

## **Franklin Public School – Parent Council Meeting Minutes**

**January 12, 2016**

**7-8:30 pm Library**

**Facilitators: Mark Eys**

**Attendees:** Mark Eys, Jenn Wilson, Anessa Selcage, Eva van den Brink, Paul Milne, , Hilary Toller, Ann Wong-Lettenbauer, Pauline Tomlinson, Kimberley Janzen, Monica Chopra, Trish Martin, Janice S, Michael Bittle, Gwen Lloyd.

Regrets: Robyn Harrison, Jewelle Wyatt, Maria Turner.

**Welcome**

**Adoption of Minutes**

Correction made to the spelling of some teachers' names and Dave Schnider name

MOTION: A motion was made by Janice Scherer to accept the minutes from the meeting on Nov 24 2015.

The motion was seconded by Jenn Wilson

The motion passed

**Adoption of Agenda**

Mark introduced Martha Knowlton. Martha is acting VP in support of Penny until she returns to Franklin full time. This is expected around March Break 2016. Martha is a retired principal and has been retired for a few years. She currently lives in Huntsville.

**Principal's Comments: Paul Milne/Martha Knowlton**

Paul shared that Carmela Gentile Faure regretfully isn't able to attend meetings any longer due to a scheduling conflict on Tuesdays.

Rachael Campbell has been hired to replacing Sharan. She is brand new to the board and her first day was the first day back from winter break. She'll be teaching Junior core French.

There have been a few facility improvements:

The stage in the kindie area is now complete – along with a railing around the tree – the kids are loving it.

Classrooms have had ceiling mounted data projectors installed

Labour relations – there are still local negotiations going on for the union with the local schoolboard.

#### Focus for Franklin - School Success Planning

There are many new students to the country however not many at Franklin. There is a regional task force and the WRDSB is represented here

French immersion registration is open. This is for those students in SK. Franklin has a very large program and normally has enough students for 2 full Grade 1 classes combining those with Franklin as a home school and those in the surrounding areas.

Sliding hill – great for fun – but at times chaotic. It's a real balance to ensure everyone is safe. Currently the big hill outback is the primary sledding hill and the school is alternating usage during nutritional breaks between the primary and junior kids. It's important to note that there are guidelines surrounding sledding including a recommendation of helmets. It's not a requirement but the school must advise. Some rules includes: Must stay on bottoms, no head first. Students will be receiving a note to bring home from Paul to address sledding. Please note – there is no sledding before / after school – if parents are there...should be ok – but Paul is responsible for kids for 15 minutes before and after bell. Before and after this time the hill is available for public usage. It was noted that some bus students have not been allowed to bring their sleds. The school does have some crazy carpets for use – can be discussed with your teacher.

Camp package came home for grade 6. There was a discussion that the dates conflict with AAA hockey try outs. The question was posed if students can drive up and back with a parents in order to attend. Paul will discuss with Heidi Maclean...

**FOLLOW UP:** Re Gr. 6 camp: If any students need to be picked up by parents for hockey or other sports commitments that's no problem.

Question re new families - do you have support or best practices for onboarding these new families? Trish Martin address – there is a group and the ESL teacher at Franklin has been extremely helpful in educating staff on these matters. The ESL website is also a good reference. If Franklin does have a large influx, there will indeed be needs and probably in a short period of time. Paul will get more specifics as to resources in place and what is coming. Currently the main challenge – local settlement issue – housing is a problem...so then hard to mobilize resources. If Franklin PS parent council can help - please let us know.

#### **Treasurer's Report: Eva**

Magazine fundraiser - way down from previous years but still a substantial amount. We do get lots of get lots of support from QSP to run the fundraiser.

Treasure books – were sent out this year with a sample book. Tracking them down was more work than originally anticipated. In the end 22 didn't come back. We were not penalized for these. \$2000 was raised overall.

\$310 was given out to Forest of Reading.

Book Fair held in December was fairly successful. \$5600 total sales. Profit was taken out in products and cash. \$1000 of profit was taken out in profit and books were given to classrooms. Net revenue was \$1214.

WRDSB hasn't run over the books from 2015, so unsure of forward balance.

### **Chair's Comments: Mark**

#### Discussion Topics:

- **Dance a thon (Anessa)**
  - Updates
  - Target for funds raised and pledge wording - \$5000
  - Requested the blurb that "pledge form" is your entrance form be reworded to ensure that everyone knows that everyone is welcome – whether they fundraise or not.
  - School yard improvement projects...Trees, armour stones, increased shade, and buddy benches.
  - Recommendation to ensure that we share back / follow up with Franklin families to let all know how their donations are being spent. Perhaps we could show on the website or send a school day memo
  - Anessa is ordering the finger lights
  - Date of event: Thursday March 3
    - Volunteers: Jenn & Ann W (all day), Pauline & Anessa (am only), and Hilary (pm only). Gwen (maybe)
    - Each class has designated time...
  
