

Franklin Public School – Parent Council Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2015

7-8:30 pm Library

Facilitators: Mark Eys

Attendees:

Mark Eys, Anessa Selcage, Janice Scherer, Paul Milne, Jo-Anne Soye, Jenn Wilson, Hilary Toller, Ann Wong-Lettenbauer, Trish Morgan, Monica Chopra, Heather Reidel, Robyn Harrison, Maria Turner, Katelin Pfaff

Regrets: Wisam Osman

Welcome

- Thank you all for coming out tonight

Adoption of Minutes

Errors & Omissions:

- none

A motion was made by Jenn Wilson to accept the minutes from the meeting on September 29, 2015.

The motion was seconded by Anessa Selcage.

All members were in favour and the motion passed.

Council Nominations:

Mark Eys did a quick review of people interested in becoming voting members.

A quick review of Council Nominations and the voting or acclamation process was also done.

Nominations:

- Mark Eys was nominated and acclaimed as Chairperson for the 2015-16 school year
- Anessa Selcage was nominated and acclaimed as Co-chair / Executive Member at large for the 2015-16 school year
- Eva van den Brink was nominated and acclaimed as Treasurer for the 2015-16 school year
- Gwen Lloyd was nominated and acclaimed as Secretary for the 2015-16 school year

Here is a list of the people interested in becoming voting members of the 2015-2016 School Council now include:

Mark Eys	Jenn Wilson	Monica Chopra
Anessa Selcage	Hilary Toller	Heather Reidel
Eva van den Brink	Ann Wong-Lettenbauer	Robyn Harrison
Gwen Lloyd	Maria Turner	Lisa Beauseigle
Janice Scherer	Michael Bittle	Kimberly Janzen
Julia Pisano	Pauline Tomlinson	Jewelle Wyatt

Lisa Beauseigle – from nomination form

Seeing as we have a total of 18 voting members, our quorum is 9.

Principals Comments: Paul / Jo-Anne

- Paul – a note went out via SCHOOL DAY regarding progress reports and the job action
 - Halloween plans – a note was sent out via SCHOOL DAY, and teachers sent something home that was specific to their class
- Jo-Anne – traffic challenges – Franklin is a busy street and the parking lot is always moving.....parents are always in a hurry. We have student patrollers on duty and we really need to be wary of students crossing. Jo-Anne has been in touch with the Police this week. She reminded us to use the church parking lot for pick-up and drop-off. Joanne applied for a “STEP-One” status with the police department – they have patrolled a few times and the by-law officer has been by as well. We have standing patrollers and bus patrollers for a total of 24 trained students...most are bus patrollers. As a result, we’re no longer going to have standing patrollers at Bradley Drive...just at the front cross-walk.
 - Q – Is it something parents could help with?
 - A – At the moment we’ll just run with the students we have.
- Paul - Poinsettia fundraiser is coming up to help raise funds for Nutrition for Learning in November. The letter will be coming home soon.
 - Q – As a result of the job action, there are some student protests taking place - is it only at the Senior schools?
 - A – Yes, the schools that were protesting were mainly 7-8 schools. There was a round-table discussion regarding the start of extra-curricular activities.

Treasurer’s Report: Eva

- Please see attached for details
- \$1,900.00 in the account to play with at this point
- \$5,100 in reserve for ongoing commitments
- A discussion took place regarding the \$500.00 for tech – is it enough? It was explained that it was a rolling budget to cover incidentals not large purchases.
 - Motion: Jenn Wilson made a motion to accept the budget as presented with \$500.00 for Greening, \$800.00 for classroom support, \$1,300.00 for Special Events, \$1,000.00 for the Forest of Reading program, \$500.00 for Technology support, \$1,000.00 for Gym equipment support for a total of \$5,100.00. The motion was seconded by Ann Wong-Lettenbauer. Motion passed.

Chair's Comments: Mark

Discussion Topics:

- **Franklin Greening Program (Gwen, Heather L., Jenn, Robyn, Heather R, Katelyn)**
 - Additional mulch
 - Everything that required mulch has now been covered. The river rock has arrived and has also been laid.
 - Paul showed us some pictures of the Kindergarten play area at Sudabby PS to give us a visual for our next steps
 - Kindergarten area and TD / Evergreen grant (Mark)
 - We have a grant pending with TD / Evergreen for \$3,000.00 – we just need to wait for approval. We'll use the outstanding Evergreen grant money for trees for other spots in the school yard. We aren't actually required to attend the meetings but we can if we want, the first one is in November.
 - Jenn suggested a meeting of the subcommittee shortly

- **Public Tennis courts (Mark)**
 - Letter to the city
 - A letter has been created by Cindy regarding the state of disrepair we're just waiting to decide who we should send it to
 - Paul has been in contact with the Board of Education to find out where the lines blur – who's responsible for what? Paul wants to wordsmith the letter a bit to phrase it as a safety concern. He's worried about signing a letter saying it's a safety concern but yet he still continues to allow students to play on it. We're going to think on it a bit before sending it.
 - Chris Letizi (SPCA) says they are thinking about it and know about the condition of the courts from the city

