

Parent Council Meeting Minutes
Monday October 21, 2024 - 6:30-7:30
Location – Franklin Road library and remotely via Teams

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm

Welcome, introductions and attendance.

Attendance

Amber Wilson, Meaghan Ollmann, Dale Bullock, Chang Choi, Kanae Negatani, Michelle MacIntosh, Mrs. Del Mastro, Sarah Marsden, Amanda, Mrs. Carruthers, Mr. Efthimiadis

Land acknowledgement (John Efthimiadis)

Approval of last meeting minutes (September 2024) – via email

Upcoming meetings (all at 6:30pm)

Monday November 18, 2024

Monday January 20, 2025 - remote only

Monday February 24, 2025 - remote only

Monday April 14, 2025

Monday May 26, 2025

Principal's report

Fundraising Plan

- Indigo - \$10,552 raised for the school library
- Fresh from the Farm – raised \$800
- Cinnabon – to start November 4. To run for 2 weeks
- School dances – goal of \$1500 for 3 dances with treat bags
- Shade structure – Will likely be a 2-year project. Shade committee will meet for brainstorming. Sarah has found a few grants, and a grant writer to help with the process. More to come.
- Pizza Days – October to June. Estimate \$4000 in profit
- School store – October to June. Estimate \$3000
- Family photo night. Made \$450 last year, thinking maybe \$800 this year
- Soup – This gets booked up early and so is unavailable for this year. If we would like to do this in future, we will have to book it at the end of this school year for next year.
- Mother's Day hanging baskets – we will reach out to see about potential profits
- Poinsettias – New vendor with lower prices. They only do 2.5 inch poinsettias. Will reach out for more details
- Open house raffle baskets – for May. Good feedback, good profits
- Spring Makers market – We will need to provide estimated profits and pick a date to reserve the gym. Also asked for measurements of the gym so that we can plan for how many vendors can set up. We will get possible profit amounts to Mrs. Del Mastro by next week so she can submit them in the fundraising plan

Q – Will we have Pita Pit days again.

A - Yes, but not as a fundraiser. We also didn't get very good feedback from the Pita Pit store we were using (not consistent, heavy on lettuce and not on many other toppings) We have reached out to another location and will try it, or somewhere else this year.

Q – Other than shade, is there anything else we will be fundraising for?

A – Yes, Kindie equipment, music equipment, technology. Mr. Barletta is working on a big grant for our music program. We also received an extra \$1000 through the school budget for music. Phys Ed equipment is also funded from the school budget

School improvement Plan – PowerPoint presentation

- Summarized - The school improvement plan is rooted in a multi strategic plan with board focus on compassion, dignity, trust, joy. To uphold and maintain human rights, improve graduation rates, build and sustain a healthy education system. Universal design, meeting the needs of all students, not just reaching down the middle. More Indigenous education and well-being.

EQAO testing – PowerPoint presentation

- Summarized - Grades 3 & 6, Provides snapshot of how students are progressing. Use is for strategic planning. Franklin Road showing consistent and comparable to the board levels.

School action plan

- A special focus on math
- Purchased a math resource called “math up” that we are excited about
- We have a math facilitator working with smaller groups
- Funding for after school tutoring at Franklin (to start November)
- Lexia – online reading platform
- Empower – literacy program
- Our learning resource teacher and reading specialist working with small groups
- Homework – Franklin Road as a school, generally, has not been sending home homework with students. We are going to try to bring back a home/school connection through homework or home practice/activity sheets.

Teacher’s report

- Lots of fun had at Cross Country (grades 3-8) (Mrs. McGowan, Mr. Macqueen, Mrs. Moyano)
- Jr. Swim meet takes place Nov 7 (grades 3-5) (Mrs. Thrope, Mr. MacQueen, Mrs. Skinner)
- Volleyball (ongoing) (Mrs. Skinner, Mr. MacQueen, Mrs. Moyano, Mrs. Kelly)
- Dance crew (Mrs. Werner)
- Library helpers (Mrs. Werner) kids are loving it, being very helpful
- Monthly reading challenge (grades 1-4)
- Monthly 5 tasks Bingo board (have task signed by teacher, drop off in library, draw at the end of the month)
- Healthy action team started (Mrs. Walmsley)
- Thank you for all your help and participation in the Indigo fundraiser!

Q – What did we do for Truth and reconciliation Day?

A – We participated in orange shirt day, lots of classroom activities/art throughout school

Agenda Topics

Review of Bylaws – Mrs. DelMastro needs to format. Once complete she will email out

Outdoor Bells – Still not in working order. They are confident with the measures taken in the meantime until fixed (whistles and walkie talkies)

Team photos? – Yes, we will be doing team photos. End of the year

What are the requirements for starting a team/club? - Must have a teacher coach, but parents can help if they can provide all of the volunteer documents required

Where has homework gone? Why are kids not coming home with any homework? – addressed under principal’s report

Pizza Day feedback – Great feedback. They are keeping up, it comes at a good temperature, the pieces are cut well. We will be continuing with them.

Spring Fling and Family photo night – should it be same day? – We would need all gym space for market. Will take back to market committee to discuss

Meeting adjourned 7:32pm

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