

Floradale Public School Council Meeting

Wednesday February 20, 2019

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, Chrisoula Xintavelonis, Jen Hanley, Rachel Playford

1. **Approval of November Minutes**

Lisa Goossen motioned to approve the November minutes and Brenda Brubacher seconded the motion.

2. **Principal's Report – Andy Beddoe**

Since November many things have been going on...

Grade 8 visited the high school
Teaching about bullying and a visit from Cruz (“Just say WHOA to Bullying”)
A new officer for the school visited
Successful volleyball season for both girls and boys
Anxiety workshops presented for students in gr. 1-8
Electric Larry visits from Grades 1-6
Holiday food drive went well
Holiday Concert and Bakesale happened
Holiday Fun Day (Gr. 1-6) presented by the Gr.2 students
Gr 2 & 6 Scientists in the School visits
New Trustee and Superintendent visited the school
Kindergarten registration started beginning of February
Basketball intramurals
Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday February 27th
Winter Fun Day is coming up

MDI (Middle Years Development Instrument)

Mr. Beddoe presented information about the MDI. This was a survey that was conducted in the fall with students at the school. There were several categories with a variety of questions and possible answers that students are given and they choose the best answers. Some of the categories were Social and Emotional Development, Self Regulation, Happiness, Responsible Decision-Making, Self-Awareness, Perseverance, Assertiveness (this is just a few). Mr. Beddoe went through many of the questions that students were given and showed the possible answers.

The Board promotes this survey and all students in the Board do this and then the answers are compiled and results are shared with the school. This survey aligns with the Ministry and School Board's goals in Well-Being.

Mr. Beddoe presented the results from the surveys at Floradale. These results also show the Board's overall scores in each area. Staff has seen these results and they have been discussed.

Using this information, the school focuses on the "Conditions for Learning" which are Pedagogy and Assessment, Relationships, and Learning Environment to help build resiliency in our students. Students are reminded about SOAR and how they can apply this in their situations.

As an addition to this discussion, some time was spent discussing changes and decisions that have been made at Floradale. These changes are made without seeking any input from school council or the parent community and the concern is that we, as parents, are both unaware and unable to support these decisions when we have no communication. Several members voiced their concern about the lack of communication. The question was posed about the role of School Council and how we can do better at fostering the home and school connection and involving parents more in the school.

Grade 7 & 8 Leadership Opportunities

Mr. Beddoe went over a number of activities that are running in the school that the students are welcome to participate in. The Gr. 7 & 8 students have some leadership roles at specific events within the school. The question was raised about any extra roles or privileges that the senior students at Floradale are able to enjoy... more discussion may follow. The question was posed, "What types of special privileges do you think these students should/could have?"

A discussion followed about the numerous activities that are running at Floradale and the variety of opportunities that are presented to kids in clubs, intramurals, and sports. Parents are not always aware of these opportunities so the suggestion was made that perhaps a School Day notice that shares the activities that are running would be helpful for parents to keep them informed. Laurie Martin will work with teachers to send out some information monthly on the clubs and activities that students may join.

Trips

Mrs. Orlando is willing to organize the Grade 4/5/6 trip to Toronto.

Ms. O'Marra is willing to organize the Grade 7/8 year end trip.

Mr. Beddoe made the statement that there will be no more subsidizing for trips from School Council Fundraising. Parents will be responsible for paying for all the trip costs. Mr. Beddoe stated that fundraising money needs to be spent on things that will benefit the whole school or an entire division, and the money needs to be equitable for all

students. Based on this standard, due to the fact that some of our school population does not go on trips, money should not be given to these types of activities. This will significantly raise the cost per student on these big trips that have traditionally been subsidized by School Council. Discussion followed and concerns were shared about this change and its affect on families.

How fundraising monies are spent will be something that we will revisit again at a later date.

3. **Treasurer Report**

We have \$2600 in the account with another \$1800 left to be paid out on the wishlist. In addition, we have Pita Pit cheques to write which. With these things all deducted our bank account would be -\$11.63. However, at some point in March, the next round of pita money will go into our account, to pay for the April 10th to June 26th pita days. Also, the Spring fundraiser will bring in a projected amount of \$2,000.

Mr. Beddoe would like to have council consider giving \$1746.80 for jerseys for boys and girls sports teams. He would like 4 data projectors replaced. Cost for each one is \$958.

The jerseys can wait for the following year as there are no more traveling sports teams this year. Brenda suggested a form of accountability for the students that are using the jerseys (i.e. deposit) and this suggestion was well received as a good way to have these items returned. The data projector can also wait until fall as funds don't seem to be available at this time.

4. **Committee Reports:**

Fundraising Committee:

There is no representative for fundraising here. The chicken and chocolate bar fundraisers should be happening in March/April.

Social Committee:

- a. Holiday Concert Report/Bake Sale – We made 149.75 from the sale of hot drinks and hot apple cider. The hot apple cider was a big success this year.

\$160 for Raffle. \$1153 was raised as a grand total for the bake sale & raffle. This money is designated for graduation funds.

- b. Family Skating Night Update – This has been postponed twice. This Friday is the next scheduled skating night if the weather and ice permits. After some discussion it was decided we will move ahead with the Friday night skate party, weather

permitting. The suggestion was made that we could have games available if the ice is not good and have a social time of games together. The social committee will move ahead with preparing hot drinks and a School Day notice will be sent to families informing them of the new date.

5. **June Picnic**

Discussion deferred until April meeting.

6. **PRO Grant Update**

Initially this was to be an opportunity for parents to participate in an open house with an arts focus in the late spring with the possibility of some other community activities represented as well. With the late announcement that we received the funding (council received \$1000) we will have to scale this idea back for this year.

Mr. Beddoe will still look into some options to use the money to work on bringing the families into the school during the day to enjoy the artwork and visit the classrooms. Further discussions will be needed to determine if this is a worthwhile venture for the school and whether families would avail themselves of this opportunity.

There is a spring arts night scheduled already. There is a committee of teachers who are planning what this evening will look like. The staff proposed the date as April 17th.

7. **Other Business**

None raised at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.