

Parent Council Meeting Minutes
Monday September 23, 2024 - 6:30-7:30
Location – Franklin Road library and remotely via Teams

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm

Welcome, introductions and attendance.

Attendance

Amber Wilson, Holly Silenzi, Meaghan Ollmann, Dale Bullock, Brittney Tolsma, Patel Bhumesh, Chang Choi, Kanae Negatani, Michelle MacIntosh, Mrs. Del Mastro, Sarah Marsden, Rachel Smith, Amanda, Mrs. Carruthers, Mr. Efthimiadis

Land acknowledgement (John Efthimiadis)

Approval of last meeting minutes (May 2023)

The minutes were unavailable for review at this time.

School Council Election (Sarah Marsden, Sherry Del Mastro)

- Review of elected positions and voting procedures, Bylaws
- Call for nominations (reviewed submitted nomination forms)
- Voting- Executive positions, Members at Large

Elected executive positions are:

Co-Chairs – Sarah Marsden and Rachel Lang

Secretary – Michelle MacIntosh

Treasurer – Dale Bullock

Members at large (voting members) 6 – Amber Wilson, Holly Silenzi, Meaghan Ollmann, Brittney Tolsma, Chang Choi, Amanda Kuipers

- Procedure for approving and posting minutes. Michelle will strive to complete meeting minutes within the week. Will email to the school council email for review and correction if needed, and then they will be posted to the website.

Principal's report

Code of conduct changes

- Reviewed the change in code of conduct regarding personal devices. Franklin Road was already following this in class guideline. It is now mandated by the province. The nutrition break aspect is new to Franklin, not seeing any issues arising due to this. Noticing better engagement during these breaks, very positive change.
- Reviewed change in conduct regarding vaping in schools. Some schools have alarms installed. Not happening at elementary schools at this time. There is a vaping policy on the board website to review.
- Staff and families – new policy on how to conduct ourselves. This policy is on the board website to review. Franklin has also posted paper copies for visitors entering the school.

Staffing and enrollment

Franklin Road has 567 students enrolled. We are not losing any staff. There will need to be some reorganization of students. An email will go out to all families, and those students directly affected will be contacted Thursday. The official date the students will start in their new classrooms will be October 3.

(Principal report continued)

Q – What is the reason for so many 3/4 split classes?

A – Typically there are grade 3/4 split classes because it is classified as a Junior grade and there for does not adhere to the ministries hard cap of 20 students for primary grades (ie. Grades 1-3).

Fundraising recap 23/24 school year

Fundraising event	Month	Revenue	Purchases
Bath Bombs	February	\$930	iPad (\$5000)
Cinnabon	November	\$1200	Grad (\$2,200),
Big Box of Cards	May	\$1290	Trip subsidies (\$3,200)
Raise the Dough	November	\$500	Music (\$1,000)
Family Photo night	May	\$400	Kindergarten outdoor
Art show donations	May	\$700	equipment (\$700)
Dance treat sales	Oct/Feb/May	\$1900	Stage (\$9000)
Pizza days	Oct-May	\$2480	Bussing, Gouse math
School store	Oct-May	\$2900	contest, checkers club
Total		\$12,500	\$21,000 (use LY carryover \$8400)

24/25 Fundraising plan

The 24/25 fundraising plan will be due at the end of October.

Some items we plan to fundraise for include iPads, Franklin's music program, kindergarten equipment (bikes, scooters, repairs) and start raising funds for some type of shade structure for the back field (likely a multiple year task)

- Formed shade committee – members: Rachel Smith, Holly Silenzi, Michelle MacIntosh, Sarah Marsden

New fundraising ideas/ongoing fundraising:

- Maker market. Hosting a maker market where vendors purchase a table, and local businesses can purchase space on a business board. Gym will need to be booked in advance, we can set the date for this next meeting. We will go ahead with a maker market committee for planning. Committee members are Holly Silenzi, Rachel Smith and Michelle MacIntosh
- Indigo Adopt a School – This fundraiser is going well. (Sept 23-Oct 6) 30% of sales from 2 locations will go towards new books in the library. You can also donate a sum of choosing directly online. There is the possibility of another grant that hopes to raise money for new library equipment and furniture. We are looking at how to apply for this grant.
- Party Rockers Dance – This is usually run out of Valley Park. For ages 7-12. \$15 a ticket (school gets \$3) And any snacks that are sold go directly to school. You have to supply volunteers (15-20) up to 4 can be high school students earning their volunteer hours. We need to confirm insurance is through party rockers and find out how much profit it generates.
- Soup fundraiser. Soups come in different flavors. You just have to add liquid/meat if desired. The profit for this is known to be really good. Good winter fundraiser. Sarah will find out more info.
- Cinnabon – Easy to run. Profit has been good.
- Farm to Table – Fruits and veggies. Mrs. Simon and Mrs. Wamsley along with the healthy action team will run this. Beginning in the fall.
- Poinsettias – Previously through Terra. Will connect with a farmer in Rockton who does this fundraiser as well to see if there is much of a difference in pricing.
- Food 4 Kids hanging baskets – possibly for Mother's Day

Teacher's Report

- Lots of events coming up in September/October
- Terry Fox run – Fundraiser still ongoing. Kids are very excited.
- Thursday Sept 26 – Jr swim team tryouts (Mrs. Skinner, Mr. MacQueen, Mrs. Thorpe)
- Cross country tryouts Oct 1 and 2
- Jr and Sr volleyball teams are starting.
- Mrs. Warner – leading spirit dance crew
- Library helpers – students can help in the library with reshelving books, etc.

Franklin road council bylaws

Discussed setting Franklin Road specific bylaws. Passed:

- minimum 5 parents, maximum 20 voting members
- hybrid members only – ok
- maximum 2 consecutive missed meetings allowed before loss of voting member rights

Q – Are any type of motorized transportation (scooters, bikes etc.) permitted on school property?

A – No. No types are allowed.

Meeting adjourned 7:38pm

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