

Franklin Public School – Parent Council Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2015

7-8:30pm Library

Facilitators: Mark Eys

Attendees: Mark Eys, Heather Lee, Jenn Wilson, Eva van den Brink, Cindy Martin, Paul Milne, Dan Enns, Gwen Lloyd, Ann Wong-Lettenbauer, Trish Morgan, Deborah Hughes, Hilary Toller, Trish Morgan, Carmela Gentile-Faure, Jewelle Wyatt, Annesa Selcage

Welcome: Thank you all for coming out tonight!

Adoption of Minutes:

Errors and Omissions: October meeting date should be Wednesday, October 28th, 2015.

A motion was made by Anessa Selcage to accept the minutes from the meeting on May 27, 2015. The motion was seconded by Jenn Wilson. All members were in favour and the motion passed.

Principals Comments: Paul / Dan

Transitions and Staffing

- Dan Enns will be moving on to a shared role between Empire and MacGregor schools next year. Penny Eckhart (from Lackner and Stanley) next year will join Franklin as VP next year, although she's currently on leave (until likely after Christmas) so a yet unnamed retired administrator will be helping from September until Penny arrives.
- We were given an extra ½ kindie section with about 15 students and so only one teacher (not an ECE) will be required for this position
- Jen Bannister (EA) and Grace Burgess (EA) moving to different school. Corinne R will be joining in an afternoon EA capacity
- Sherry Downy and Mrs. Borris will be on mat leave for the next year
- Long-term occasional teachers are done assignments this week. Not sure if they will be back next year.
- ESL teacher Donna Cook is retiring

Events

- Franklin fun run, Jr track meet, teacher staff appreciation all happened this month
- Groove Education was awesome
- Grade 6 and Kindie (non-grad) celebrations
- Teacher vs students baseball happened today (Kids may have won... 😊)

Treasurer's Report: Eva

- Pro Grant came in
- Totals are all up-to-date
- Total Revenue for the year: \$10,270 (\$2,000 of this was grant money)
- Total Spend for the year: \$10,650
- \$12,569 account balance with the rolling budget we have \$7,469 left to spend

Chair's Comments: Mark Discussion Topics

- Library updates (Fran)
 - School Council has donated over \$4,000 to the library (donation for books, Silver Birch program, year end treats etc.)
 - Silver Birch and Blue Spruce were an overwhelming success. There was a draw at the end for kids as well as being part of the home reading program
 - Celebration book program started with gently used donated books into the library. Now that we can't enter these at the Ed Centre, Fran still wanted to use these donated books. Essentially each student gets to come and choose a book on a selected day. Also a family had a Scholastic connection and brought 2 huge bins of new books which are also being used in the Celebration* program (*name yet to be decided)
 - Scholastic dictates that 2nd book fairs have to have a % in product and a % in books. Not being aware of this, the book fair committee had declined the product and wanted just take the cash as per the 1st book fair. Scholastic wouldn't allow it and the school would have been charged in the amount of \$567. In order to offset this cost, Fran and Shelly Strub pulled a number of books from the school order to reflect this amount and these books will be offered in the Celebration program.
 - 2nd Book Fair Summary: Total sales almost \$6,100 less the \$567 there was still a significant profit (around \$1,700)
 - During book fair, there is a modified form of library exchange. Dan spoke with Shelly and we need to wait and see what kind of space we will have in the fall to perhaps move the Book Fair to another classroom or portable so we don't have to modify the library school.
- Appreciation breakfast (presented by Jan-Essa ☺)
 - Was there enough food? There was muffins, scones, and fruit left-over before 1st break but was done by the end of the day.
- BBQ (Anessa)
 - Positively received. The fiddle band was great but if the timing in the same next year, the principal may not let them come as exams could be the next day. BBQ next year will be June 23rd. MacKenzie King had a food truck frenzy. Unless we have shoppers to buy food next year, we might want to think about a Food Truck. Gwen has offered to be the succession planning food shopper. ☺
- Franklin Greening Program sub-committee update (Heather, Gwen, Cindy)
 - Kindergarten plan from Evergreen (Mark)
 - Met with Rob Seely (board), Krista Long (Evergreen) and kindie teachers. Krista developed a plan for the area. In the second meeting, the kindie teacher positively received this plan. The board is going to take care of the drainage issue in August and install the drainage tile. Kindie teachers are concerned with injuries from kids falling on the sand on the path so it's proposed that we change the path and install water-loving shrubbery to help with standing water. Board will remove existing asphalt and do the excavating necessary to plant a giant sugar maple (we'd have to buy the tree). The board will also supply the dry-well, river stone, and the contracting of the asphalt but we will have to pay for the asphalt at a cost of \$3/sq ft. Rolled edging will also happen around the sand and wood chip areas to keep the sand/mulch for spreading onto the path. Krista is proposing we focus on the edging around the climber, 2 big trees, mulch, shrubs, bridge, and stock tanks (galvanized water and sand

troughs for play). The stage and hill with seats and stumps could be explored at a later time. The kindergarten teachers are excited about making this area into an amazing outdoor classroom and play land. We would still need to go through the proper channels to get a plan together for the rest of the drainage around the front and back of the school.

- Funding (WEFI, Council SPCA, TD, others?)
 - Do the costs on the proposal include installation cost? Mark will check into this. We're looking at about \$10,000. There were some concerns that this looks like just a kindie initiative. Trish mentioned that sometimes the classrooms are buddied up so she'd be asking for use of this space. We've also been "stockpiling" money year over year. Let's spend something. Trish also felt that most of the stuff we've funded has been "bailing out the board and purchasing things that perhaps the board should really be purchasing." This area will be open to the community as well. If we are looking for donations we have to make sure that they are guaranteed. Board work will be happening mid-August. Other stuff can happen towards the end of August and the week before school starts. How much is council willing to spend? Thinking about doing this in phases. For example: Phase I – Kindie construction stuff. Phase II – Additions to Kindie area and attention to the rest of the school etc. Paul suggests using \$6,000 from the WEFI account. Mark is suggesting \$7,000 from the Council.
 - Jenn makes the motion to use up to \$7,000 for proposed Kindie plan with stipulation that \$6,000 will be spent from WEFI account before council funds will be used. Seconded by Gwen. 9 in favour. 2 opposed (to the amount, not the project). Motion passed.
- Campbell's labels (Kimberly/Mark) – No updates
- Family Night sub –committee (Anessa, Eva, Gwen) – 60 responses from survey. Sport night is the fore-runner, followed by movie night. Lots of people wanting to volunteer for an event and several wanting info about school council. The sub-committee will meet to talk about creating a sport night.
- Lackner Woods partnership (Anessa) – Pope Jean Paul did a sports night partnering with UWaterloo and raised \$18,000. Anessa will bring these ideas for September meeting.
- Speakers for next year – Deferred to September meeting.
- Meet the teacher night – Volunteers needed. Jenn and Gwen will meet over the summer to created council initiative boards to gather interest and volunteers.

New Business

Council presents Dan with a small token of council's appreciation. We wish Dan well in his future endeavours and sincerely thank him for his years of service.

Adjourn: 8:42pm

Next meeting: September 23, 2015

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