

Franklin Public School – Parent Council Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2014
7-8:30 pm School Library

*** Council members can opt out to have their name listed on the minutes**

Facilitators: Mark Eys and Anessa Selcage

Attendees:

Heather Lee, Eva van den Brink, Carmela Gentile-Faure, Mark Eys, Cindy Martin, Dan Enns, Anessa Selcage, Ann Wong – Lettenbauer, Kimberly Janzen, Hilary Toller, Gwen Lloyd, Ebenezer Rajaveen, Pauline

Regrets: Janice Scherer, Jenn Wilson, Paul Milne

Welcome

Thanks everyone for coming. We have quorum and have a lot of stuff to get through tonight.

Review and Adoption of October Minutes

A motion was made by Heather Lee to accept the minutes from the meeting on October 22, 2014.

The motion was seconded by Eva van den Brink.

All members were in favour and the motion passed.

Principal and Vice-Principal Comments: Paul and Dan

- Paul's wife was ill and he sends his regrets.
- Remembrance Day – 2 assemblies (one for younger grades, another for older students). Mrs. Schoenoveld organized. Lots of guests came. A new addition this year was the "Walk of Remembrance" where students were invited to bring photos family members who had fought for our freedom to submit photos. These were displayed in the hall. It was interesting to see the cross-cultural history in the photos.
- We Day was amazing.
- Student council is starting up.
- Guest performer – Students wore red and white. Michael Mitchell was a masterful performer and thoroughly engaged the kids with geography and history.
- Volleyball – starting and inter-scholastic program run by Andy Palmer and Karen Morton.
- Math – Different teacher groups (English and French) building partnerships across the school board and discussing how we bring math solutions to our students. Discussion of EQAO scores and how to bring problem solving

methodology in an accessible way to students.

- New initiative in school board: -35° windshield means schools will be closed. Board will have RSS feeds and tweets to be updated at 6am with bus cancellations.
- Wear Pink Day – to bring attention to bullying. Trying to sensitize kids and teach them how to report and identify bullies.
- Shane Wilkinson will be taking a medical leave of absence. Bethany Harkness will now be the teacher for Rm 12 Gr 5/6.
- Chris Boyer returns next week.
- Seasonal assemblies will be coming up. Dates and times will be communicated once more has been decided.

Treasurer's Report: Attached

We have about \$13,000 in our account. With a rolling budget of \$5,100 we have about \$6,068 to spend. Dan is checking on Treasure Books and QSP Magazine to see how much was fundraised.

Followup:

Did we have a parent involved in the Safe Caring and Inclusive Schools Conference?

Do we need a representative on an on-going basis?

Answer: Paul is still looking for a parent member. Paul wants to move forward. We are just looking for a parent volunteer. Dan believes that commitment is 2 to 4 days. If a 2 year old can come, Hilary is in!

Discussion Topics:

- Followup on budget allocations from last meeting
- Breakfast club (see email). Cathy Dowsling sent a heartfelt thanks to council.
 - Ongoing support? Optimists Club had donated something. Mark and Anessa will check with the Breakfast Club to see what kind of support they will need for this year, and if they will require support ongoing. We have a couple staff members who are donating time. The breakfast club is also making 8 extra lunches for some bus students who don't arrive in time to take advantage of the program.
- Technology support
- Strong Start response (see email, no \$\$ necessary) – Mark connected with Strong Start who communicated that they don't require funds at this time
- Fundraising ideas and allocation of resources
- Funky shirt (Custom spirit wear) – Heather
 - Heather says the company seems a bit fishy and would suggest using a more reputable company for spirit wear.
- Campbell's labels – Kimberly will connect with Jenn. We need to keep the labels until January in case we get audited. Kimberly will take the labels with Cindy brought in. Kimberly says that we're ready for the teachers to take a look and

