

# Floradale Public School Council Meeting

## Monday January 15, 2018

Welcome: Jeanette Hiller welcomed all to the meeting.

Attendees: Lisa Demerling, Jeanette Hiller, Andy Beddoe, Brenda Brubacher, Katie Fallis, Lisa Goossen, Julie Cluthe, Denise Bloch, Christina Kuepfer, Rachel Playford

### 1. **Approval of Minutes**

Lisa Demerling motioned to approve the minutes and Julie Cluthe seconded.

### 2. **Principal's Report (Bob Armstrong):**

#### • ***Principal Introduction***

Andy Beddoe took a few minutes to introduce himself to us and tell us a little about his family and his background in education. Andy is coming to us from Wellesley Public School where he was a VP for 4 years. He has had a variety of experiences within the Board – teaching, working as a consultant, music teacher, and VP. He is very glad to be here at Floradale.

Andy shared his beliefs:

- **Children are the reason we come to work everyday**  
*(Our students are first ... each and every one)*
- **We have an obligation to work together as a team to give each child the best education possible**  
*(Teachers, parents = Support Team; partners in every students' learning journey)*
- **Education affects the life choices and chances of Children**  
*(Culture of Innovation builds students' confidence as they face the future - Our learning environments include all students and their diverse perspectives and ideas.)*
- **Discipline (coaching) needs to teach life lessons and effective problem-solving**
- **Optimism is essential in education**

- My Role: **To support our staff and families... so we can all support our kids**
- ***What I've noticed at Floradale (in 4 weeks!)***
  - i. Students are happy coming to school, feeling safe, cared for, included
  - ii. Staff members are professional, listen to their students, have expectations, and enjoy coming to work
  - iii. A whole school community that's weathered some uncertain times and who are ready for consistency – my goal is to collaborate with all to make that happen
- ***What's been happening?***
  - Our girls had a successful volleyball season – made it to the playoffs and represented Floradale with spirit and teamwork
  - (Ms. Salmon is lining up some games for our girls and boys club teams to play other schools in the area)
  - Our intermediate students enjoyed hearing from local author, Del Gingrich;
  - Our junior students experienced presentations by 'Lectric Larry, and
  - Our grade 2, 3, and 4 students went on an excursion to Doon Heritage Village.
  - Heartfelt performances that our students gave in preparation for the holiday season. Thank you students, staff, and School Council members for all of your work in preparation for the performances, bake sale, refreshments, and raffle.
  - Before the holiday break, Mrs. Hanley's grade 2/3 class presented an assembly on cooperation and
  - during our first week back, Mrs. Glofcheskie's grade 1 class shared messages about integrity. During both assemblies, our younger falcons sang songs, shared stories, and showed videos and pictures as they encouraged us to be cooperative and show integrity.
  - Since we are the Floradale Falcons, we SOAR with Success, Ownership, Attitude, and Respect. Students from JK to grade 8 are reminded that each and every one of us can SOAR daily at Floradale. Be sure to ask your child(ren) about the different ways they can SOAR with Success, Ownership, Attitude, and Respect.
  - Constable Paul Rabidoux (WRPS) stopped in to speak with Mrs. Shoemaker's grade 1/2 class to speak about RESPECT (the R in SOAR) and with Mrs. Hanley's grade 2/3 class along with Mrs. Glofcheskie's grade 1 class about personal safety.
  - Friday, our grade 3's participated in Swim to Survive
  - Other – Monica Meier is retiring March 9 – Friday before March Break we will miss her leadership at the school, and wish her all the best ... her job has been posted and we will be interviewing near the end of next week.

- ***Important Dates:***

January 15th - School Council Meeting in the school library - 7 pm until 8:30 pm

January 18th - Maycourt Puppeteers perform for our primary and junior students

January 26th - P.A. Day (no school) – teachers to use the time for assessment/reporting

February 16 – reports go home

February 19 – Family Day

Mar. 12 to 16 – March Break

March 30 – Good Friday

April 2 – Easter Monday

April 13 – PD Day

May 22 to June 4 – EQAO Assessment

May 22 to May 25 - Grade 3's write

May 28 to May 31 – Grade 6's write

May 29 – Ground Water Festival (P/J's)

May 29 – 7/8 Track and Field at JHSS

June 1 – PD Day

June 27 - Grade 8 Grad

### 3. **Treasurer's Report**

Please see attached Treasurer's Report.

### 4. **Committee Reports**

#### **Fundraising Committee:**

a) Chocolate Bars

Everything is finished with the chocolate bar fundraiser.

b) Elmira Poultry

Monica will print out the forms with the students names on them for the winter “top up” of Elmira Poultry.

Paperwork will need to go out January 29<sup>th</sup> with the orders due back on the February 20<sup>th</sup> for delivery March 7<sup>th</sup>. Pick up will be between 3:30 – 5:00PM.

The winner for Elmira Poultry fundraiser will be decided after the spring fundraiser.

c) Gaga Ball Pit

Our goal is to raise \$500 to pay for the Gaga Ball Pit. Julie will draft a letter for Toonie Tuesdays to raise funds for this venture. If the students raise the funds needed, we will offer them a special day when each class will have a turn to play in the gaga ball pit throughout the day. Grade 8 will decorate the jar we will use to collect the toonies. (Brenda will send it in.)

**Social Committee:**

a) Christmas Concert/Bake Sale

We raised \$980.95 from the bake sale. We made \$144.25 on hot chocolate and coffee sales so overall we made a total of \$1125.20 .

This money is to be used to subsidize the Grade 8 graduation. We are proposing \$600 from the earnings this year to go towards this year’s grad and then the rest is held in the “kitty” for future years. This is a proposal we can present but no firm decision can be made at this parent council meeting.

b) Family Skating

Tentative Date on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

5. **Communication Strategy**

**School Day**

This is a platform being used to order pizza and pitas online. There is a lot more to this communication tool that is not being utilized. We would like to encourage the use of school day for communication on a weekly basis from the principal. In addition, notices and information can be sent home this way.

Moving forward, the school would like to state that this is how we are choosing to communicate and it is important that parents sign up for this tool. We need to “sell” this to the community and use opportunities when we have families together to promote this (i.e. family skating). We would like to have some structure at the family skate night to discuss the communication strategy and offer the opportunity for families to sign up.

First, we need to have parents looking for the weekly updates from Mr. Beddoe as he will be weaning out the paper newsletters that have traditionally been used. Secondly, Mr. Beddoe is encouraging staff to get online to begin with and have them connecting with their students and family on school day.

A suggestion was made that snow day information could be shared on school day.

Some teachers are using Twitter and other tools in the classroom. These will continue. There is a twitter account now for the school as well - @flowrdsb.

The topic of communication with our school community will be on the agenda for the next meeting to revisit this topic.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.