

Minutes

Franklin Public School Council

April 21, 2023

6:30 – 8:00pm

Welcome – Preet is Chair tonight

Present: Linda Cotnam, Cindy Martin, Jen Caldwell, Preet Sian, Erin Hagey, Nancy Hummel, William, Matthew, Mark Noseworthy, Sarah Fretz, Robyn Harrison

Regrets: Hillary Toller

- Land Acknowledgement: <https://youtu.be/Qoiq-ah7xO4>
- Adoption of Agenda
- Motion: Sarah Second: Robyn
- Adoption of Minutes
 - February meeting minutes Motion to accept: Sarah Second: Mark
 - November minutes update?

Student Report:

- Will and Matthew
 - Blogs are continuing
 - Some are posted on Franklin website
 - Topics: kindness, life as a grade 6 student
 - Mane iMusicale Assembly - French music “playoffs”
 - Did a bracket to guess who might win
 - There was a prize of
 - Danser avec toi was the winner
 - Passion Projects are well under way
 - Topics: Different cultures, models, wars, rubik’s cubes
 - Completing jot notes, turning jot notes into presentations
 - Comprise many marks in many subject areas
- Principal and Vice-Principal Updates: Linda Cotnam
 - Donna Pilkington: ABLE teacher
 - Accelerated Basic Literacy
 - Focus in language in math - integrate in other subject areas with a class
 - Trying to connect to real-world
 - Food Garden:
 - learn where food comes from
 - 2022 - garden was maintained through the summer - produce was harvested and sold through Youth Food Markets
 - In the fall ABLE students harvested potatoes - were able to bring some produce home
 - Youth in Food Systems - seedlings are started in some classes - some things are starting to come back
 - Garden Club starting in early May - new Mulch and tools arriving
 - Summer - gardens will maintained again by Youth in Food Systems
 - Youth in Food Systems - looking for highschool students to volunteer
 - Nurture - partnering with Youth in Food Systems - looking for students starting in grade 4 and up - honorariums paid
 - Kelly Wilkinson VP - is here until the end of the month
 - Kindergarten area update - scope of work being created for the summer to help with drainage
 - Outdoor structure update - ground has been rototilled - playgrounds should be open next week - slide still needs to be fixed
 - 4 more wraparound sessions were granted - 1 for Ks in UFLI - 1 for Jrs in Math

- 3 new Literacy - Heggerty Phonemic Awareness, UFLI with decodable texts, FlyLeaf systematic reading program
- Possible fundraising ideas student well being and student achievement
- French program changes questions - FI now starting Grade 2
 - Subject allocations have changed
 - Support can be brought in for teachers if they need more training in certain subject areas
- Staffing - not yet finalized - number of children are down by 40 - down by 4.5 teachers - if we get an increase between now and May we could recall some
- Looked into Gaga Ball Pit - looking into a company to put in - ballpark likely around \$5000? - BIEP (Board Improvement Equity Plan) - Student Well-Being - Gaga Pit, Balls, 10x10 Tent for outdoor - Student Achievement - Whiteboards and Whiteboard Markers, Experiential Learning - Garden Maintenance
- Field Trips: Classroom teachers determine how they address the curriculum - lots of reasons why they may not opt to: classroom needs (self-regulation, safety concerns)
- Safe, Caring, and Inclusive Schools
 - Update from Preet regarding the PRO grant
- Treasurer Report (Sarah)
 - \$555.57 in the bank
 - Factory Shoe: request amount from Josh
 - Flip Give - login and request check - login is in the Council Email
 - Have we figured out how to get the money from Flip Give and have we gotten a cheque from Factory Shoe
 - \$1600 spent on landscaping (which covers 3 times a year)
 - Gaga Pit - \$5000
 - Fall - \$500 for K families
 - Dance-a-thon - brings in around \$5000
 - Balls - \$400
 - Whiteboard and markers - ???
 - Looking into Chapter's
 - Phil will look into prices of various ideas
 - In the fall send a letter with the year of fundraising activities - and offer WEFI donation option - gives tax receipt for anything over \$20

****For Next Meeting****

- Create a list of what we want to spend for next year
- Then decide what fundraisers are needed

Next meeting: May 18th