

Franklin Public School – Parent Council Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2013

7-8 pm New Staff Lounge

Facilitators: Heather Lee

Attendees:

Heather Lee, Cindy Martin, Jenn Wilson, Kimberly Janzen, Eva van den Brink, Wendy Hill, Mark Eys, Theresa Barrick, Dan Enns, Jane Pritchard, Anessa Selcage, Janice Scherer, Jewelle Wyatt, Jamie Burton, Maria Turner, Paul Milne, Ebenezer Rajeevan

Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made by Heather Lee to accept the minutes from the meeting on January 15, 2013.

The motion was seconded by Cindy Martin.

All members were in favour and the motion passed.

Principals Comments: Jane / Dan

- Jane introduced Paul Milne as our new Principal
 - Paul will be at Franklin PS as of March 18th
 - He's coming to us from St. Jacobs PS
 - He lives in Cambridge with wife & daughters
 - Paul has been at St. Jacobs PS for 5 yrs, it was his first school as principal, but he was a VP at a few different schools in the board before that
- Jane commented that she was a bit surprised about her transfer and she's not looking forward to the move but is embracing it.
 - She's going to Courtland Sr. Public – she has taught Grades 7 & 8 but hasn't been a principal at a Sr. school.
 - People ask her if she's excited...she says she's intrigued...but will miss the wee ones that's for sure.
- PD day – Friday, January 18th for assessment and report card planning for teachers
- Jane & Dan have spent numerous hours interviewing for LTO placements. They have to follow a very time-consuming and rigorous process, therefore lots of interviews for new hires. Here are the results:
 - Angelica Radulescu – Gr. 5 / 6 FI & Katelyn Bricker - 0.5 English (to cover Mme Cull)
 - Lubos Rajtar – Gr. 4 / 5 FI (to cover Mme Karashialis)
 - Marsha Cober - 0.4 planning time (to cover Mrs. Burkhardt)
 - Mr. Chan transferred to Hespler & Mme Perotta-Huse came to Franklin – Jr. core french
- Dan & Jane have been very busy with TPA's – teacher performance appraisals
- Kindies in Rm. 24 had parents in for a drama performance which was well attended and a lot of fun

- Snow day – Friday, February 8th
- Report Cards went home Monday, February 11th
- Congrats to Jenn Wilson on the birth of her new baby

Chair's Comments: Heather

Discussion Topics:

- **Family Skate Night** – this has been a little bit of a bear for Wendy and Heather. They have been running into issues with booking rink time. At this point, we are running into the possibility of not having the skate night. Does anyone have any contacts with KMH? Should we continue with this? Or look at other options? There was some discussion around The Tube park...was decided against because the kindies wouldn't be able to participate. It was decided that we will worry about booking the ice after March Break when hockey settles down a bit.
- **Dance-a-thon** – The kick off assembly will be Wednesday, Feb 20th at 10:30am. We need a volunteer to meet Professor Jamz at the assembly and help with the handing out of Pledge-o-meters – Jamie volunteered...please be here at 10:15am. Professor Jamz has requested a blank wall or screen for this. Also, let's pick a committee to help collect money, organize 'prizes', be there for the day and stick stickers on the kids – Janice, Anessa, Jewelle, to count money on March 6, 7, 8. Jewelle can help on the day of the dance, Jenn can help any day. The dance starts at 9:30am and goes until 3:30pm on Thursday, March 7th.
- **Committees updates:**
 - Zehrs tapes – Eva has another 10 or 20 thousand. Submitted another batch to Zehrs for \$208 (\$93,000 in receipts) so we need to watch for that cheque to come through. Please continue to advertise that we collect them in the newsletter.
 - Newsletter – to go out before Jane goes (it may be a mini one); please put a link for the recycle website...please double check the serial numbers to make sure it's the correct ones for recycling.
- **Elmira Poultry fundraiser** – we need a second hand to help organize the whole thing – Eva will help out in May

Treasurer's Report: Theresa

- Nothing new to report since our last meeting.

Additional business:

- Book fair – Fran is still willing to volunteer her time, but needs to have help with set-up and take-down. We would like to have it run on site if at all possible.
 - Shelley Strubb has offered to help run the event. We thought it would be a good idea if Shelley was to come to the next meeting to help organize us and let us know what she needs in order to get the Book Fair up and running. – Jane will mention it to her to mark her calendar.
 - Jamie Burton also volunteered to work with the committee to co-ordinate with Fran so that we get the discounts we used to get when purchasing the books for the Library.
- Wilson PS gift – it has all been ordered and will be delivered soon
- Q – are there currently parent-teacher interviews going on right now

- A – the formal interviews happen in November, but you can request one anytime with the teachers
- “police event” that took place today – it was connected to a bank robbery in Hamilton
 - A “Hold & Secure” (they can move around the school, but no one can come in or out of the school) was issued at Sunnyside this afternoon.
 - The principals from Sunnyside, Eastwood & Franklin had a conference call.
 - A stand-up staff meeting was held with Franklin staff today.
 - A list of addresses was printed out for the students who live on the streets involved. There were fewer than 15.
 - We ended up getting an “all clear” letting us know that things were resolved. The call came before dismissal so we didn’t even have to discuss the issue with the students that would have been impacted. A letter will possibly go home tomorrow.
- Heather presented Jane with a farewell gift on behalf of the school council

Adjourn: 7:48pm

Next meeting April 2nd, Staff Lounge

*Enter through doors closest to the new parking lot. The staff lounge is just inside.