

MINUTES FOR M'KIS PARENT ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING

MEETING 1 – 28 AUGUST 2008

1 Opening of Meeting

2 Apologies

3 Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the last meeting (May 2008) were approved.

4 Reports

4.1.1. MKIS Headmaster

W. Morris

Mr. Morris addressed some of the issues regarding parking on campus, including frustrations with parents' double parking, and the safety measures at the crosswalk. Although Sunrise would like to remove the guards at the crosswalks in order to alleviate traffic along the street, he feels that they are needed in order to insure the safety of the children crossing. The parents and children using the crosswalk need to be careful to cross only when the guards say it is ok to cross. Elizabeth Graveland asked why the drivers are not allowed to park on campus after 4:00 pm. Mr. Morris responded that that would be very difficult to enforce.

He also mentioned that he would like the parents at MKIS to use the Parent Association email address for bringing general issues they would like addressed by the administration as he like to funnel parents' issues through the Parent Association.

Parent Dialogue groups might be generated using the Country Representatives List in order to make sure all nationalities are represented at these meetings.

4.1.2 Principal Middle/High School

B. Peterson

Dr. Peterson reported a smooth start to the school year. He has not heard any complaints from students that the school is too crowded. In general students are happy with the new canteen operator. The food is good and there is plenty of selection, but the prices seem a little high. At Back-to-School night the focus will be on academics. The school will be looking at continuing to improve the high quality of education as well as improve the assessment standards. He likes the new Counseling Center and would like the students to feel like it is a place they can "hang out."

Mr. Velasco will focus primarily on the Middle School.

Jenny Walwyn asked if he would consider splitting up the Middle School and High School "Back to School" nights. Dr. Peterson replied that the idea was considered but it was decided there was not a great enough need to justify yet, but it will be looked at again after this year.

4.1.3 Principal Elementary P. Sicard

Mr. Sicard reported that the Elementary School is settling in well. There is a swim carnival planned where all kids will be asked to swim in at least one event. He is looking to improve student safety and supervision. He also reports that the new canteen is getting good reviews from parents and students who seem happy that the price has gone down for them. More students are buying lunch. He is also finding the addition of Patrick Rich as Assistant Elementary Principal very helpful.

4.2 President C. MacDonald

Ms. MacDonald reported that she was pleased with the turnout of the Newcomers coffee as well as the Dodge Ball tournament. She has spoken to the Marketing class who will take us on as a project. The board members can speak to Michelle Amini if they need to advertise an upcoming event.

The new canteen operators will be speaking at the PA General Meeting to advise parents about their philosophy regarding school nutrition as well as answer questions from parents.

4.3 Financial K. Rigney – Z.

Ms. Rigney –Z. submitted the financial report. (Attached)

The PA agreed to set up separate accounts for the Madeline Children's Fund Parent Association Committee as well as the Little League Parent Association Committee. It was agreed that there will be three treasurers for the three accounts. One for the main Parent Association account, one for MCF account and one for the Little League account. These three treasurers will be responsible for reviewing these separate accounts and will be required to meet on a semi-annual basis to go through the accounts.

All accounts will require 2 signatories for all transactions and 2 of the 4 possible signatories will be PA executive board members.

The Berita MKIS Magazine account #3-0671259-31 held at Public Bank Damansara Branch can be closed as the school will pay RM25000 per year for publishing. The balance of the account in the amount of 5,051.90RM will be issued in a bank draft to be deposited into the new PA account in Public Bank Solaris Branch.

5 Subcommittee Reports and Ongoing Business

5.1 Funds Requests

It was agreed that the funds request for MYMUN of RM 600 would be given to Dr. Peterson as the school is now covering this cost.

The Board approved RM1600 to Didi Gill for costs related to the 15th Colors of Malaysia Celebration.

5.2 Committee Reports

MCF is gearing up for a successful Cancer Awareness Week 22-26 September. They have purchased some new merchandise and organized another Jump-a-thon for the Elementary grades as well as a Dance-a-thon for the "green shirts."

Ms. Neteler reported that the Dodge Ball Tournament made approximately RM1600.

Ms. MacNeill reported that Little League has signed up 150 students for Saturday soccer.

Ms. Guda reported that the Directory Committee is hoping to deliver the School Directory by 28 October.

5.3 School Bag Protocol for Grade 6 Sheri Aza

Ms. Sheri Aza asked about the new back pack rule for students in grade 6. Dr. Peterson responded with a letter addressing the issue. (Attached)

5.4 ES Parent Meetings E. Graveland

Ms. Graveland asked the board for suggestions about how to decide what information will be delivered at the Elementary Parent Group Meetings. It was suggested that she try dedicating the first meeting to letting the parents decide what information they would like presented.

6 Old Business

Ms. Neteler would like administrators to remind parents, teachers and students to use the dedicated Lost and Found area located in the breezeway.

7 Close of Meeting