

Floradale Public School Council Meeting

Wednesday September 12, 2018

Welcome: Jeanette Hiller welcomed all to the meeting.

Attendees: Andy Beddoe, Jeanette Hiller, Lisa Demerling, Lori Lynn Frey, Laurie Martin, Tracey Martin, Lisa Goossen, Sherrin Gingrich, Brenda Brubacher, Beth Perrin, Rachel Playford

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Lisa Demerling motioned to approve the May minutes and Lisa Goossen seconded the motion.

2. **WEFI Review and Clarification:**

Jeanette reviewed the history of how council has approached WEFI money in the past. People donated to WEFI in order to receive a tax receipt and these people were donating on behalf of Parent Council.

The WEFI money that is in the account now will be used for funding the gaga ball pit and a capital project that has yet to be determined.

Andrew also highlighted that people can “ earmark ” money to be used for specific projects in the WEFI account and this can be donated online.

3. **School Council Nominations:**

Each year there will be an opportunity for people to step into a role should they desire. Jeanette sent out forms for people who would like to do a role to submit their name and at this point there was no one who wished to step in to any of the council positions.

The proposed slate is as follows:

Chair	-	Jeanette Hiller
Co-Chair	-	Lisa Goossen
Treasurer	-	Lisa Demerling
Secretary	-	Rachel Playford
Principal	-	Andrew Beddoe
Teacher Rep	-	to be determined
Voting Members		to be decided at next meeting

We will review this at the next council meeting and vote on the proposed parent council executive slate at that time.

4. **Review of Council By-Laws, School's Code of Conduct**

There are some modifications that have been suggested to our bylaws. They are as follows:

Article 6.4.2 – Remove as we are not a secondary school.

Article 7.3 – this is an additional point. We want to encourage everyone to vote but to ensure that all who are voting have adequate history and understanding of the council topics.

Article 7.5.1 – the voting members were outlined clearly and voting Parent Representatives will be listed.

Article 9.1.1 – In the past this has said two or three years and will be changed to one year. This is to ensure that no one feels trapped or locked in to a position for a long time. After discussion, this has changed to two years.

Article 9.2.1 – Change the wording to “Appointed Committee Chairperson”

Article 9.2.2 – Change the wording to “Committee Chairs” instead of members

Article 12.4 – There was a change to the wording of those people who bring delegations. The changes provide more structure to the meetings and outlines the procedures for all to follow.

The changes will be made and emailed to council members. There will be a vote to accept these changes at the next council meeting.

5. **Housekeeping**

Email contact list was circulated.

Meeting Dates – the meetings dates for the year were given. We do not have a meeting in December and March. Jeanette suggested that a meeting in June would be beneficial to finish and close out the year.

MOTION: Julie Cluthe motioned to eliminate the January council meeting and have a council meeting in June. Lisa Goossen seconded this motion.

Calendar of Events was presented and is included as an attachment.

6. **Physical Literacy:**

After the May meeting, Mr. Beddoe committed to present the concerns shared at council to the teachers regarding physical literacy at Floradale Public School.

The staff wants to look into this further and do more research. Some schools are creating “creative” play areas apart from the traditional play structures that we see. The teachers have been thinking about how they are promoting physical activity at the school. We have teachers signed up for intramurals, some team sports, and a running club.

This discussion has encouraged teachers to be more involved in opportunities to promote physical activity at Floradale P.S. Mr. Beddoe would like to do more research to learn what other schools and our board are doing around the topic of physical literacy.

Some questions to consider:

- a) What does council think this (physical literacy) should look like?
- b) Kindergarten students can't use the play structures due to safety issues. Are there other things that we can put outside for their use?
- c) What things can be added to enhance outdoor activities?

After some discussion, there will be more thought given to some intramural activities and how they are run at Floradale.

7. **Principal's Report (Andy Beddoe):**

Mr. Beddoe began by thanking the committee for their open communication and the roles that each person is taking to make things run smoothly.

It has been a great start to the school year. Started the year with an assembly to celebrate the school. We have new students and staff members to welcome.

“Meet the Teacher” was held the first week of school and it was great to see people visiting with one another.

Terry Fox will be on next Monday.

Boys and Girls soccer teams have started and their first games are on Monday.

Stephanie Marshall is a new ECE at Floradale this year. Kate Scanlon is a new teacher in Grade 1. Mark Velle is teaching Gr. 2/3 and has come from Chicopee Hills with lots of skills to share. Grade 7/8 welcomed Amanda Lambert and Heather Isnor-Williams to the teaching team. Mr. Jim Wilson is our new custodian.

Today we are at 68% of the school population enrolled on School-Day.

8. **Committee Reports:**

Fundraising Committee:

We are going to begin with chicken and poinsettia fundraiser. Order forms will be sent out on Oct. 4 and back on Oct. 22. Poinsettias order forms will go out at the same time but delivery won't be until the end of November – Nov. 28. The chicken will be delivered on Nov. 14. This is 2-weeks later than usual.

In April we will run chicken and chocolate together. Those dates have not been set at this time.

There is an option now to use school day to make one lump sum payment for fundraising activities. Parents can collect the money from their orders and instead of submitting a cheque to the school for the total, they can make a payment on school-day and not have to send anything in to the school but the order form. This is a new option that will be promoted this year.

Social Committee:

a. October 5th – Thanksgiving Dinner

There were some questions last year about tablecloths and whether we want to purchase these to be used for graduation (to save the cost of rental each year) and then also use these for social events (to save the purchase of plastic tablecloths). There are some questions re. colour and number needed. Brenda will collect some numbers on the cost, size, and number of tablecloths needed and present this at the next meeting.

Forms will be coming home and volunteers will be needed for Thanksgiving Dinner.

Garden Committee

There was some discussion about who holds responsibility for the gardens along the front of the school. At this point, Sheryl is unable to do this due to physical limitations. The parent council needs to decide how we want to proceed.

We will start by asking the parent community for their help in cleaning up the gardens. We could ask the parents on school-day who would be interested to contact the office. We can also use the students who are interested to work in the gardens.

Mr. Beddoe will put this on school-day.

9. **PRO Grant**

Nothing has been decided on this at the moment. It will be a celebration of the arts in a broad sense. We will add to this and feature coding and robotics (STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics). There will be more discussions about this in the months ahead and this will be a focus in the spring.

We may be able to use some money from the grant to provide transportation for some members of our community to come during the school day to enjoy various presentations. We could also run something in the evening. These are preliminary ideas that will be revisited later in the year.

10. **Grade 8 Parent Information Night**

A grade 8 parent meeting has been scheduled for Monay. This is an opportunity to learn the expectations for Grade 8 parents early in the year.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.