Minutes

**Franklin Public School Council**

**April 12 2017**

**7-8:30pm Franklin Library**

* Welcome
  + 1. In attendance: Gwen Lloyd, Jewelle Wyatt, Robyn Harrison, Eva van den Brink, Megan Dutra, Michael Bittle, Jatinder Chowdry, Greg Wren, Katelin Pfaff, Diana Bowe, Hilary Toller, Monica Chopra, Anne Wong-Lettenbauer, Penny Miller, Paul Milne, Diana Mileva, Diane Moore
    2. Regrets: Anessa Sclerage

* Action Items from Previous Meeting:
  + Review and Adoption of January 11, 2017, and Feb 8 2017, March 8 Minutes
    1. Gwen motion to adopt minutes from January, February and March
    2. Jatinder seconded
    3. All in favour
  + Adoption of Agenda
  + Greening Committee action items:
    1. Can we move the tree to the tether ball space – Rob was contacted, has agreed, Jen does not have an actual date. Megan is the person to ask now.
    2. Kindergarten teachers – are they wanting seeds for troughs or leaving as play area? Already planted bulbs, could spend up to $100 for greening troughs
    3. Any update from Mrs. B re seats for outside area beside library Jenn spoke to Mrs B, looking for plastic benches. Walmart has them for $79, and she would like 4 of them.
    4. Buddy bench – Gwen to order two – same as current and smaller one for Kindie area will order soon, A spot has been identified, and arrival date needs to be given to Paul
    5. Thoughts on spending $1000 from greening, which is the amount left after everything was allocated for the next 2 school years
  + Update from Paul regarding increasing the Tarmac area out back - it will be done this summer
* Principal and Vice-Principal Comments: Paul Milne/Penny Miller
  + PA day devoted to instructional initiatives and effective math instruction and wellness initiatives, teachers continue to move forward in the comprehensive math approach, and math through problem solving
  + Tutors, small groups, math kits are all being used with the goal of increasing numeracy across the grades
  + Wellness day - Kids rotated through activities, kids were engaged, well-behaved, cross-grade groupings, older kids were really good leaders
  + Teachers did a half day with a speaker for Wellness Day
  + EQAO - 3+6 students May 23-June 5. May 23rd for three days for grade 3’s, followed by grade 6’s the following week. May need volunteers, a note would go home. Letters to parents going home April 13th
  + Assembly tuesday for Social Responsibility, ties in with Earth Day
  + School Council principal email - what does a school council look for in a new principal of the school, Paul has now been at Franklin for four years, and the likelihood of him being transferred is increasing, email has been forwarded to Gwen to look into. Two methods - online, or form, includes school priorities, and school focus. Eva suggested sending the form around to voting members (suggested to Mike), exec to consolidate comments
  + Grade 6 grad - June 26th, KG on June 27th
  + Mr Boyer - LTOs do not return in the following years, but may be re-hired
* Safe, Caring, and Inclusive Schools (Penny)
  + Survey was forwarded, would like parents to complete the survey, link is on the website, will go out on school day
  + Social responsibility is the theme for April
  + Parking Signs
    1. A-frame signs are ordered
    2. Permanent signs wording to be decided (get suggestions from Gwen)
       1. Before and after school (preferred wording)
       2. Beginning and end of day
       3. Parking lot and driveway closed at beginning and end of school day
  + Parking Letter
    1. Not sent home yet
    2. Resend at the beginning of the next school year
  + Parking Blitz
    1. Date has not been set, will need volunteers for that week
* Track and Field - Grades 4, 5 and 6
* Treasurer Report (Robyn)
  + Highlights - chess club spent $285
  + Movie night reimbursements came through
  + $200 in memory of Rudy Vincent
  + $1230 Kodaly tickets will be reversed, came out of wrong account
  + $2000 spent by library, unsure what
  + ~$200 in additional QSP income
  + Math literacy amounts - wanted to discuss how much school council was willing to contribute

$510 for additional library spending to be used from literacy fund

Motion to spend $3095 from danceathon to math kits for classrooms made by Eva, Seconded by Jewelle, all in favour

* Request from Paul to cover about 50% of $600 from the symphony from Danceathon for Junior Grades
* Motion made by Greg, Seconded by Robyn, all in favour
* Eva - French home reading - only $750 spent, rest has been approved
* PIC funds have come in
* Math night expenses submitted to PRO by middle of May
* Discussion Topics:
  + Fundraising committee (Ann, Katelin, Hilary, Pauline, Diana):
    - Campbell’s labels (Kimberly)
      * No updates
    - Popcorn Fundraiser
      * Orders due next friday, samples available for math night (can we have a table) Volunteers needed for math night, and for counting. Announcements have been going out regularly. Sample flavours - Pizza flavour and kettle corn
  + Greening committee (Jenn, Robyn, Katelin, James, and Gwen)
    - Stump Stools
      * Pinnacle Tree – arranged by Mark Eys to fulfill the TD greening project of tables and stump stools - have been installed, two of them are too high, Pinnacle will be coming back to cut them down a bit. Mark needs receipts to get the info for the grant
    - Any other updates?

Jenn - final update - shredded pine mulch Grower’s Choice $31/yard with tax, see if Rob Seely can pick it up and deliver, buddy benches have been approved

Fast Forest - scheduled replacement for spring

* Multi-sport court consultation done in the month of march at the Stanley Park Community Centre, proposal has been officially submitted
  + Dance-a-thon – we’ll need someone to lead this event for 2018.
  + Movie Night – Thursday March 9 2017 (Megan)
    - The Lego Movie
    - How did it go?
    - Went well, attended well, lost a boot
  + Grant Activity:
    - Staples Grant – deadline was March 31st - Jewelle Wyatt
      * No response yet
    - Rotary Club of Kitchener Grand River – follow up in May
      * No update yet
    - Reading Champion (Scholastic) – honour individuals, schools, and not-for-profit organization across Canada who help children discover the pleasure and power of reading
      * <http://www.scholastic.ca/readingchampions/>
        + Nominated Mme Payoche for starting the french home reading program
  + Food Truck Frenzy & Cabaret (Robyn) June 22nd
    - No fries
    - Four confirmed - Sub Shack confirmed
    - Last year, we opened at 5, with Cabaret starting at 6:45
    - Can we start earlier? 4:30pm should be fine
    - Need better line management, volunteers to change garbage bags, and the water bottles in the cooler
    - Michael will update the flyer
    - Entertainer - mega cone can play music
* New business:
  + Jen Wilson - SafeTalk suicide awareness training, she thought that it would be good to have in the school somehow
    1. Paul - board already has designated training options for staff, need accredited companies for staff
* Lost and Found
  + Can it be on display for math night
  + Can anyone volunteer to stay and look at the items for labels

* Adjourn

Next meeting: Wednesday May 10 2017 doodle poll will be sent out for new date.

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