- **Movie Night (Anessa, Eva, Gwen, Ann)**
  - Date of event: Thursday Jan 28<sup>th</sup> – day before PA day
  - Movie: Free Birds (2013 animated film)
  - Mr Palmer has agreed to be our technician for the evening
  - Open doors at 5:15 pm – movie starts at 6 pm
  - Franklin School outdoor sign will be updated on Thursday.
  - Give back – will purchase some small gift cards as prizes from Costco – Anessa to pick up – OK to get 5
  - Reviewed popcorn choice – between Kernels and Popcorn Patch. Decision was to stick with Kernels because of the ease of the product, the timing needed, and the cost. (Vote was 8 in favour for Kernels)

- FYI - Buttersalt popcorn does fit the nutrition guidelines and no allergens
  - MOTION: to spend \$300 for movie night – motion by Jenn Wilson  
The motion was seconded by Kimberly Janzen  
The motion passed
  - Discussion regarding can we take the opportunity to tie the event to the parent council and educate folks as to what we do etc. – e.g. Movie Night is Brought to you by Parent Council
- **Media Literacy Speaker (Susan Watt for Thursday February 25<sup>th</sup>)**
    - Joanne arranged before she left and will be held in library
    - For more information: [www.susanwatt.ca](http://www.susanwatt.ca)
    - Presentation is focused on raising kids with social media smarts
    - Trish Morgan will customize the flyer for parents that will be handed out. Martha and Eva also offered to help
    - **Free** Parent only event – if **school age** children need to come – Trish Morgan will supervise in the computer lab.
    - Must RSVP – and identify if children are coming
    - Event will start at 7:00 pm, it's a 1 hour presentation with 30 minute Q&A
- **Franklin Greening Program (Gwen, Heather L., Jenn, Robyn, Katelin, James)**
    - Updates
      - Stage installation in kindie area done
      - Evergreen grant submitted Dec. 14th 2015 (\$2451 requested for 3 medium sized trees) – by baseball diamonds – red/blue playground – shade trees...
      - TD Friends of the Environment grant successful (\$1980) for kindergarten area. – stool stumps etc.
      - S'Cool Life Grant (approx. \$2000-3000) has Jan 31 deadline. Can be used for music / art wall for kindie area or other targets. Needs to be specific. Paul will share website that ([www.naturesinstruments.com](http://www.naturesinstruments.com)) might be possibilities.
- **Campbell's Labels (Kimberly)**
    - Kim is awaiting the 2016 to come out because then 2015 will be available at clearance rates...
    - New 11 x 17 box to put in labels is coming
    - Jenn is bringing new sheet and will drop off to Ann for the box
    - Gwen to send email for new parents and new families...
- **Breakfast club (Mark/Robyn)**
    - Robyn went door to door and got a few donation from Walmart, Canadian Tire Employee, and Sears. Two griddles, two blenders and a \$50 Walmart Gift card. Great job Robyn!

- WLU also donated \$500 to the Parental Council to give towards breakfast club. That makes a total of \$1000.
- Breakfast club has not yet received – Paul will follow up.
- Breakfast club starts at 8:15 am
- Gwen to attach motion from email done from December:
  - On December 16<sup>th</sup> 2015, a motion was sent to the council (Mark; seconded by Anessa) that read: “Franklin PS school council will donate \$1000 to the Breakfast Club that consists of funds raised by Wilfrid Laurier University Kinesiology Graduate Students (\$500) and the parent council (\$500).” This motion was approved unanimously

### **New Business:**

- Parent Engagement Document
  - Brought forward by Martha
  - It’s from the Ministry of Education and it’s about inspiring your child to learn and love math
- Request from teacher – Mrs. Wilson
  - Info Tales
  - These are awesome flip books focused on science and social studies for Grades 2 to 3
  - Multicultural representative of the diverse cultures in your classroom
  - Traditional stories from around the world paired with non –fiction information about the culture and/or region
  - In one Kit – there are 24 x 6 packs – cost is \$1900
  - From Nelson literacy – the school does have some for Grade 4s and up.
- Library funding
  - Wants to use \$3000 to buy books (\$2000 for English and \$1000 for French)
  - Library is also funded by the Parent Council – but wanted to ensure awareness to the council

Adjourned: 8:45 pm

Next meeting is Tuesday Feb 23 2016 at 7pm.

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