Franklin School Council Minutes - September 21 2023

6:30 – 8:00pm

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Welcome to the 2023/2024 School Year! – Sarah & Preet will Chair tonight

Land Acknowledgement: [youtu.be/Qoiq-ah7xO4](https://youtu.be/Qoiq-ah7xO4)

Attendance

* Elissa O, Kathleen T, Mark N, Olasumbo S, Maja V, Tooba N, Linda Cotnam, Brooklyn (student), Olivia (student), Quinn (student), fareeha sadiq (student), Myles (student), Sarah, Hilary, Kristy H, Heather H, Preet, Samantha Hutchison, Jennifer, Jitendra Jagsarran, Renato Inacio, Laura Hernandez, -5

Adoption of Agenda

* Quorum - ½+1 of attending council members

Purpose and priorities of Council

Adoption of Minutes

* Motion Sarah
* Erin seconded
* All in favour

May meeting minutes

Principal to introduce students

* Brooklyn, Olivia, Quinn, fareeha, Myles

Review and Suggested Amendments of By-laws

* Last review in 2018
* Criteria to be on council
* Voting Member for 1 year to be on council
* Bylaws available on School Day in tab
* To be reviewed in October Meeting

Elections Explained

* Positions available now from October to next September
* Nomination ballot being sent out
* Email to be sent out via School Day with a nomination form
* Many ways to help out with other subcommittees and volunteer work

School Council positions up for voting are: Nominations added

* Chair/co-chair - Sarah
* Treasurer - Jennifer

Secretary - Preet

Alternate Secretary - Erin

Voting Members - Mark Noseworthy, olasumbo sadiq

Sub-committee Council roles (not mandatory):

Fundraising

Social Media

Grant writer

Other school-roles involving parents:

Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools -

Up to a total of 20 members with voting rights (potentially 13 members without positions that are planning to attend regularly to meetings

Treasurer Report (Sarah)

* Currently negative
* Need to cover landscaping costs
* Mulching and other work being done
* Total cost of landscaping - $2600
* Still waiting for the FlipGive Cheque

Budget review

Principal and Vice-Principal Updates: Linda Cotnam & Samantha Hutchison

* Linda
  + Sam is our new VP
  + VP for 6 years, most recently at Lester B Pearson, previously at Suddaby
  + Was SERT before administration
* Kindergarten update
  + Was updated with armourstones, and fixed the drain, but were not able to update the rest of the area, need to wait for budget updates
* Primary structure
  + Three options - take off the slide, remove the whole thing, remove and rebuild to replace
* Grade Level assemblies
  + School motto, rules, boundaries, and washroom protocol
* Dress code
  + Students are free to wear what they are comfortable in, but ask that they don’t wear anything with inappropriate language or hate messages
* Tools for Life review
  + Program being used throughout the school about emotional regulation and problem resolution
* September
  + Focus on routines, relationship, culture building
* School numbers - Franklin classrooms being restructured due to attendance numbers
  + Population went from 583 - 523
  + Information to come before Thanksgiving Weekend

Updates/Discussion Topics:

Action Plan for the year - 15 mins

* Landscaping $1500
* Gagaball Pit $5000-8000
* Teachers in the Classroom
* Recess supplies
* Kindergarten Gifts
* Grade 6 Celebration
* Primary Play structure
* Hopefully fundraise $15000

How can parents contribute - discuss all avenues

Fall: fundraising and grant applications

* World Famous Chocolate - Laura Secord $3 bars
  + Opt out form would need to be returned by September 29
  + Would arrive by October 4th
  + Run until 18th
  + 30 bars/box
  + 5 free boxes for prize money
  + 44% profit
  + How to handle issues around food poverty
  + Council will start with this fundraising initiative
  + Outdoor Learning and Outdoor Fun
* Big Box of Cards fundraiser
* Jitendra - proposal for holiday concert and fundraising
* Suggestion for family skate fundraising
* Movie nights
* One book one school fundraiser/community building/movie night
* Revisit wording for FlipGive and Factory Shoe ongoing fundraising activities

Winter: fundraising

Spring: fundraising, planning for grade 6 celebration and kindie night

Action Items:

Roles and Descriptions of Positions - then sent to families

Names being put forth and a ballet form

Date, Time and Location of Council Vote

Future Meetings:

* Third Thursday of the month typically

October 19th

November 16th

February 15th

April 18

May 16

Meeting Adjourned at 7:53pm