

~~Agenda~~ Minutes

Franklin Public School Council

Nov. 16, 2023

6:30 – 8:00pm

Franklin Library & Online meet.google.com/yzp-oxmc-cfj

In Attendance: Linda Cotnam, Sam Hutchison, Jen Caldwell, Mark Noseworthy, Sue Tomchick, Dan Gillen, Rachel Notman, Sarah Fretz, Allison Brown, Christine Schmidt, Olivia Gillen (student), Quinn Needham (Student), Myles (student), Brooklyn Fretz (student), Erin Hagey (secretary sub), Esther Olanrewaju (online), Olasumbo Sadiq (online), Dajana Beckman
Regrets: Hilary Toller, Andrea McEwan, Preet Sian

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

- Land Acknowledgement: <https://youtu.be/Qoiq-ah7xO4>
- Adoption of Agenda: Motion to accept– Jen, 2nd-Christine
- Adoption of Minutes
 - October minutes – Sams name to be corrected, Rachel Notman added
 - Motion to accept with corrections: Mark, 2nd- Jen

Guest Speaker (6:35-6:50) - Leslie Maxwell

- Presentation and questions
 - Bike Walk Roll Results – 37 responses showed majority of kids are being driven
 - Questions were also asked in class to classrooms (except kindergarten)
 - Franklin frontage did not warrant crossing guard or red light warning due to the 30 km/hr limit
 - Data showed 48% were driven by car, 31% walked. High driving rate likely related to being a FI school. (Estimating approx 100 cars per day are coming to Franklin each morning but would like to find out a more precise number)
 - Data helps to plan interventions if needed
 - Next Steps: data counts of cars on streets, trailblazer recruitment (walking buddy program), update Drive to 5 maps (church parking restrictions with yard signs or walking school bus)
 - Goal is to reduce traffic at school

Student Reports (6:50-7:00)

1. If you had lots of money and could spend on anything outside at the school, what would it be? Quinn: more benches, covered roof areas. Olivia: volleyball rebounder to practice, Brooklyn: slides. Miles: soccer nets.

Review and Suggested Amendments of By-laws (7:00-7:05)

Old wording:

4.4 Parents/guardians of present Franklin Public School students are qualified to be elected or appointed to the Council Executive only after one year of participation as a voting member of any Waterloo Region District School Board school council.

Suggested New Wording: (suggested changes are in italics)

4.4 Parents/guardians of present Franklin Public School students are qualified to be elected or appointed to the Council Executive only after one year of participation as a voting member of any Waterloo Region District School Board school council, *unless there are not enough previous voting members available in which case new interested persons shall be considered qualified.*

Motion to Accept Amendment to by-law: Mark, 2nd – Rachel, All in favour

Action Items from last week (7:05-7:15) -

- **Sub-committee Council roles**
 - Social Media update – Preet – will discuss next meeting
- **Outside garden usage update – Sam**
 - would like it to continue to be mulched, but not coloured mulch to keep with the naturalized effect and more environmentally friendly
 - Suggestions made to reduce number of times serviced: last year was landscaped in May, July & August.
 - Diana volunteered to ask other landscaping companies for quotes to see if another company can do it cheaper

Treasurer Report Jen (7:15 -7:25)

- Account overview - \$32,000 in account (still owe \$20K to chocolate company)
 - \$862 in WEFI account
 - \$3442 in WEFI school account (for balls, etc)
 - \$450 from Factory Shoe
 - \$160 FlipGive (approx)
- Chocolate fundraiser results - \$12,000 profit

Subcommittee update - allocation of funds - Preet (7:25-7:40)

- Suggestions (Mark): landscaping, teacher discretionary spending, sports balls, sign maintenance, kindergarten welcome packages
- Discussion & questions – are we wanting to replace play structure? Do we want to set aside funds each year and carry over until saved up, which will take several years? Dan Gillen willing to look into actual cost of play structure. Sam gave 3 vendor names: Henderson, Blue Imp, Earth Scapes (need to know footprint size we are interested in), installation fee alone at Suddaby was \$8000
 - Dan Gillen: If an interested company is willing to donate/contribute are they allowed?
 - Samantha Hutchison (Staff Wishlist): guest speakers (83%), buses for field trips (45%), set of microscopes, crayola colours of the world markers/paints, primary foam chairs in some classes missing them
 - Dajana Beckman: could the school have a list of speakers that are willing to speak at no charge? (Sam – would also be great opportunity for kids to see different career opportunities)
 - Dajana Beckman: can volunteers do the mulch? (has been tried in past years but didn't last), can we contact companies about donating things like soccer posts? (Linda – typically not but she will look into it)
 - Mark Noseworthy: if we don't replace play structure do we have to pay to have it removed? (answer: no, facilities management will take care of that)

WRAPSC update - Sarah (7:40-7:45)

- Speakers were: Bill Lemon & Jodi Albrecht
- Safe Schools discussed: shortage of EAs (however other supports available), vaping, student supervision (responsibility of the school principal), cell phones, incidents that would cause classroom evacuation
- How can councils support safety in schools?: School Councils can ask principals for more communication around safety in schools (incidents, evacuations, etc.) if privacy and policy is followed.
- January meeting is about PRO grants

Principal and Vice-Principal Updates (7:45-8:00): Linda Cotnam & Samantha Hutchison

- Report cards going home Monday Nov. 20
- Sidewalk update – soon there will be signs posted directing people to walk across the field in the winter or across the city sidewalk
- Kindie update – seeing how the drainage goes this year with the changes that have been made so far

- Bullying awareness and prevention week (wear pink next Wednesday)
- Student Transportation Survey
- EQAO Survey results – will discuss next at next meeting

Questions and Concerns

-Jen: will there be another family night? (in the works for February 2024)

-Sam: looking for volunteers to help with hot lunches on Tues/Thurs. (email also went out on School-Day)

End of Meeting – 8:05pm

Next Meeting:

January 18, 2024

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