

Franklin Public School – Parent Council Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2014

7-8:30 pm New Staff Lounge

Facilitators: Heather Lee & Jenn Wilson

Attendees:

Heather Lee, Jenn Wilson, Eva van den Brink, Carmela Gentile-Faure, Mark Eys, Cindy Martin, Dan Enns, Paul Milne, Anessa Selcage, Ebenezer Rajeevan, Deborah Hughes, Ann Wong – Lettenbauer, Monica Chopra, Mike Childs, Fran Brenneman, Hilary Toller, Trish Morgan, Heidi McLean, Gavin Bee, Janice Scherer

Video:

- Franklin Staff showed us the most recent “local heroes” segment from CTV news regarding the Martin family and all the work they did on the garden at the front of the school
- School council extended their thanks for all their hard work and gave them a card and gift card in our appreciation of their time and energy spent on this project.

Introductions:

- We went around the table and introduced ourselves
- Heather explained how the meetings are run

Heidi McLean:

- We have been successful in becoming an Eco-School and achieved a gold status
- Her Eco Club did a shade survey around the school and have decided they’d like to build a shade pavilion as planting new trees will take a long time to grow
- Heidi spoke regarding the Treasure Book and QSP Magazine fundraisers. It was decided that we’re going to proceed with both fundraisers at the same time, with the understanding that families will participate as they see fit.
 - o Heidi showed posters and talked a bit about the roll-out of both programs
 - o Due date of October 20th for magazines – Heidi will let us know if we she needs any help with processing the orders
 - o Due date of October 20th for the Treasure Books
 - o Heidi is doing the bulk of the work with her students and the funds will be held in the school council account to be dispensed as needed

Fran Brenneman:

- Fran came out tonight to request assistance in funding for the library. She will need:
 - o \$500.00 – to send to library services at the Board office for new materials
 - o \$75.00 – for year-end incentives for zero day

- \$75.00 – for year-end ice cream treats (party for class who returns all their books)
- \$500.00 – for the Forrest of Reading program
- May need to get rid of benches in outdoor reading courtyard due to safety issues as the wood is rotting
- Book fair – our next book fair is currently scheduled for Dec 3 – 5 – Shelley Strub has booked it and will be asking for volunteers

Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made by Heather Lee to accept the minutes from the meeting on June 11, 2014. The motion was seconded by Jenn Wilson.

All members were in favour and the motion passed.

Principals Comments: Paul / Dan

- Paul – quick staffing update:
 - Laura Bruce – Gr. 1 French Immersion
 - Carrie Heathcote – Gr. 4 LTO
 - Kristen Binkley – Gr.4 LTO
 - Jennifer Bannister – Educational Assistant
 - Manpreet Dhindsa – ESL support teacher
 - Jason Perron – Jr. Core French LTO
 - Jamie Tinney – Gr. 4 French Immersion LTO
 - Sherri Downey DECE – AM with Amy Weido
- There were some class re-organizations that took place. We now have everything organized and staffing is done. Letters have gone out to families of affected students. Students will start in their new classes tomorrow. We have approximately 350 English students, 260 French Immersion students for an approximate total of 610 students at Franklin PS.
- BIPSA and SIPSA
 - Teaching math through problem solving
 - Using learning goals and success criteria to clarify learning foci, targets and to provide effective feedback
 - How we provide effective feedback using learning goals
 - Showed us the board website
- EQAO results:
 - Visit www.eqao.com
 - Media release – showed us the media release posted on the Board’s website. We seem to be struggling across the province in Math results.
 - Grade 6 math scores are down across the province, board & our school as well
 - Individual results will come home with the progress reports for the Gr 3 testing, Grade 6 results will be sent to the new schools
- Calendar items
 - Terry fox run – October 1st
 - Say “hi” day – September 25th