- **Safe, Caring & Inclusive School committee (Maria)**
 - Buddy Benches update
 - Maria contacted Home Depot, Lowe's, Rona, etc. for donations. The stores are all dependant on head office final approval
 - Q – At what point would the board fund something like that?
 - A – Administration responded that we shouldn't be optimistic about that
 - Maria asked for letterhead to draft a letter from parent council
 - Rona is rumoured to be very generous in donations – she will look into that
 - Info on WRAPSC about buddy benches

- **Strong Start / Milk programs update (Paul)**
 - Strong Start
 - The training is going on right now
 - When the training is complete we'll see how many volunteers are associated with the Franklin Community....we just have to wait and see
 - Milk program
 - Parents can go online to Remember Me Inc (<http://www.remembermeinc.com/>)and order milk – if we order it, it will come
 - Pizza will be held off until after the job action is resolved

- **Campbell's Labels (Kimberly)**
 - No update for now – pushed until November as Kimberly wasn't here

- **Family Night sub-committee (Anessa, Eva, Gwen)**
 - Anessa gave a bit of history regarding the family night-family skate night as well as a recap of the results from the online survey – the top 2 were fitness night & movie night
 - Anessa talked a bit about the Pope John Paul II school fitness event fundraiser
 - There was a discussion regarding movie night – the option of showing 2 movies? Paul will look into copyright issues.
 - Another discussion took place regarding the fitness night – time of year, do we want Anessa to contact the person at Pope John Paul II, liability issues?
 - It was decided to tentatively book a movie night for Thursday, December 3rd
 - It was decided to leave the organization in the hands of the sub-committee to give us a report at next meeting

- **Breakfast Club request (Paul)**
 - Paul showed us a letter from Cathy Dowsling requesting support from the school council for food and small appliances. There wasn't actually an amount that was requested in the letter, but through conversation with Paul, she thought \$1000.00 to \$1,500.00 would get them through the year. But they'd be happy with anything we could give.
 - Paul feels it would be a worthwhile cause to support being as there are quite a few students who use the program.
 - Q – It was stated in the letter that the kitchen grill & blender have come to an end, what quality are they looking to replace?
 - A – They would always try to save money wherever possible, Paul feels Cathy was just trying to qualify her request in addition to feeding students
 - Jenn brought up the 10 days of giving, like she has in the past, as an option for Council, instead of donating a dollar value. This may be something for us to seriously think about given our current financial position.
 - Another idea that was tossed around was to maybe collect food or cash donations at the movie night for the Breakfast club
 - Paul will give Mark Cathy's e-mail and he will follow up with her

- **Fundraising ideas**
 - Cost of activities
 - Eva wanted to be involved with this
 - Feeling of some parents is that our fundraising choices might be on the expensive side
 - What was suggested at the multi-council meeting that Anessa, Eva & Janice attended in June:
 - Fitness-frenzy
 - Chocolate bars
 - Kernels popcorn
 - Bottle drive
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 - Some other suggestions from Franklin School Council members:
 - Coffee roasters (out of the KPL)

- Okra cheese
 - Clover meats pepperettes
 - Elmira poultry before Christmas
 - Cash donations – tax receipts
 - Gift cards before Christmas
- Treasure books due to come out late October or early November
 - QSP update – 148 online subscriptions sold so far, which is up from last year. The next step is to separate the hard copy orders. We need volunteers to help Jo-Anne with that. – Anessa can come in to help out on Tues, Nov. 3rd
 - A discussion regarding the Dance-a-thon took place. It was decided that we should proceed with it. Anessa will book Prof Jamz – our preferred dates: Feb 10, 11, 12
 - Anessa will contact Eva regarding the roll out of the Treasure books
- **Potential speakers for this year**
 - Request from teachers – The Grade 5/6 teachers have contacted St. John’s ambulance to come in to the school to do safety and first aid with the students. There will be two presentations at \$75 each = \$150.00. They are looking for support from school council. A discussion took place regarding whether or not we could support this initiative.
 - Motion: Janice Scherer made a motion to spend \$150.00 for a Grade 5/6 presentation made by St. John’s Ambulance
The motion was seconded by Anessa Selcage.
Motion passed.
 - Request from Kindergarten teachers for painting on new asphalt in the “pen” area. They would like some picture frames for sidewalk chalk, hop scotch, etc. painted on using rubberized paint. It would be approximately \$525.00 (including HST). There was a discussion regarding this – some concerns with the ongoing work taking place, that it may not be the best timing. It sounds like a great idea but maybe just not right now.
 - Other ideas pushed forward to the top of our meeting next month

New Business:

- None

Adjourn: 8:42pm

Next meeting: November 24, 2015

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