

Franklin Public School – Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Oct 4, 2016

7-8:30 pm Library

Facilitators: Mark Eys

Attendees: Mark Eys, Paul Milne, Penny Miller, Eva van den Brink, Ann Wong-Lettenbauer, Hilary Toller, Jatinder Chowdhary, Diana Moore, Diana Mileva, Greg Wren, Mike Bittle, Anessa Selcage, Katelin Pfaff, Diana Bowe, Monica Chopra, Jewelle Wyatt, Robyn Harrison, Pauline Tomlinson, and Gwen Lloyd

Regrets: Kimberly Janzen.

Welcome – 7:03 pm

Adoption of Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made by Ann Wong-Lettenbauer to accept the minutes from the meeting on Sept 20, 2016.

The motion was seconded by Jewelle Wyatt

The motion passed

Adoption of Agenda

- Council Elections: (1) Voting members (2) Executive
- Mark read the list of folks showing interest in being a voting member. Asked to remove name if no longer interested.
- Any objections for splitting a “member” name - Greg Wren/Erin Thomas. OK by Council
- 20 names were put forward as interested parties in being voting members – 20 positions are available and so 20 names were read out and accepted by acclimation:

Mark Eys	Eva van den Brink	Ann Wong-Lettenbauer	Hilary Toller	Jatinder Chowdhary
Diane Moore	Diana Mileva	Greg Wren / Erin Thomas	Mike Bittle	Anessa Selcage
Katelin Pfaff	Diana Bowe	Monica Chopra	Jewelle Wyatt	Robyn Harrison
Pauline Tomlinson	Kimberly Janzen	Maria Turner	James Van der Laan	Gwen Lloyd

- 10 will be quorum
- By acclimation:
 - Chair – Gwen Lloyd
 - Secretary – Hilary Toller
 - Treasurer – Robyn Harrison
- Past Chair – Mark Eys

- Dance a thon – Professor Jamz
 - Will be held the Friday before family day long weekend
 - February 17 2017
 - Eileen will send in deposit
 - Kick off Monday Jan 30 – 2 pm
 - Major fundraiser...
 - Fundraiser committee – can you please establish a target and for what?
 - Planning for budget – push to next meeting

- School Council Meeting Dates
 - Decided 2nd Wednesday of each month
 - Next meeting November 9th
 - Will also have a meeting in December

- Principal and Vice-Principal Comments: Paul Milne/Penny Miller
 - Staffing updates
 - Adding Kindergarten class – haven't hired the teacher yet – will start Tuesday after long weekend – 15 class max
 - Secretary – Sue – new position at a different – Stephanie Kuntz – date TBA
 - Spec Ed – Lindsay McKnight – accepted Iterant Teacher Role

 - EQAO report – released publically
 - Really focusing on math – lower results than board and province as a whole...launching some initiatives to try and make some gains
 - Looked at data on PA day together as a staff
 - Need to look at specific student results and what does it mean for them?
 - Talking 50/60 students...hard to know if 50/60% is good news or not good news – look at the kids holistically – was their progress over the year – need to really understand this well – will continue to look at this as a school
 - Some school level, some board level

- Software – DreamBox – given us good results in supporting students...will continue to use this and spread across the primary division...extra practice and skills development...will try and get some assessment notes from DreamBox
- Paul – open to conversations...if you want to meet privately...
 - Numbers seems stagnant...
 - What’s a good number to target for growth?
 - At board level/province – there is a problem...shows a clear trend that is going on that we aren’t happy with...
 - Harder to say exactly at the school level – because number sample size is so small...need to do a better job overall – regardless of school numbers...because there is clearly something going on...
 - Been focusing on math for several years – but numbers don’t change...
 - Literacy has intervention programs – is there one for math- lots of talk about that...we have lots of intervention programs literacy – don’t have them for math...e.g. strong start...is there a gap between assessment and evaluation...could have specific strategies to deal with this – support isn’t there in the same way...
 - 1970s - taught via “Rote” - Teaching through problem solving – data supports this...news will play “back to basics”...kids can do fundamentals – but how to apply the strategies in problem situations...tempting to see otherwise – because of the pattern...kids need to be engaged and involved in problem solving...
 - “basics” aren’t being dropped...
 - Hour at each staff meeting – spent on Math
- Treasurer Report
 - See attached report
 - Gym expenses – some unexpected expenses – we are following up on that.
 - Are there any teacher asks – Penny has some and put forward in November...
 - Trees – hasn’t come out...
 - \$2000 stump logs
 - Receipt – for the tress – Mark to talk with Jenn.
 - *From Previous School Council minutes:*
 - *Nov 2015 - Kindergarten stage for the outdoor space. The school will go ahead and OK this purchase in anticipation that*

