

minutes

Agenda

Franklin Public School Council

April 18, 2024

6:30 – 8:00pm

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In Attendance: Linda C., Sue T., Jenn C., Preet S., Rachel N., Erin H., Mark N.,

Online: Fareeha S., Andrea M., Heather H., Nina O.

Regrets: Sarah F.

Housekeeping (6:30-6:35) - Preet

- Land Acknowledgement: Recited by Linda
- Adoption of Agenda – 1st Jenn, 2nd Rachel
- Adoption of Minutes
 - February minutes – 1st Jenn, 2nd Erin

Student Reports (6:35-6:45)

- Fareeha (Video on role SERT) – Mr Paddon describes his work as a SERT: helping students with academic or self-regulation needs. The quiet room is a place for students to work on homework, also a place to discuss strategies to help them in their areas of struggle. He works with EAs in the school to figure out how to make best use of their skills and the resources in the school and where to put them. His certification includes his teaching and masters degrees as well as special education training. Easiest and hardest parts of his job are the kids. His love for the kids is why he does what he does but can also be a challenge helping them address their challenges.

Action Items from last meeting (6:45-7:00) -

- **Sub-committee Council roles**
 - Social Media up and running and looking good. Facebook account is coordinated by Jacqueline Watty. "Franklin PS School Council" handle.

Treasurer Report Jen (7:00 -7:15)

- Account overview – nothing to present at this time.

Subcommittee updates (7:15-7:30)

Fundraising committee update - Jen

- Movie night results: \$40 raised – lots of positive feedback from parents.
- Popcorn sale results: just over \$800 raised. Company sent extra box to account for the shortage error – plan to sell off the rest. Idea from Rachel for next year is to sell before the movie night and sell off extras at the movie night.
- Pizza results: approx. \$200 raised (Dominos)

- Are we doing any other fundraisers? – discussing doing popcorn again next year, the ease of payment through School Day is much preferred over cash, makes for much less work for parent volunteers

Allocation of funds

- We approved via email a \$200 donation to Family Night

Safe, Caring, and Inclusive Schools

- Assembly – Student led, showed video called “Change” by Cody Lee

WRAPSC update - Sarah (7:30-7:40)

- **Will do at Next meeting**

Principal and Vice-Principal Updates (7:40-8:00): Linda Cotnam

- VP Introduction – Nina Ouellette is acting VP until end of year (previously taught at Franklin as ESL teacher, went to Sandhills as ESL, working on her Principal courses with Linda as mentor)
- Volunteers – Volunteer Week, giving recognition to Strong Start, N4L program, etc.
- Different programs at school –
Culture of Consent Mr. Collins, Ms. Gentile-Faure classes. Learning about consent “FRIES”: freely given, reversible, informed, engaged, specific. Why is it hard to say no? Intimidation, Explosive, Hurt feelings
Active Bystander Ms. Borris, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Tomchick classes. Learning about restorative justice, meet together in a circle and looking each other in the eyes, how to manage conflict
Inspire Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Gentile-Faure, Mr. Collins gr 6 students – starting in May/June, will learn about Empathy (Bullying, Diversity, Family Issues, Relationships, Barriers to Empathy, Expressing Empathy, How Empathy Changed the World)
- Recent Assembly - Pod 4 and 5: lately a lot of N-words, N-words ‘passes’, swearing by students. Linda talked to kids about what kind of person they want to be, reminded of school motto “manners matter, kindness matters”. Discussed consequences of being written up by her and how that makes them look to the board, reminded of progressive discipline policy.
- SCIS Survey – through the board, for grade 4-12. Data available next year.

Questions and Concerns

- Preet suggested putting out a tip sheet for parents regarding screen use
- Preet asked for update on Trailblazers: Linda will meet with them to touch base. They are supposed to be wearing their vests and walking to school as a group. Suggestion by Preet to recruit students in June to be Trailblazers in September.
- Preet asked about board enrollment being down for next year.

Sarah wanted to discuss a movie night for the grade 6 kids as a celebration - Linda had emailed the teachers to get thoughts and input – Mrs. Gentile-Faure, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Bell were asked. Students at end of year just want to hang out with their friends and socialize. Sue T. suggested incorporating into a school day hang-out in the gym one day.

End of Meeting: 7:25pm

Next Meeting: May 16, 2024

TBD: Discuss fundraising goals for next year, form subcommittee for fundraising specifically. Kindergarten night in June, End of year newsletter will be sent out by Linda