>th</sup> graders was featured in the Star Newspaper. She has written two books. An FCD (Free from Chemical Dependency) educator will be coming to meet with the teachers. He will also be holding a meeting for parents on 8 October at 8:30 am. A letter regarding the Malaysian Studies trips will be in the upcoming Link. Some changes have occurred regarding the dates some of the grades will leave. Also, the cost will increase slightly for grades 6 – 10 from RM350 last year to RM400 this year.

4.1.2 Principal Elementary P. Sicard

Mr. Sicard reported that the offices will be open next week (29/9 – 3/10) on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. He reassured board members that the canteen has letters of assurance from both of the milk companies that the milk products sold in the canteen do not come from China. There will be an IT disruption from Friday 26/9 to Sunday 28/9. Also, there has been a new webpage proposed as he acknowledged that the website needs to be updated. Hand Foot and Mouth Disease has affected 7 students in one of the KP classes. The school is following guidelines from the Center for Disease Control to ensure the cleanliness of the classes. The Swim Carnival was a success as was the cross country event. The Teachers are developing professional goals. Fred Wolf conducted a "6 traits writing" workshop for teachers as part of the new language arts curriculum and the school received new materials for a spelling program also part of the language arts curriculum. He is concerned that the teachers have not been given enough advance notice of the upcoming book fair.

4.2 President C. MacDonald

Ms. MacDonald reported that the printer in the PA Room will either be repaired or be replaced depending on cost for repairs. Also, new software is being placed on the PA computer for use by Berita. She asked if the Board would be in favor of a Christmastime fundraiser where the PA would provide the opportunity for the students to have their photo taken with Santa Clause. Athena Carey has volunteered her photography service. The board agreed that this would be a good fundraising opportunity. Mr. Sicard suggested that the PA use one of the "half days" in November for this activity and reminded the board that it would better to avoid times when the students have class.

4.3 Financial K. Rigney – Z.

The financial report was submitted by Katie Rigney – Z. (attached) She also reported that the transition from the Damansara Public Bank Branch to the

Solaris Public Bank Branch is almost complete.

## **5 Subcommittee Reports and Ongoing Business**

### 5.1 Funds Requests

The board approved RM6000 to the Library to bring in author Karen Wallace. She will also be visiting Garden International School and Tanglin School in Singapore. The three schools will share in the cost to bring her here.

### 5.2 Committee Reports

Ms. MacDonald reported that school photos went well, as well as the large photo with the entire school.

Ms. Neteler reported that the Health Office will be arranging a meeting to discuss the new HPV vaccine.

#### 5.2.1 Scholastic Reading Program

K. Rigney – Z.

Ms. Rigney-Z. reported that the school will be participating in the Scholastic Group Read where each student will have an opportunity to read for local charities. For each student who reads for 2008 seconds (32 minutes) Scholastic Books will donate one book to a local charity. Mr. Sicard would like to see some photos of the local children receiving the books. He feels it would be good for our students to see the results of their efforts. Katie doesn't think this will be a problem.

#### 5.3 Middle School Electives (Exploratories)

K. Rigney – Z.

Ms. Rigney-Z asked if it was possible for the Art Exploratory to be more academic. She feels that the current subject matter is too basic for Grade 7 students. Dr. Peterson replied that the definition of "exploratories" is non-academic courses where students explore things, however he will look into the Art Exploratory.

#### 5.4 Charity Event

C. MacDonald

Ms. MacDonald is organizing a charity night for the victims from Myanmar and the earthquake in China. (Description attached) It will be an adult only night consisting of a "Pot-Luck" dinner and Rug Auction. Alcohol will be permitted. She is looking for volunteers to help organize. She would like for the PA to pay for the table rentals. The board members agreed.

## **6 Old Business**

## **7 Close of Meeting**