the school council will retroactively support it. Design of stage is unique. It's built around a tree, with room for growth, with log seats and stump stools. There is a grant with TD Friends of the Environment of which \$2800 is allocated to the stage. School is positioned to handle the cost regardless.

- *Jan 2016: TD Friends of the Environment grant successful (\$1980) for kindergarten area. – stool stumps etc.*
- French home reading – not officially started...
- Discussion Topics:
 - Greening committee (Jenn, Robyn, Katelin, James, and Gwen)
 - Are stumps still coming?
 - Polled group attending meeting for interested parties in this committee
 - Cindy Martin – works in the school – another school might be getting rid of their stump stools – will get back to us – we'd would like to know why
 - Doing mulch...and need to do weeding...maybe we should just pick a day and go with it?
 - Jenn – rocks – throw dates outs...what should be do...landscaping - funds out of that...already allocated
 - Safe, Caring, and Inclusive Schools (Penny): (1) Volunteer, (2) Buddy Bench update.
 - Met with chair of the committee through the board...gave some good info –penny to call a meeting – Jewelle and Monica have volunteered.
 - Buddy bench – presented to the staff...do a skit with it on Friday – moving into Terry Fox...
 - Location? Accessible to both primary and junior...
 - 8 attributes designated by the board – one per month – associated with an assembly – announcements and the leadership team with a bulletin board.
 - Assembly topic...on calendar? On school days?
 - Fundraising committee (Anessa/Gwen) – QSP/Treasures/Dance-a-thon/general request letter
 - Dance-a-thon dates: February 17 2017; kickoff January 30 (Anessa)
 - Chapters donation and fundraising possibilities (Pauline)
 - They donated books to a school
 - Love of reading program
 - Grant

- For schools that have socio economic issues or immigrants – a need for additional books...cross Canada and they pick based on applications...
- Sounds like a committee selection.
- Timeline? Pauline to look into this...maybe once a school – how many schools per year...
- Pick a day – 15% or 20% Jan to October 31...man a desk that day...FUNDRAISER COMMITTEE – ADD PAULINE TO THIS COMMITTEE too
- Fantastic and relatively straight forward...can you look into that? Connect with Paul & Penny...
- QSP
 - Did a letter – will staple tomorrow morning...will come home tomorrow – will run tomorrow until the 21st...
 - School day blurb and announcement...
- Treasures
 - Decision to take for a year...
- Donation letter
 - Some tweaking was done during the meeting including adding “online” donations and removal of Treasure Books

MOTION: A motion was made by Michael to send the fundraising direct donation request...

The motion was seconded by Robyn

The motion passed – 12 passed...

- Fundscript – gift cards – get a portion back to the school...can do within specific dates...
 - Some work – need to administer the donations – tallying up the donations...need to organize them by student name (similar to organizing popcorn).
 - Campaign times to be decided
 - Take online payment
 - Campaigns
 - We do all of the legwork e.g. Money to the school
 - Or legwork + online – there is a charge per transaction – comes off of the total...
 - Profit? Moxies – give 10%
 - Minimum on a gift card?
 - Free shipping if \$5000 in order...
 - Try and incorporate this into your every day life...
 - Large amount of money coming in and having to be organized...

- Pick up – need to sign for it...
- Can do it monthly...and leave open for the year – or a campaign for 2 weeks...
- Offer a “coach” to help...
- Fundraising committee to meet before next meeting to discuss further
- Toyota Evergreen Grant
 - Brief thank you sign – sign out front...Mark to send Paul/Penny a suggested and then take a picture of it...
 - Find a time/class – an environment class – by the trees with Toyota...photo op
- Campbell’s labels (Kimberly)
 - Not here
 - MOVE TO fundraising...
- Breakfast Club (Mark)
 - Sent to next meeting...
- New business: None.
- Adjourn – 8:35 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday November 9

Enter through front doors. The library is to the left and down the hall.