

Franklin Public School – Parent Council Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2013

7-8 pm New Staff Lounge

Facilitators: Heather Lee

Attendees:

Heather Lee, Jenn Wilson, Victoria Jacobs, Eva van den Brink, Wendy Hill, Carmella Gentile-Faure, Mark Eys, Theresa Barrick, Dan Enns, Paul Milne, Anessa Selcage, Janice Scherer, Jewelle Wyatt, Ebenezer Rajeevan

Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made by Heather Lee to accept the minutes from the meeting on April 2, 2013. The motion was seconded by Eva van den Brink. All members were in favour and the motion passed.

Principals Comments: Paul / Dan

- Dan – We need to order planners every year. A new provider is courting us and trying to get us to purchase their product. It could cost families \$3 each versus \$6 each, which is what the current one costs. The advantage is that we have a record with the existing company – they’ve been excellent with their customer service. Dan passed around 3 different planners for us to decide which one we would like as parents.
- EQAO testing is coming up soon for the Gr. 3 & Gr. 6 classes. We have a significant number of students who need support, specifically with scribing. Please see if there are any people who could volunteer. The testing will take place the week of May 27 – 30, but just certain chunks of the day. Dan will send e-mail to Janice who will forward it to the list of volunteers that we have.
- Paul – showed us a media cart that was purchased for Wilson PS that has the plaque on it. Paul hasn’t sent it over yet, because he wasn’t sure if we wanted to formally present it. Heather said a more discreet presentation is preferable. Dan wanted to know if it’s okay for us to take a picture and put on the WRDSB website to set an example to other school councils. It was agreed that that would be fine.
- Poster – from the Board – how to better engage with the community. “Have your say” survey on their website...check it out.
- Letter – from Ted Martin (school board) looking for a new director as Linda Fabi is retiring. There is an e-mail address for us to give our feedback
- Money – Paul gets bombarded weekly with people looking to send information home for products. Recently it’s the “summer advantage” program...they’ve been sent home in the past...should we continue again this year? We decided to do away with them as you can find these types of products for a better price at Costco or Chapters.
- Thank you to school for a great turn-out at Math night.

- We're continuing, as a staff, to teach math through problem solving and will probably continue to do so in the Fall
- Thank you as well for helping with the mulch
- Meet the teacher night – a date needs to be set which will probably the first or second week of school. Paul will discuss with the staff at the next staff meeting.
- Volunteer Breakfast – the date is set for Thursday, June 13, 8:00 – 8:45am
- Citizenship court – Paul thought it went well. Although it was long, the Gr. 5 students sat through it fairly well. 24 people were made new Canadians. Choir was fabulous.
- Track & Field coming up – May 23rd.
- Grade 6 Grad & Kindergarten ceremony coming up in June – last week of June

Chair's Comments: Heather

Discussion Topics:

- **Elmira Poultry Fundraiser** – Volunteers??
 - The delivery is this Thursday – May 16th
 - Heather's refrigerated truck will be here around 3pm on Thursday
 - We'll need a table & safety cones from school
 - Volunteers – we need to sort the skids first and then hand out the product
 - Eva & ??
 - We didn't make quite as much profit as we did last year
- **Teacher Appreciation** – Breakfast or token?? If breakfast – date / volunteers?
 - Breakfast was decided on and preferably something healthier than donuts. We will go back to William's again for the catering. Wednesday, June 12th – is the day
 - We need a volunteer to call William's to order food – Janice to call – approx. 1 week in advance
 - We need a volunteer to set tables and help Williams bring the food in – Heather will be here at 8:30 on June 12th
- **Survey results** – what does this mean?
 - Mabel's Labels was the highest, followed by Elmira Poultry & spring flowers
 - Mabel's Labels should be done early September – we should have samples available for meet the teacher night. Eva will look into what's involved in getting it set up and account opened for summer business. – changed to Anessa afterward.
 - Discussion around the table regarding "Mabel's Labels" vs "Lovable Labels" – it was decided that we would use "Mabel's Labels"
 - Spring flowers – will we be stepping on the Nutrition for learning's toes with their sale of poinsettias?
 - Treasure books – Beth Fisher is willing to give it up if we want it...she's not attached to the fundraiser. We will think about it.
- **BBQ duties:**
 - BBQ has already been ordered. They will drop it off at 2pm on Wednesday, June 19th. We will roll it into the gym for overnight storage until pick-up on Thursday, June 20th
 - Carmella to talk to Maria regarding the use of some serving dishes that we used last year
 - Meat will not be donated this year as it was last year

- Cindy will take care of the form and make sure it goes out & will tally it daily – forms dues back on June 10th
 - M&M Meats – prices are the same as they have been in the past. Jenn will check into a company in Orillia for hamburgers...might be able to get them donated.
 - We will need volunteers to tally the order forms and count money on June 12th.
 - Volunteers for the actual day :
 - BBQing (Mark and Ebenezer have volunteered)
 - Purchasing supplies
 - M&M meats
 - Buns & condiments, water, chips (Costco) – Janice & Anessa
 - Napkins – red, yellow & green
 - Freezies – yes...Eva
- **Committees updates:**
 - Bulletin Board – nothing
 - Zehrs tapes – nothing
 - Ink Cartridges – nothing
 - Newsletter – nothing
 - Campbell soup label – Jenn – info will go out in the next newsletter
 - **Book Fair update –**

Treasurer's Report: Theresa

- Review of statement and decision on how to spend remaining funds
 - Right now we have about \$12,000 with \$5,000 already committed to tech fund & \$1,500 allotted to speakers for gym. \$1,300 for guest speakers, clubs etc (including Family Skate night). Once all is said and done, we have \$2,000 left to spend.
 - CAT-C committee was to give us a wish-list...Trish Morgan has begun the process with asking teachers what they want
 - Fundraising for next year – Heather suggests that we fundraise for the Library next year. Board librarian is willing to come in and talk to council about how other schools have done this to purchase new resources outside of what is allotted to the school. Paul will speak with parties involved to see if this is a viable option.
 - Q – Is there anything we can do to support children with sensory issues in the classroom? We need to speak to the Spec Ed staff and see what funding is made available to them.
 - Q – outdoor balls, skipping ropes, etc. for recess – Dan discussed with Sharon Zintel who said that we could always use more
 - Theresa – parent reaching out grant – due May 21st. For next year, Stanley Park Sr. PS had a seminar on parenting your pre-teen which was fabulous! There are other courses offered that could qualify under the grant. Theresa will submit the application for the Grant based on the seminar plus math night.

Additional business:

- Questions?
- Jenn – Drive4urcommunity.com Ford takes care of all you need – they bring 4 new vehicles and it's done in our parking lot. For every test drive, they give us \$20.00 up to a max of \$6,000.00. Paul will check into the Fundraising guidelines and see if we can work something out.

Adjourn: 8:36pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 11th, Staff Lounge

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