

Franklin Public School – Parent Council Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2012

7-8 pm New Staff Lounge

Facilitators: Heather Lee

Attendees:

Heather Lee, Cindy Martin, Jenn Wilson, Kimberly Janzen, Victoria Jacobs, Nicole Thorne, Eva van den Brink, Wendy Hill, Carmella Gentile-Faure, Maria Patsalis, Mark Eys, Theresa Barrick, Dan Enns, Jane Pritchard, Anessa Selcage, Janice Scherer

Welcome

Heather reviewed the Council Nominations and the voting / acclamation process.

Nominations:

- Janice Scherer was nominated and acclaimed as Secretary for the 2012-13 school year
- Theresa Barrick was nominated and acclaimed as Treasurer for the 2012-13 school year
- Heather Lee was nominated and acclaimed as Chairperson for the 2012-13 school year

Everyone present expressed an interest in becoming voting members, therefore the voting members of the 2012-2013 School Council now include:

Heather Lee	Victoria Jacobs	Mark Eys
Cindy Martin	Nicole Thorne	Theresa Barrick
Jenn Wilson	Eva van den Brink	Anessa Selcage
Kimberly Janzen	Wendy Hill	Janice Scherer

Seeing as we have a total of 12 voting members, our quorum is 6.

Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made by Heather Lee to accept the minutes from the meeting on September 11, 2012.

The motion was seconded by Cindy Martin.

All members were in favour and the motion passed.

Principals Comments: Jane / Dan

- September 11 Dan took Franklin's crew of patrols to patrol training where the 2 groups (standing and bus patrols) went through their training which included some basic First Aid and encouragement regarding the responsibility of the role. The incentive for becoming a safety patrol is a movie matinee pass and an end of year pass to Bingeman's

- A few classes went to International Plowing Match. There were some complications, but on the whole, the students enjoyed themselves
- September 20 - Justin Hines (singer / song writer) came to Franklin and performed a concert and talked to students in Grades 3 to 6 regarding personal potential, setting goals and how to handle situations where they find themselves being picked on
- Administration has conducted some, but not all, safety drills – to date, 1 fire drill and 1 lock-down drill have been conducted
- Jane and Dan attended the principals conference which they found to be very interesting with some inspirational guest speakers
- September 28 Franklin held its Terry fox run. We had a record fundraising effort raising several hundreds of dollars over previous years
- Our Running Club has started up again on Wednesday mornings. Coin club is also in full swing.
- October 2 we had the QSP magazine fundraiser kick off assembly which went well
- Our student and class photos were done today (Oct 9)
- The Grade 6 students are heading off to camp tomorrow (Oct 10)
- Reorganization:
 - There was a lot involved to make it all work
 - Administration was busy moving teachers, conducting interviews and hiring teachers. They had to make sure there was appropriate furniture for all new classes. A lot went into co-ordinating the physical moves. With all the changes that were made, teachers timetables were affected along with the Junior & Primary Gym schedules and one class was left without a room. They are currently in the library awaiting the arrival of a new portable.
 - We received one Full Day mini Kindergarten section which means there is no ECE in the room and one Junior class.
 - Mme Desoto (currently teaching Jr. Core French) indicated an interest in the Kindie position leaving a Jr. Core French position open which has been filled by Mr. Chan who arrived from Hillcrest PS in Cambridge.

- With the absence of an ECE in the new Kindie room and the fact that Room 15 doesn't have an in-room washroom, it created a problem for students needing to use the washroom, therefore, the existing class in Rm 27 moved with their ECE to Rm 15 and the new Kindie class (without ECE) stayed in the Kindie pod with an in-room washroom.
- Mrs. Borris (currently covering Mrs. Weido's mat leave) applied to the Jr. class position (Gr. 4) was successful, opening a position in the Kindie department which was filled by Mrs. Hill
- The 4/5 split class in room 15 with Mme Karashialis moved to room 11
- Mr. Boyer's Grade 3 / 4 split class in room 11 moved out to portable 3
- Mrs. Gohl's Grade 3 / 4 split class became a straight Grade 4 class
- Mrs. Morton & Ms. Morgan both have equal in numbers in their classes
- Mrs. Morton is in library waiting for Portable 4 to be ready
- Phone calls were made to the parents of the individual students who were involved in the moves
- A discussion followed regarding all this information that Jane provided
- We currently have 646 students registered
- Last year's EQAO results are here and the individual reports will be going home soon. The results were down a bit overall.
 - Jane fielded some questions regarding the results & possibilities as to why we may be down a bit
- CILM – Collaborative Inquiry into the Learning of Mathematics – learning math through problem solving has shown some phenomenal successes. There is a strong encouragement for the schools to move in this direction. At Franklin, we have 3 teachers involved in this initiative

Chair's Comments: Heather

Discussion Topics:

- Heather reviewed the volunteer committees (Bulletin board, Zehrs Tapes, Ink Cartridges, Newsletter, 50th Anniversary Celebration) and asked for volunteers to help with these tasks. These are the people to volunteered to help out:
 - Bulletin board – Kimberly Janzen
 - Zehrs tapes – Eva van den Brink & Victoria Jacobs
 - Ink cartridges – Mark Eys
 - Newsletter – Jenn Wilson
 - 50th Anniversary Celebration – it was decided that we should hold off on this as the 50th Anniversary Celebration doesn't have any shape or form as of yet. 2013 is the 50th year so we have a bit of time yet.
- Family Skate Night – Review of date/time

- Wendy Hill reported that the Rangers ice is currently pre-booked for the time frame we wanted due to the Jr. hockey schedule. They only time available is either weekends or 7pm on weekdays.
- It was decided that we should explore another ice pad at The Aud, with the same time – possibly look at January, February or March
- Fundraising initiatives
 - We look forward to hearing from the CATC committee at the next meeting regarding their recommendations for the annual technology protection fund and we will also review their wishlist (with price tags for us to go by)
 - Jane to arrange for them to be at the November meeting
 - Trees – Jenn Wilson looked into her connections for trees but we have to provide the labour, however with the snow they've received up north they won't remove any trees from the ground so we will have to wait until spring
 - Dan suggested an 80ML tree (cost = \$435 +tax) and would like to purchase 2 trees
 - A motion was put forth at the September 11, 2012 meeting to approve the cost of 2 trees up to \$2,000.00. With both trees costing just under \$500 each, we should come well within the amount approved.
 - Mulch – we need a higher quality mulch so it doesn't wash away in the rain
 - Jenn Wilson spoke to Dirt Cheap (on Manitou Dr.) and found that they are pretty lenient with donations, we just need a final number for how much mulch we will need. It was decided that we should negotiate for 10 yards.
 - Wendy Hill volunteered to bring some options to next meeting
 - Landscape rocks (armour stone) – it was suggested that we should drop a few rocks into the Kindie area – Jenn Wilson volunteered to look into it the costs for this
- Do we want any special speakers/ information nights for parents this year? If so, what?
 - There was some discussion around this point, but nothing was decided.

Treasurer's Report (copy of most recent statement appended)

- There was no change from last month's report

- QSP Magazine Fundraising going on right now. We will be counting money and processing order forms for QSP on Thursday Oct 18th or Monday Oct 23rd. Please stop by and lend a hand if you can.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:11pm

Next meeting: November 6th, 2012

Proposed dates for Council meetings for the school year:

- January 15th
- February 12th
- April 9th
- May 14th