

# Floradale Public School Council Meeting

## Monday September 18, 2017

Welcome: Jeanette Hiller welcomed all to the meeting.

Attendees: Lisa Demerling, Jeanette Hiller, Julie Cluthe, Denise Bloch, Bob Armstrong, Kathleen (Katie) Fallis, Rose Frey, Brenda Brubacher, Sheryl Martin, Lori Lynn Frey, Kendra Ellis, Beth Perrin, Christina Kuepfer

### 1. Approval of Minutes:

Denise Bloch made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes as previously read and Julie Cluthe seconded it.

### 2. Proposed Slate for School Council Executive

(See attached handout)

There are some new members on the executive this year. The position of community representative has not been filled at this time. Jeanette has asked that members of council come to the next meeting with 1-2 names of people that could be a community representative.

### 3. Housekeeping

Email contact list was completed by all present.

The meeting dates for the rest of the year are Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Jan. 15, Feb. 26, April 16, May 28.

See attached handout for the calendar of events.

### 4. Summary and Review of Previous Years Events

Jeanette reviewed the happenings of last year and some of the feelings that surrounded the flying of the rainbow flag. She shared that she took a delegation to the trustees to share her thoughts and convictions regarding the events in June. She made it clear that she was not speaking on behalf of all families at Floradale but was speaking on behalf of some of the members of our community who will not come to a meeting or speak out freely. She is happy to share the minutes of this meeting and some of the correspondence that followed her presentation. If you would like to read this, please let Jeanette know.

Jeanette acknowledged the changes in the past year and some of the struggles and changes we have experienced. She shared her hopes that we will gain some stability as we move forward and hopefully get a permanent principal soon.

5. **Principal's Report (Bob Armstrong):**

A. **What's Happening at Floradale?**

Bob Armstrong introduced himself and shared his appreciation for school council and the role we have in the school. He shared that he has an open door and is happy to discuss concerns with parents.

The following activities have been going on in September:

- Great start to the year
- Some glitches with the start of the year with Google
- Enrollment -242 students (down 6)
- 57 students in the running club
- Soccer teams started and had their first games tonight
- Maggie Shantz is hired as the .71 LTO
- Bussing is going well
- We have had 2 fire drills so far this year and one more scheduled for this term as well as one more drill for lockdown procedures
- Terry Fox assembly was today and school set a goal for \$500. The run will be held on Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup>
- Invitations for Thanksgiving Dinner were sent out
- Pizza scheduled to start on Friday September 29, 2017
- Friday is a PA Day. The day will have staff talking about literacy, math, and graduation rates. Teachers will also get training in health and safety policy/procedures
- EQAO results have been released to the school but are not public until tomorrow.
- Mr. Wilson is wanting to begin a math club during first nutrition break
- Plans for the rink are already underway and a request has been made that parent council set aside some money (\$250) for replacing boards.
- Off property permission forms were sent home. Less than half of the students returning them. This is for the Grade 8 students only at this time. The Grade 8s are being given the opportunity to go off property at the second nutrition break. This is on a trial basis right now as there are some concerns re. safety and responsibility. Mr. Armstrong is allowing this to continue as it has been the tradition at Floradale in years past. This tradition may need to be revisited in the future.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

We have \$1700 in our regular account and \$4400 in the WEFI account. There is a contribution from the Rotary Club for \$800.

The teachers have asked for some clarification regarding submitting the wish list. We have several new staff members and they would like to better understand what types of things are on the wish list as well as any parameters that might be helpful as they form wish lists. Katie shared that she is pursuing an author's visit and shared some of the details. Bill Slaven is the illustrator that she is pursuing at this point.

We will wait for the teachers to prepare wish lists. The illustrator visit will be included in this wish list. Some of the items on the wish list may need to wait until we have a permanent administrator and he/she takes a lead on this following along with the Board's initiatives.

Mr. Wilson has indicated that he would like \$250 for upgrades to the rink. He did not spend the amounts budgeted last year for rink supplies so council has approved the spending of \$250 for the rink.

## 7. Committee Reports

### Fundraising Committee:

#### a) Chocolate Bars

The chocolate bars are being delivered on Friday. They will be handed out on Monday. Sarah Frey is helping with this fundraiser. There will be prizes for the top sellers.

#### b) Elmira Poultry

Chicken orders will go out on Monday Sept. 25. Orders are due back on October 11<sup>th</sup> and the delivery will be November 1<sup>st</sup>.

There will be top up for chicken orders in February.

#### c) Poinsettias

The poinsettia orders will go out around November 1<sup>st</sup> with orders due back Nov.21<sup>st</sup>. We will not have a delivery date until the beginning of December.

**Social Committee:**

a) Thanksgiving Dinner

This will be happening on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The committee will make phone calls to let people know what they are bringing.

**Garden Committee:**

Sheryl would welcome helpers to come and weed and help with the gardens.

8. **Questions and Other Items**

- Query about planting trees or “greening” on the property. There are many regulations from the Board for any outdoor enhancements that are made.
- Mrs. Milisic is our new custodian at Floradale.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.