Floradale Public School Council Meeting Wednesday September 11, 2019

Welcome: Jeanette Hiller welcomed all to the meeting and expressed excitement to see some new faces.

Attendees: Shawn Thompson, Jeanette Hiller, Lisa Demerling, Tracey Martin, Laurie Martin, Sheryl Martin, Mark Velle, Jen Hanley, Chrisoula Xintavelonis, Beth Stevenson, Sarah Frey, Lisa Goossen, Christina Kuepfer, Sherrin Gingrich, Kendra Ellis, Azalea Carlaw, Elizabeth Kroonen, LoriLynn Frey, Sheila Martin

1. Approval of Minutes

Sherrin Gingrich motioned to approve the June minutes, Lisa Goossen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Treasurer Report

Lisa Demerling reported that we have $2,085.47 in our account to start the 2019-2020 School year off.

3. School Council Executive Slate

Each year there is an opportunity for people to step into an executive role on Council should they desire. We had two different people offer to serve as co-chairs together for this year. The Council Executive Slate was selected and voted on as follows:

Co-Chairs - Kendra Ellis & Azalea Carlaw Treasurer - Lisa Demerling Secretary - Jeanette Hiller Principal - Shawn Thompson Teacher Rep - Mrs. Xintavelonis, Mrs. Hanley, Mr. Velle Voting Members Tracey Martin, Sheryl Martin, Beth Stevenson, Sarah Frey,

Lisa Goossen, Christina Kuepfer, Sherrin Gingrich, LoriLynn Frey, Sheila Martin, Elizabeth Kroonen

Lisa Demerling motioned to approve the executive slate. Sheryl Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. PIC Funds - $500

Shawn requested that Council consider using the PIC money ($500) that had been approved in 2018/19 school for planners, to be used on a presenter (John Park) instead.

Printer and distribution issues over the summer resulted in planners being unavailable until late October. Shawn decided against filling the order. Sherrin Gingrich motioned to approve paying for John Park from Council funds. LoriLynn Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Housekeeping

Email contact list was circulated.

Meeting Dates were discussed.

Meetings will be held on: Wednesday October 9, 2019 at 7pm in School Library Wednesday November 13, 2019 at 7pm in School Library

No Council Meeting dates for 2020 have been set. Council Meetings will be scheduled as the agenda items warrant.

6. Principal’s Report (Shawn Thompson)

Sexual Health Curriculum and Changes Shawn distributed a handout outlining some of the content being covered in the Health Curriculum. He indicated that the biggest changes are concerning when specific content is taught. He indicated that the sensitive information will continue to be taught on one specific day. A letter will continue to be sent home making the parents aware of what is being taught, at which point families can decide to either send their children or keep them at home.

A copy of this handout was distributed to Council along with the minutes.

Nutrition for Learning Shawn outlined the Nutrition for Learning program that will be implemented this Fall. Containers will be located in each classroom containing various items for the children to help themselves to as needed. This is offered at no cost to the school but a fundraiser is expected as a show of participation and support for the program. This will be conducted by the school.

Soccer Teams We have boys and girls soccer teams starting this week. Both the boys and girls teams have their first game on Thursday Sept. 12th.

School Uniforms The school is purchasing new uniforms. These uniforms will cost around $1,000. The school plans to purchase half the needed amount this year and half next year. A tracking system will be established to ensure uniforms that are distributed for a sport are collected again at the end of that sports season.

Running Club We have a running club where students are running up to 3 times per week. Potential of participating in some local runs with other schools. Nothing official has been decided upon at this point.

Meet the Teacher is scheduled for Thursday September 12th at 6:30pm

Picture Day is happening on Friday October 18th. This includes both individual shots as well as Class Pictures.

P.D. Day The first PD day scheduled for the 2019/20 School year is Friday September 20th. Shawn indicated that staff would be using this day to review the EQAO results as well as the School Success Plan.