- see what kinds of items they want (basketballs, sleds, or a sound system).
- ACTION ITEM: Get Jenn and Kimberly connected
 - ACTION ITEM: Find out where labels are
 - ACTION ITEM: Dan will connect with teachers to get wish list together
 - Dance-a-Thon (Professor Jamz) – Anessa
 - Date: Friday February 13th - Kick off assembly on Jan 26th at 9:45am
 - Target for fundraising? Eva suggested that maybe we should fundraise for an electric piano. The council was all on board. Dan will connect with Sue and other staff to research what options we would have. Eva made a motion that the Dance-a-thon fundraising target is for the purchase of an electric piano for an approximate cost of \$4,000. Anessa seconded the motion. Quorum in agreement. None opposed. Anessa motion make a motion to purchase the fingers lights for the Dance-a-thon for a \$200. Cindy seconded the motion. All in a favour.
 - WRAPSC and Steering Committee: Representatives needed. We haven't heard of anyone who is interested. ACTION ITEM: Ask Janice to send out an email to our council and volunteer list to see if someone is interested.
 - Families received a Home Reading program fundraiser. Anessa is wondering why they didn't come back to council to see if we could help them further. Dan will connect Dan to see how they are doing once the dust settles and forward what he finds out to Mark.

New business

- By-laws and Roles and Responsibilities documents
 - -minor revisions and upload
 - Mark made some minor edits. We need to alternate secretary. Mark nominated Heather Lee. Anessa seconded. All in favour.
 - Do we have a Student Representative? Or request input from Student Council so a Student Council representative would come and present their ideas to us.
 - Article 16.5 – Minutes and Agenda will be posted on the website.
 - Article 16.4 – Add brochure online
 - Article 16.3 – Highlights of council will be included online and/or in print communications
 - Roles and Responsibility changes: Secretary maintains one binder and forwarded electronic PDF of Agenda and approved minutes to school Admin for inclusion on website.
 - Mark made a motion to approve the revisions of the school council by-laws and Roles and Responsibilities documents. Cindy seconded. All in favour. None opposed.
- Parent Council Facebook presence – Council felt this was unnecessary. Heather will try to delete it. If unsuccessful, she'll connect with Jenn. Also delete council email. Everything will be run through the website.

- Dan wondered if we should pull highlights and have them posted on the main feed of the website. Mark will pull these and forward them to Dan.
- Book Fair (1st week of December) – Eva and Pauline will be helping out.
- Gym equipment funds suggestions? – Usually spent at the end of the year to replenish the consumables. Karen and Beth would like more money. Dan will follow up and send update to Mark.
- Franklin Staff/Breakfast Club Volunteer appreciation breakfast (prep and
 - food; \$200-\$300 request) – Desire to recognize folks running breakfast club and for Paul and Dan to recognize staff over at breakfast club. If it was funded by Council, then it's just another level of interconnectedness. Thinking before the holidays. This would be a different request than the year-end teacher breakfast. No volunteers are required from council. Pauline makes a motion that Parent Council support the request for the breakfast club/teacher appreciation breakfast to a max of \$300. Anessa seconded. All in favour.
- Franklin Greening Program – we are part of a provincial review for equity of space. Currently kindie classes are too small. Dan cautions against adding too much greening to kindie area until we find out what kind of reno will happen. Usually we go to workshops to find out what kind of greening projects we can do but wondering if we should wait and see what happens with kindie area. We now have another rep, Krista Long, who is running a workshop from 7-9pm on Tuesday, December 9, 2014. School must attend a workshop, must have a committee, must survey ground, and must survey parents and community before approaching Toyota for the grant. Mark is looking for volunteers to join Cindy to form a committee. Heather, Gwen, and Cindy will help. Heather will go to the meeting and bring back info.
- Student Birthday Book program – Deferred to next meeting
- Volunteer needed for Ministry of Education Phys. Ed. And Health curriculum
 - section on Human Development and Sexual Health – Volunteer from council to go online to review Humane Development and Sexual Health. Anessa volunteer.
- PIC Grant – Deferred to next meeting
- Pizza Lunches – Lunch Lady and Remember Me are not offering pizza. Question whether Junior could run this and use the funds to offset costs of grade 6 camp. It's in process
- Other? – Nope. 😊

Adjourn 8:37pm

Next meeting scheduled for January 28th 2015.

*Enter through front doors. The library is to the left and down the hall.