

Franklin Public School – Parent Council Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2016

7-8:30 pm Library

Facilitators: Mark Eys and Anessa Selcage

Attendees: Paul Milne, Mark Eys, Jenn Wilson, Anessa Selcage, Eva van den Brink, Ann Wong-Lettenbauer, Kaitlyn Pfaff, Robyn Harrison, Michael Bittle, Janice Scherer, Hilary Toller, Monica Chopra, Trish Morgan, Pauline Tomlinson, and Gwen Lloyd

Regrets: Maria Turner, Kimberley Janzen

Welcome

Adoption of Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made by Jenn Wilson to accept the minutes from the meeting on Feb 23 2016.

The motion was seconded by Anessa Selcage

The motion passed

Adoption of Agenda

Principal's Comments: Paul Milne

- Staffing Updates:
 - Betsy Petker – Part time VP until Penny returns FT which is expected at end of April.
 - Chris Boyer – Grade 2 French immersion – has returned back to work full time
 - Mme Guy – is working PT currently (mornings)
 - Ms Shibata (English ESL) has moved to a different school.
 - Meenu Bakhru is now ESL
 - Roxanne Romero – has returned from mat leave
 - Sarah Carnegie – has just started mat leave
- Syrian refugees – we have 10 students coming to us and hopefully these families will find longer term housing.
 - In our area – 26 students FT – some still arriving – have settled in our area

- Have received a lot of support from teachers, ECEs, and EAs for the integration
- General population of the school – Kindie registration strong – over 650 by the time we get to September – highest numbers since Paul has been here – will impact staffing
- Power Up Assembly was today – make up day from the ice storm – have received great feedback
- Grade 6 camp – coming up – mid April – usually this is in the Fall but with the labour disruptions at that time – it was postponed until spring
- EQAO Testing – For Grade 3s and Grade 6s. Should be at the end of May / beginning of June
 - Always need volunteers – if interested in helping please call the office...
 - Standardized testing – run by the EQAO office ... www.eqao.com
 - Provide objective info for school planning...reading, writing, and mathematics.

Treasurer's Report: Eva

- Details will be forwarded to council with the draft of the minutes
- Dance a Thon – our net profit was \$5878. \$2k above what we raised in previous years
- Home reading books – if we can get these paid for – can use the PIC grant toward that.
- Discussion regarding the \$150 to the board...SJA fees – approved by school council – was asked by teachers to fund / partially fund...(October 2015)
- French teachers have asked for a reading-level French home reading program...A presentation is coming to council at the April meeting. Request is likely to be helping with startup costs and perhaps a commitment every year. Perhaps Popcorn Fundraiser could be for this program as it is for literacy.
- Mrs. Schoneveld request – Musical Group - Licorice Allsorts – they are well spoken off. The cost is \$700. Discussion was regarding fully funding from council or having students contribute \$1 or \$2. There would be two different presentations.

Chair's Comments: Mark

Discussion Topics:

- **Dance a thon debrief (Anessa)**
 - Net proceeds - \$5878 which is great – well over \$2000 more than in previous years.

- Nothing done differently this year in organization or advertising
 - Discussion re: potentially what the fundraising was for – perhaps important to families? Also – no other fundraisers at the same time
 - Online donations were also up.
- **Council support for family who lost home (fire)**
 - A family in our area lost their home. Grade 1 student plus another child. They have lost much including all of their toys. There was fairly extensive damage, but no injuries. They have had to move out. Staff are supporting through donations via Walmart gift cards.
 - (Discussion was had regarding two incidents in the past where families in the Franklin community had a death in the family and the council gave some financial support).
- MOTION: A motion was made by Eva van den Brink that the Franklin Parent Council approve \$150 in the form of Walmart gift cards for the Franklin family who lost their home in the fire
- The motion was seconded by Jenn Wilson
- The motion passed

Paul will act on council behalf and deliver this.

- **June BBQ (Anessa / Robyn)**
 - Presentation given by Robyn and will be forward to council with minutes
 - Date is Thursday June 23 2016
 - Asking Hilary's husband for their band to join us as they did last year.
 - After presentation decided to ask all 5 food trucks – will advertise to the public and to Franklin families
 - There is no cost to franklin for the trucks to be there...profits can be made depending on the food truck and the amount of sales (see presentation).
 - Be prepared to pick food items for next meeting
 - There is dietary awareness – dairy, nuts, pork etc.
- **Popcorn Fundraiser (Ann)**
 - For literacy program fundraising
 - April 15th order forms to be sent out
 - 625 students – each child to receive one flyer...however only need **one order per family**
 - Popcorn Patch needs 2 weeks to process order...
 - Order will be handed out in time for May long weekend...
 - If errors on orders filled – Popcorn Patch has committed to fixing them within a couple of days...

- Discussion re Math Night - April 26th – should we have samples? Perhaps a draw of some sort?
 - April 26th – they are due.
 - The popcorn will last 8 weeks.
- **Math night – April 26th**
 - Paul will ask if help is needed/wanted from the school council
 - Will do a Popcorn sample this night and if folks are interested, this will be their last opportunity to order through the fundraiser
- **Social Media Literacy Speaker (Trish): Susan Watt (Thursday February 25th)**
 - Rec'd great feedback from parents to Susan
 - There is a large parent conference regarding social media coming to the area in the November (more details to come)
- **PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grant (Mark)**
 - This grant funds math night and we are currently working on this for submission
 - Involvement with our parental community
 - PRO Info available on the web:
www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reaching.HTML
- **Greening (Gwen, Jenn, Robyn, Heather R., Heather L., Katelin, James)**
 - Mark went to the local Toyota dealership (Heffner) to pick up the Toyota Evergreen program cheque – surprised with announcement that the dealership decided to match the funds – thank you (\$2000 in total)
 - When the trees are being planted, we will invite Heffner to come and participate with a chosen class from Franklin.
 - Eva will update financials to reflect donation from “fund”
 - Note on the program – trees must be native
 - Proposed that trees be located by red/blue playground which is by tennis court.
 - Question regarding whether we need city approval for planting. Mark E. will check with Rob Seeley.
 - Deferred to April for further discussion
- **Campbell's Labels (Kimberly)**
 - Deferred to April
 - Items that were previously ordered have not yet been received by the office.

- **Breakfast club (WLU Volunteers)**
 - WLU students would like to come in and volunteer on a particular day – they are interested in seeing what the program is all about in action
 - Cathy has agreed - come in and play some small games...
 - Great opportunity to see where funds raised are being used

New Business:

- Tarmac Extension (Mark on behalf of Cindy Martin)
 - Bottom of hill – south of tennis courts...no walking space or space to line up
 - Consideration to get area extended...better traffic flow
 - Process – must go through WRDSB – as there are guidelines that must be adhered to regarding percentage of green:tarmac
 - Paul will touch base with Rob Seeley – to see who is responsible for the funds needed etc.
- Discussion around dates of activities for end of June:
 - Grade 6 grad...celebration day...June 27th 1:00 pm
 - Kindie celebration – June 28th. 1:45 pm
 - Last day of school – Wednesday June 29th...(as Thursday the 30th is PD day)
- Trish – lost and found clothes – what can do with them?
 - A lot are already labelled...
 - Can we set up volunteers to come in – parents?
 - Perhaps ensure that it's set up on event nights like Movie Night or Math Night?
- Note – there will be no Science fair this year.

Adjourned: 8:51 pm

Next meeting is: Tues April 19th - this is a change from the normal schedule due to Math Night.

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