Minutes

Franklin Public School Council

January 11, 2017

7-8:30pm Franklin Library

o Welcome

Attendees: Paul Milne, Penny Miller, Diana Bowe, Diana Mileva, Eva van den Brink, Jatinder Chowdhary, Michael Bittle, Robyn Harrison, Hilary Toller, Gwen Lloyd, Ann Wong-Lettenbauer, Deborah Hughes, Katelin Pfaff, Pauline Tomlinson, Greg Wren, Monica Chopra

Regrets: Mark Eys, Anessa Selcage, Maria Turner, Jewelle Wyatt

o Review and Adoption of December 14, 2016 Minutes

* December minutes are being retrieved by a system admin.

o Adoption of Agenda

o Principal and Vice-Principal Comments: Paul Milne/Penny Miller

* 4 new students have started at Franklin, with 5 more starting this week. Some of the students are refugees from Syria that have found accommodations in our catchment.
* School Improvement Plan - focus on Wellness and achievement. A wellness day is being planned for students - it will be connected to the Safe, Caring and Inclusive schools activities. The PALs project (playground activity leaders) involves gr 6 students to lead games during Nutrition Breaks (organized by Mrs McLean).
* Meditation lunch on Friday afternoons - meditation music is being played during the second break in the first ten minutes of the eating portion, mindful eating is being discussed.
* Kindness assembly - January is kindness month. Kindness tickets are given when students are caught being kind to one another. Tickets will celebrate acts of kindness.
* Achievement - improving instructional practice to support improved achievement in math. Comprehensive math strategy - an ongoing discussion - purposeful practice, problem solving, math fluency.
* Early math intervention strategy - support for struggling students
* School Day - over 60% take-up

o Safe, Caring, and Inclusive Schools (Penny)

* Met before Christmas break, goals of making school kinder, safer and nicer
* Planned agenda for assembly, kindness activities, a bulletin board

o Treasurer Report (Robyn)

* Not much activity since December 14
* $104 from an NSF cheque for magazine fundraiser
* Fundscrip issue sorted out (last month had a discrepancy) owed over $700 from Fundscrip for our profit
* Invoice for the trees planted in the summer (under the greening line) invoiced $3764, paid $2972.87
* Committed but not spent included music and sports equipment replenishment as discussed on December 14th
* Grand total of $191 in uncommitted monies.
* A card was received from Mega Truck ice cream truck, they are interested in coming to the Frenzy again this year
* WEFI - total of $386.50 was donated, it is not on our spreadsheet, because it is not in the School Council account
* $2800 has been spent on French home reading
* Robin - Symphony tickets - not updated yet. SHould we wait until after the danceathon to figure it out. $772.

o Discussion Topics:

o Fundraising committee (Ann, Katelin, Hilary, Pauline, Diana):

Fundscrip

* $784 profits
* 54 orders
* Survey results? How to survey people who didn’t order? Some comments from parents: Didn’t think the turnaround time was enough time.
* Ann and Gwen to meet to discuss survey monkey.

General request letter - any funds into WEFI received?

* School council would like to send a school council update that has WEFI information again out to the school community. We have not received any WEFI online donations.

Campbell’s labels (Kimberly)

* Campbell’s Labels - Ann to follow up with Kimberly for update. Anyone interested in taking over the campbell’s labels? - can a few people help?

Anything more from QSP?

* No, there is nothing further.

Love of Reading Grant - Chapters/Indigo (Pauline)

* Pauline will get together this week for demographic info and other application info with Paul and Gwen. Creative part needs to be letters or film or video - Letters in support of literacy at Franklin? Up to five letters: School council, admin, teacher, parent, a class. Mark might be interested as a parent. Pauline to get in touch with Mark.

Staples contest - Jewelle

* hoping to finish it this weekend for Penny to review. Looking for information on our greening projects for Jewelle to finish the contest application.

Next month - talk about popcorn, and also food truck planning - Paul and Penny to get back to us with the date of the cabaret

School Fundraising Requests – review requests from last meeting – is there anything we can move forward on?

o Greening committee (Jenn, Robyn, Katelin, James, and Gwen)

* Greening committee - spent money on trees - need to talk to mark to get the specs for tree stumps, and who we are allowed to get to install them.
* Greening committee looking for new members
* Mark updated his attempts to get funding through local foundations re the tennis court. Hallman foundation has been contacted, but not committed.

Any updates?

o Dance-a-thon (Anessa)

Danceathon - February 17th 2017 need volunteers

Kickoff Assembly January 26th at 10am.

Target $5000

Everyone gets a glow bracelet, $25+ gets a prize.

Fundraising for Music, technology and school clubs.

Wording:

To reach our goal of $5000, we challenge each student to to raise $25 for our danceathon fundraising event. The money will be used to support our math, music and technology initiatives.

Can we record more data about the Danceathon funds including minimum payments, number of payments, are most payments $25? Can we put something on the sign in front of the school, and the bulletin board.

Can the kids wear red and white for the dance-a-thon? Tell Anessa so that she can mention it for the Kick-off assembly. Also ask Anessa about requests to help our new Canadian families feel comfortable, and make our Dance-a-thon more multi-cultural

o New business:

* Movie Night - successful - March 9th - Penny and Paul to check for Gym availability. School council to provide popcorn - list of movies we are allowed to choose from. Also having a healthy snack, like apples. Opened doors at 5:15, draw at 545, movie started right after.
* French home reading beginning of term 2 (beginning of february) can we get an update from Mme Payoche to the school. Letter should mention that it was financed with school council fundraising.
* Gwen to send Penny link to Parks Canada.

o Adjourn

Next meeting: Wednesday February 8 2017

* Next month - popcorn, math night volunteers, update board for math night (april 20th 6-8), samples and due date for popcorn

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