School Day It was reported that we only have approx. 20 families that are not on School Day currently. Laurie is hopeful that in a short period of time we will be down to only 15 families.

7. Committee Reports:

Fundraising Committee:

Chicken Fundraiser

• Will be run over Thanksgiving again as in past years

• Azalea inquired about a produce box fundraising option accompanying the Chicken Fundraiser. Azalea agreed to send Sarah F. the information for the Fundraising Committee to discuss and decide upon.

• Offering a delivery option for orders over 10 boxes per family was discussed. Discussion was had over the best way to execute this. Council agreed that this option could encourage participation from more of our families.

• Laurie and Sarah are going to include this option on the order forms and Council along with parent volunteers will work together to provide this service.

Poinsettias & Mint Smoothies

• This fundraiser will run together from mid-November to the beginning of December

Chicken Top Up

• Council will run a second Chicken Fundraiser in February

Discussion was had regarding the amount of Fundraisers. Consensus was that 3-4 fundraisers is sufficient and that doubling up on those fundraisers is appreciated. For example, Poinsettias and Chocolates or Chicken and Chocolate bars etc. This way we are only running 2 campaigns but offering more options.

Social Committee:

Thanksgiving Dinner is tentatively scheduled for Friday Oct. 4th and planning has begun. Sherrin asked Council to let her know if they would like to provide potatoes, apple juice or cupcakes for the lunch. She also asked Council to her know if they could help serve the lunch from 12-2:30pm

The suggestion to solicit help from the greater School community using School Day was made. This will promote inclusivity and help to make new families aware of ways they can get involved. Sherrin will work with Shawn to do this.

Garden Committee Sheryl indicated that they took a new approach to gardening this year...they killed some things. The Committee is planning on ripping out the dead plants and filling that space with some of the lilies that need dividing. She indicated the possibility of mulching in the Spring. Tracey Martin is also helping on this Committee. Sheryl indicated that anyone who wants to pull some of the weeds is more than welcome. It was suggested that an announcement be made on School Day to let the community know about this service opportunity.

8. June School Picnic Comments/Evaluations/Debrief

Positive Feedback:

• Teachers loved it and thought it was awesome.

• Students had a fantastic day

• A very inclusive activity

Negative Feedback:

• Some Parents felt left out

• Scheduled the same week as the Teddy Bear Picnic so some families had to pick and choose which event they could attend as it meant taking time off work

• Poor communication regarding this event replacing the June Picnic

• Not as much parent interaction. Some parents didn’t know how to get involved.

• More activities than necessary

Suggestions for Moving Forward:

• Perhaps coordinate holding the picnic with the Teddy Bear Picnic

• Have it later in the day and spill over into the evening

• Start with the baseball game and then hold the activities afterwards

9. Other Items/Questions

Track and Field Kendra inquired about Track and Field. Sheryl indicated that it is a team effort between Kelli and herself and other volunteers. Teachers shared that it is loved by the teachers and the students. It is very inclusive. This is the 3rd year now that it has been running in this

format.

School Garden Mr. Velle expressed interest in having a Food Garden at the School. He reviewed the benefits of this resource. Kids getting outside, learning about healthy eating, developing life skills were just a few he mentioned. This requires collaboration with the community as gardens continue to flourish over the summer. Looking to develop a team who wants to work with some teachers to get his started. A few members of council expressed an interest. More information can be found at bit.ly/FloradaleSchoolGarden.

Pita Pit Council decided to put the Pita Pit lunch program on hold this year as it is heavy on the administration side and interest and participation has been declining. Council only

makes $.30 on each pita and made approx. $494 on the year. Council will revisit this in the future.

Help Needed Sherrin Gingerich invited anyone who would like to help out on the social committee to approach her.

Sheryl Martin invited whomever wants to pull some weeds as their time permits.

Council would like to make an intentional effort to use School Day to communicate these needs and create opportunities for parents to get involved. This will be a joint effort between Council and School Administration.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM