

Franklin Public School – Parent Council Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2016

7-8:30 pm Library

Facilitators: Mark Eys

Attendees: Paul Milne, Hilary Toller, Eva van den Brink, Jenn Wilson, Ann Wong-Lettenbauer, Lisa Perrotta-Huhse, Mark Eys, Anessa Selcage, Trish Morgan, Kaitlyn Pfaff, Pauline Tomlinson, Kimberley Janzen, Robyn Harrison, Monica Chopra, and Gwen Lloyd

Regrets: Janice Scherer, Maria Turner, Jewelle Wyatt

Welcome – 7:02 pm

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 Eva van den Brink

The motion passed

Adoption of Agenda

Guest Speaker: Lisa Perrotta-Huhse re: French Home Reading Program

- We already have an English home reading program
- This proposal is for a French program – starting with the younger grades, and then could go to larger grades depending on the needs of the students
- Parents could participate and help their children – 10 to 15 minutes per night – voluntary program
- The key to the program is “levelling” the books...so can adapt the reading program to each individual student. So that they read at their own level
- Also a good assessment tool for teachers
- Several different publishers available – education resources – like Scholastic
- Target date to start is around Christmas 2016 with a target of the Immersion program. As the program evolves, would involve the CORE program
- Do the books have to go through the school board? No
- Order time is about 2 to 3 weeks out.
- Would you accept used French books - yes! If in good shape!
- Would you consider staggering with the English program? Perhaps...or perhaps one day per week...e.g. Grade 1 is Mondays, Grade 2 is Tuesdays...

- Minimum cost to get it going – the “ideal” –would be \$3000 and \$3500 – would allow for many books...realistically would like \$2500 including all carts, incidentals, and the books – this is the initial start up costs
- Yearly the cost would be about \$300 to \$400 – to replace damaged books, lost books, etc. (A letter would be sent to parents outlining the costs of the books if lost/damaged – approx. \$10/book). Would like to also add 20 to 30 titles per year
- Levels of the book – 1 to 20 – the ideal level is for readers to be at level 20/21 at the end of Grade 4
- Target audience is grade 1 – so need to start with mainly 1 to level 10 books...
- If expanding the program to Core – the cost would double – this is because of the sheer volume of students...and tracking would have to be completely different.
- Discussion was had regarding the budgets of the school and the council for French literacy moving forward
- Timing of these initial set-up funds would be appreciated by end of year.
- Hold vote in May re funds
- Very positive feedback from council overall
- English reading is already in the council budget.

Principal’s Comments: Paul Milne

- EQAO dates...end of May – beginning of June.
- Terry Fox run tomorrow
 - Usually in the Fall but delayed due to job action
 - Collecting Toonies for Terry until the end of April
- Grade 6 camp
 - Great weather
 - Great time
 - Already organizing for camp for the Fall
- Staffing for the fall – already underway...tentative staffing assignments.
- 610 registered (not 640).
- Two extended day programs...so different classrooms – currently 1 room
 - YMCA – no confirmation yet for their after care program
- Organizational changes
 - Two special Ed classrooms – life skills classes – system classes – bused in from around the region – one for 2016/2017...with special Ed teachers
 - Is other class moving to another school? No.
 - Criteria – ASD (autism spectrum disorder) was not a part of the criteria for students to be in these classrooms
 - Reading life skills across the system.

- Paul can investigate whether or not other classes are being considered in lieu of or to meet different needs
- Grade 1 French immersion class...23 max with a waiting list...
- Monica - Creating safe and inclusive schools and communities
 - Free workshops
 - LINK TO PDF
- Food Drive – until Wednesday April 27 2016
- Bake Sale – Dream Team – for a Well in Haiti...the 28th of April...donations of baked goods by the 27th of April...

Treasurer’s Report: Eva (see attached report)

- \$475 not currently approved by council – for Kindie area – for painting on tarmac is currently on the books. Paul/Eva/Mark to investigate the origin of this request.
- Dance a thon monies need to be allocated to greening
- Balance available overall is showing as \$8939 of which \$5928 is allocated to greening. That leaves \$800 total available to spend.
- Gym equipment – at this time, there isn’t one dedicated teacher organizing gym equipment. Paul to look at the equipment. Staffing for 2016/17 – a staff member hopefully for dedicated gym time.

Chair’s Comments: Mark

Discussion Topics:

- **June BBQ (Anessa / Robyn)**
 - Food trucks would like advertising sent to them electronically for them to tweet or put out on social media
 - Normally – flyer, main sign, and around the school, with order form...
 - 4 trucks will be present in total
 - Schmuck truck backed out – they didn’t feel that we had enough prospective volume for 5 trucks...
 - What if it rains...? Do we have a back up plan? Do we have tents?
 - Mark will connect Michael with Anessa/Robyn regarding advertising
 - Should remind folks attending to bring lawn chairs and blankets.
 - Jen – water cooler contact – will discuss with them...event will be BYO water bottle again
 - Freezies – can we do even with ice cream truck? (Robyn will connect with them and ask – and let them know freezies are a fundraiser for a well in Haiti)
 - Custodians – Paul will double check to open the gate to allow trucks in to the back

- Food from 5:15 pm til 6:30 pm ish...confirm when Cabaret starts...but perhaps 5 to 7 for the food trucks...
 - Perhaps trucks stay until after show is over – catch folks leaving for the evening
 - Discussion regarding some entertainment or something to encourage participation and activities of families attending...Chicopee was at Mackenzie King last year. Kaitlyn to investigate and report back.
 - Dogs – no dogs on school premises...during school hours...perhaps put that on the school stuff...but not on the public info.
- **Popcorn Fundraiser (Ann)**
 - Flyers are out...every child was to get them
 - Announcements – fun facts of popcorn 😊
 - Last day of popcorn is next week.
 - Giving out samples at math night – Jenn & Kimberley – garlic parmesan and kettle corn.
 - Need cupcake holder...need about \$5 to \$10 – come out of the funds.
 - Will send invoice the following week.
 - Need to photocopy the order on counting day.
 - Wednesday/Thursday next week...27th/28th...volunteers needed...will send an email.
 - Popcorn patch – happy to help with literacy fundraiser...
- **Math night – April 26th**
 - Friendly reminder
 - Popcorn sampling
- **Tarmac extension (Mark on behalf of Cindy Martin)**
 - Rob Sealey is going to take a look
 - Looks possible...need pricing on that
- **Greening (Gwen, Jenn, Robyn, Heather R., Heather L., Katelin, James)**
 - Mulch purchase (Mark, on behalf of Cindy)
 - Restock the mulching areas out in the front
 - s/b from the ongoing \$500 funds
 - Garden Maintenance Committee (Mark, on behalf of Cindy)
 - Front area – there is a garden...and it's not maintained because was put in by group
 - Cindy and her parents have been taking care of this area but unable to continue.
 - It's time to move on and get new volunteers. How do we get?
 - Note on our school website
 - Email to full school council group

- Mention something at Math night...at the popcorn sampling.
 - Buddy bench (Mark, on behalf of Maria)
 - JW Gerth PS – two buddy benches - \$1100
 - Mark will connect with Maria to see where she is.
 - Two – one in the junior area – one in senior area
 - Paul to connect with teachers – Heidi MacLean – eco schools – the survey from last year showing trees etc., showed where the buddy bench would go.
 - Greening committee will meet before May meeting to discuss further.
- **Campbell's Labels (Kimberly)**
 - Secretary called...the equipment arrived at beginning of this week.
 - Looking for feedback – Paul looking for this
- **By-laws and responsibilities updates (Mark)**
 - Need to update...need to review every year
 - Also if council isn't returning for next year – need to let know – especially executive
- **Teacher Appreciation Breakfast (Eva)**
 - Beginning of June needed.
 - Williams has order on file from previous years.
 - Are you interested in volunteering?
- **Fundraisers for next year (think about for May meeting)**
 - Looks possible...need pricing on that
- **Lost and Found (deferred to May meeting)**
 - How can we decrease the amounts for next year?
 - Tips from parents to parents.

New Business: N/A

Adjourned: 8:39 pm

Next meeting is: Tuesday May 24th, 2016, 7pm.

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