- SCHOOL DAY – is coming (DAN)
 - o Software that allows parents to make online payments for school events as well as online communication (permission forms, money collected for trips, etc.)
 - o Slow to roll out as there is a lot of info coming to parents right now
 - o New anti-spam legislation has hindered teacher’s communication to parents. Large fines are put in place to stop spam
 - o Families have a chance to sign up and it gives parents a live link with the school. Teachers will have the ability to sign up as well to communicate with parents
 - o Some teachers are already using their own classroom website, blogs, etc.this will NOT replace that, but is more of a sending out function and the ability to reply in a compliant manner
 - o It will take a few weeks to actually roll this out. There will be a card that will come home with students to invite parents to enroll and things will be live at that point.
- Q – Dreambox is cancelled?
A – It is only being continued for Gr. 2 students and some special needs students with an option to purchase as a family. Was too expensive for the Board to offer it to every school in the board
- Q – Has there been much training provided to teachers with regards to problem solving math?
A – Consultants came to speak to teachers. They went into the classroom and some taught while others watched and gave feedback. Then they came back out to talk it through and give feedback about how the program works. Paul feels this approach was a good one, problem is this professional development approach is fairly expensive and the board just doesn’t have the money to continue in this manner. It is definitely a challenge. Through the summer, some teachers did a 3-day intensive workshop for professional development regarding “problem solving math”.
- Dan – CASL – we can send out e-mails as a group of volunteers as long as we identify ourselves, offer a way to unsubscribe and are truthful
 - It was decided, that we will use SCHOOL DAY to distribute the minutes – Janice to give them to Paul & Dan and they will post and distribute through SCHOOL DAY

Treasurer’s Report: Eva

- Budget for 2014 – 2015 year discussion – to be approved by new council at October meeting
 - Reviewed the fundraising account from last year - see attached doc
 - Reviewed Expenses from last year – see attached doc
 - Eva will work on official suggested budget for approval at next meeting by new council
 - Let’s think about some ideas for fundraising
 - Book fair letter said all money was going to the “library” but it should have said to “literacy”
 - We might want to think about funding the Breakfast Club as part of our rolling budget
 - Trish Morgan asked us to consider:
 - o Board has put 20 normal sized iPads & 20 mini iPads in the school
 - o Franklin purchased 20 more of the normal sized iPads – they have been put into the classrooms so that every class has an iPad in the classroom
 - o Board provided us with 5 adaptors

- Trish feels we've seen the last of the donations from the board
- Trish would like:
 - 2 more little devices to stick onto the old chargers - \$30.00
 - Would like 6 more power adaptors - \$210.00
 - Would like 5 more VGA adaptors to hook up to the projector - \$175.00
- We will take into consideration and vote at the next meeting once the new council has been put in place
- Might be worthwhile thinking about making a rolling budget for IT to assist with wear and tear
- School received 10 chrome books – another type of technology to start using

Chair's Comments: Heather / Jenn

Discussion Topics:

- **Open nominations for Executive positions**
 - Jenn & Heather are stepping down – looking for new volunteers. Heather will stay on as Past Chair. Jenn is just way too busy with PIC & WRAPSC committees – she was treasurer for both those committees
 - Basic description of what is involved in the Chair role was given
 - Janice to stay on as Secretary
 - Eva to stay on as Treasurer
 - Executive positions are just for the year so council gets voted in at the next meeting, with the approval of the budget
 - Nomination forms will be sent home via paper next week
- **Fundraising ideas for 2014 (Treasure books and QSP magazines)**
 - **What are we fundraising for? Breakfast Club support?**
 - Treasure books & QSP
 - Ideas will be talked about at next meeting
- **Spirit Wear discussion**
 - SCHOOL DAY will have a portal to accept ongoing orders as people want them
 - We'll talk as SCHOOL DAY is up and running
- **Mabel's Labels**
 - Grand total from last year was only approximately \$58.00
 - It was decided that we should continue with the program
 - Anessa will keep working on it
- **Campbell's soup label discussion**
 - Jenn took everything home from Mrs. Wilson & Ms. Morgan
 - All has been submitted and ready for a principal's signature
 - We should have a couple thousand points to start ordering items
- **Toyota Greening Update for next meeting**
 - Toyota contact can't make it for the October 22nd meeting, but Cindy will ask her to attend on November 26th.

Additional business:

- Questions?
 - Locked entrances – wasn't rolled out right away, but will be happening within the next couple of weeks

Adjourn: 8:37pm

Next meeting: October 22, 2014