

# Meeting Minutes

Franklin Public School Council

May 18, 2023

6:30 – 8:00pm

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- Welcome – Preet is Chair tonight.
  - Apologies: Hilary Toller, Amanda
  - Present: Linda Cotnam, Sarah Fretz, Mark Noseworthy, Jenn C, Robyn H (remote), Jodi Diebolt (remote), Diana, Erin H. , Rachel N., Unnamed male parent
- Land Acknowledgement: <https://youtu.be/Qoig-ah7xO4>
- **Adoption of Agenda**
- **Adoption of Minutes**
  - April meeting minutes require no edits.
  - Will not be able to have quorum because we only have 5 voting members present.
  - Linda suggested passing them digitally.
- **Student Report (William & Matthew B Grade 6)**
  - Excited to participate in May 23<sup>rd</sup> track meet; have been practicing various events
  - Recent fun school activity: Ventriloquist parrot (fun activity)
  - Have enjoyed their time on council and will miss all the great clubs (running club), freezie days.
  - Enjoyed presenting passion projects (mechatronics engineering)
  - Suggestions for next year student reporters: speak from your heart and have fun; be organized (check emails, don't procrastinate and if you don't understand something ask an adult)
  - Skills they developed: be kind, more organized and time management
  - For 2023/24, have one student in grade 6 and another in a lower grade so they can continue the role the following year.
- **Principal and Vice-Principal Updates (Linda Cotnam)**
  - **Guest speaker: Leslie Maxwell, MAPW** (she/her) School Travel Planning Supervisor
  - Employee from region of waterloo transportation department
  - Reviewed Franklin Family Survey Results re: transportation to and from school to help with traffic congestion.
  - Refer to slide show presentation (copy to be provided)

- 37 responses; 51% not eligible for bus, 37.8% use car.
  - Need to build in supports to encourage children to walk to school; walk buddies/groups, improved sidewalks and walkways, traffic calming.
  - Initiatives that we could adopt: Empire PS bike bus /Cycling into the Future
  - Consider education component/resources within school time (Drive to 5, walk your grade map)
  - Discussion regarding getting foot patrol around Franklin to reduce traffic volume/improve safety during school hours.
  - Discussion regarding developing a subcommittee to help these initiatives.
  - Linda Cotnam will get an invitation for students to enrol in foot patrol and start training (12 kids for a single crossing) – *Action item*.
- **Council activity**
    - Principal Profile Activity where we reviewed school's values, beliefs, diversity and future focus
    - *Action item*: Linda to share a report to complete with student council which highlights this information. Due May 26.
- **Safe, Caring, and Inclusive Schools (Preet)**
    - Review of year's activities (survey, student project)
    - Looking for project ideas for following year
- **Treasurer Report (Sarah)**
    - Pending as all funds have yet to be deposited (FlipGive and Factory Shoe)
    - Jenn C to get pick up cheque from Factory Shoe
    - Preet to f/u with Jacqueline re: FlipGive
    - Sarah Fretz to follow up with landscaping for this summer re: cost and payment.

### **Discussion Topics:**

- Continuing business from last meeting – review fundraising goals for 2023/24; no edits but Preet to investigate annual maintenance cost of Gaga pit. Physically reviewed location (between garden and play structure).
- How can we get more people on council: attend kindergarten night June 13 6:30-7:30 to recruit new members; each current member should recruit one member.
- Meeting days will be organized in September (4-5 meetings).
- Next meeting September 21, 2023