

Franklin Public School – Parent Council Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2014

7-8:30 pm New Staff Lounge

Facilitators: Heather Lee & Jenn Wilson

Attendees:

Heather Lee, Jenn Wilson, Eva van den Brink, Cindy Martin, Carmela Gentile-Faure, Theresa Barrick, Paul Milne, Dan Enns, Anessa Selcage, Janice Scherer, Jewelle Wyatt, Ebenezer Rajeevan, Hilary Toller, Ann Wong – Lettenbauer, Trish Morgan, Pauline Tomlinson

Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made by Heather Lee to accept the minutes from the meeting on May 28, 2014. The motion was seconded by Cindy Martin. All members were in favour and the motion passed.

Principals Comments: Paul / Dan

- Paul – there are many upcoming events including book fair this week, Track & Field Divisional meet on Friday, May 13th, the KPL is visiting early next week, the year-end BBQ & Cabaret next week, Grade 6 Graduation is at 1:30pm on June 23rd, the Kindergarten celebration is at noon on Friday, June 20th, the jet-powered school bus is coming, on its way to the Air Show, on June 26th, Grade 6 camp meeting took place tonight
 - Paul introduced “School Day” – it is software that allows you to pay for school items online using debit or credit as well as doing online permission slips for field trips. There is a fairly big upfront cost initially that the school would be required to absorb. Paul isn’t 100% sure we’ll go ahead with it, but wanted to get a sense of what parents on council think of it. www.school-dayconnect.com There is a fee of 4% per debit / credit transaction.
 - There was a round-table discussion regarding this new software and whether we’d be interested in it. Paul will post an invitation on our website as well as in paper form as to whether parents may be interested in this.
 - EQAO is done as of last week. Hoping for good results in the Fall. You can find school results on EQAO.com.

Treasurer’s Report: Eva

- Miscellaneous revenue – t-shirt cost = \$1,246.00 will be going back out to pay for the cost of shirts
- Zehrs owes us approx. \$350 in Zehrs tapes so we’ll keep an eye out for that to come through

- We received a \$500.00 PIC Grant (parent involvement grant) from the Board but were unable to locate it in the books. We finally found it and it has been transferred to us in the name of school council, but we can't access it just yet.
- Comments from Fran Brenneman – some books are finally coming in from the Board, she's going ahead with Zero Day and the ice cream party. The upcoming book fair may not be as strong with all else going on. She got a really good deal on Scholastic products that the Grade 1 & 2 teachers came down and selected for the Home Reading program.
- Looks like we have some money left to spend for next year
- Request from staff regarding student yearbooks. The school would like to give one per family. The cost per book is \$8.00. It's a 50 page book with mostly black & white photos with 4 back & front colour pages. There are approx. 400 families at the school so if we contributed \$3.00 towards each book to bring the cost to families down to \$5.00, we'd be looking at a \$1,200.00 donation.
 - There was a discussion regarding whether we should fund the entire purchase, just a portion or none of it??? We finally arrived at a decision and a motion was made.
 - Motion: Eva van den Brink made a motion that school council subsidizes the cost of the books, bringing it down to a cost of \$5.00 / book to a max of \$1,200.00
 - The motion was seconded by Anessa Selcage
 - Motion passed

Chair's Comments: Heather / Jenn

Discussion Topics:

- **Year End BBQ & Cabaret – duties:**
 - Counting money – Friday, June 13th – 1:00pm
 - No orders past Friday, this needs to be clear with the Teachers
 - Ordering line?? – Hilary, Cindy, Cindy's niece
 - BBQing – Ebenezer, Mark.....need to confirm with Mark that he can still make it
 - Bunning – Heather, Kimberly, Jewell
 - Chips & Water station – Trish, Jenn
 - Freezies – Anessa, Theresa, Janice
 - Bring your own scissors
 - What do we need?
 - Napkins in 3 different colours
 - cooking utensils (tongs, knives, flippers) – Dan & Heather will bring BBQ utensils
 - foil trays – Foil trays purchased from Dollarama – large lasagna x6 + foil to cover
 - food gloves (available from the school)
 - Condiments – Heather will go to Walmart to purchase the condiments
 - Freezies – already purchased by Eva

- **Spirit wear for 2014 / 2015 year:**
 - Is this a School Council initiative or is Council supporting the school? What items should we order?
 - When Heather went in to drop off our order, they gave us a sample to use for school spirit wear
 - We have been talking about doing spirit wear for years – are we willing to take this on as council or would the school want to do it.
 - Round table discussion regarding spirit wear. It was decided that we should wait another year and then bring it up again

- **\$500 GL account:**
 - What should we use this money for? If it's for the Home Reading program, they'll have to spend it within the next 3 weeks. Can book fair proceeds and this \$500.00 both go towards the Home Reading program?
 - This is the money from the PIC grant
 - Eva is going to watch for it to come through the account

- **Council election for 2014 – 2015 year:**
 - Who is letting their name stand?
 - Election only needs to happen if more than one person is running for position
 - By-laws still say that the school principal needs to notify the school population of the school council nominations with 30 days' notice

- **Dates for 2014 – 2015 school year:**
 - September 17, 2014
 - October 22, 2014
 - November 26, 2014
 - January 28, 2015
 - February 25, 2015
 - March 25, 2015
 - April 29, 2015
 - May 27, 2015
 - June ??

Additional business:

- Questions?
 - Meet the teacher night will be Thursday, September 4, 2014
 - City of Kitchener dropped off a sign they'd like us to put out at the BBQ regarding summer playground registration
 - Teacher's Appreciation Breakfast clean-up – Ann, Pauline volunteered to come and clean up on Friday, June 13

Adjourn: 8:20pm