

**Flamborough Centre School Council**

**Meeting Wednesday October 25, 2017**

**Welcome and Attendance:** Kellie Bутtenham, Leah Young, Carrie McLean, Leanne Barlow, Lianne Broughton, Suzie Laroche, Alison Morris, Janice Kwasney, Vanessa Findlay, Suzie Crick, Erin Bilan, Shelley Armstrong, Vera Prpa, Hilary Millington

Regrets: Harriet Ekperigin, Dianne Boucher, Marnie Hazlett, Carola Baker

November minutes – Minutes approved with 1 change (remove Vanessa Janko name from regrets) Alison Morris, seconded Lianne Broughton

**Principal's Report**

School Council 2017-2018:

All School Council information for 2017-2018 is now up to date and on the school website (School Council tab and Calendar). All meeting minutes from 2016-2017 have also been posted.

Meet the Teacher (Oct. 11) Update:

Thanks to everyone who attended our Meet the Teacher night! It was great to see so many parents and students out for it - I know staff (as did I) really appreciated having the opportunity to meet with the parents of students who were new to their class and/or our school.

Staffing Updates:

Welcome to Mr. Ed Hakenberg, our new Grade 6/7 teacher, who has joined us with school reorganization. He will be teaching Math/Science to 6/7, 7A and Math to 7/8. Welcome also goes out to Mrs. Dianne Wojtasik, who is our permanent replacement for Ms. Babb. She started with us on Monday and is really excited to be back at FC after so many years (was here in the 90's).

EQAO:

Individual EQAO results from last year have recently gone home with our Grade 3 and 6 students. Overall as a whole our school performed well on assessments last year.

Grade 3

92% at or above Provincial Standard in Reading

85% at or above Provincial Standard in Writing

62% at or above Provincial Standard in Mathematics

Grade 6

77% at or above Provincial Standard in Reading

72% at or above Provincial Standard in Writing

40% at or above Provincial Standard in Mathematics

Teachers had an opportunity to examine this data, along with Report Card data and student work, during our September PD Day, in order to begin to develop our Annual School Plan. I will share our working plan at our next School Council Meeting in November.

Progress Reports and Parent/Teacher Interviews:

Progress Reports will come home on October 30th

Parent Teacher Interviews will be taking place on the evening of Thursday, November 2nd and Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

A change in how we are conducting interviews this year for students in Grades 7-8. All homeroom teachers will be scheduling appointments this year, as opposed to a “drop in” in the gym. A letter will be coming home explaining this new process.

Safe Arrival Check - Synrevoice Automated Call-out:

In support of our Safe Arrival Procedures, as of November 6th, 2017, if your child's absence is recorded as unexplained, you will be receiving an automated Synrevoice call that will tell the person at the other end of the phone (or leave a message) that a student is absent from school. Synrevoice will give instructions to call back to the school to give a valid reason for the absence. This new system will support Mrs. Wojtasik in completing attendance calls in a timely manner.

### **Teachers Report**

Senior girls Volleyball team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at recent tournament. Boys tournament next week.

Mrs. Tovey has started up Glee Club again. Large boy presence this year.

Mr. Bhaduri planning on starting up Cricket team again.

Grade 8 students are planning and leading the Remembrance Day assembly to be held Friday November 10<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend.

Also working on Dance-a-thon for Halloween. Grade 8 students choreographing and teaching dance to all grades.

Literacy Empowered Reading Club has started up and is currently offered to grade 6/7 kids.

### **Treasurer Report**

Vote: Approve Table Tennis table purchased last year. Unanimously Approved.

<b>Oct 16/17 FCS Treasurer's Report</b>				
<b>Monthly Summary - Sept &amp; Oct 2017</b>				
<b>Balance as of Aug 31/17:</b>		<b>\$6,112.84</b>		
			<b>Projected</b>	
<b>Fundraising Initiative</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Profit</b>	<b>Note</b>
Pizza	\$4,753.00	\$450.03	\$1,509.01	unpaid pizza and 'at door' sales still expected
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,753.00</b>	<b>\$450.03</b>		
<b>Purchases</b>				
Ping Pong Table		\$120.00		
		<u>\$120.00</u>		
<b>Closing Balance as of Oct 16/17:</b>		<b>\$10,295.81</b>		
<b>Expenses Anticipated</b>				
Remaining pizza cost (13 x220.92/wk)	\$	2,871.96		
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<b>Purchases Anticipated</b>				
Teachers' Wish List	\$	700.00	approx.	
Recess Equipment	\$	300.00	approx.	
2017 Graduation	\$	500.00		
	\$	<u>1,500.00</u>		
<b>Money to Spend</b>		<b>\$5,923.85</b>		

### **Volunteer Coordinator/Database/Police check**

Shelley Armstrong will take on role of Volunteer Coordinator. Will create data base to be used when volunteer opportunities arise.

Discussion regarding possibly subsidizing Police Checks for parents who may need assistance with costs. Decided it did not fall within board guidelines for ways Fundraising money can be spent. Option is to use money from the Parent Engagement grant. Will revisit in the future if need arises.

### **Fundraising**

Pizza – Looking into increasing the at door price for pizza to \$1.50 to help to encourage more pre-orders. Current cost per slice \$1.25. Total donated for the angel fund was \$ 314.00

Bull Dogs game with Mary Hopkins is a go. Will start promoting now as a “Save the Date” for February 19, 2018. Tickets will be purchased online when available.

Review of last years fundraisers.

- DFS – profit \$699.00. Overall a good experience with this. Will run again this year in November. Suzie Crick and Vanessa Findlay will co-ordinate.
- Raffle Baskets – profit \$500.00. Usually held at the Spring open house. Consider holding at this years Talent Show instead.
- Spring Flowers – profit \$ 788.00. Vanessa no longer on council but did forward contact information. Kellie Buttenham and Erin Bilan will co-ordinate this. Suzie Crick can help pick up flowers.
- Boston Pizza – profit \$445.00. no work involved in organizing this one and a fun night out. Looking into possible other locations. Royal Coachman has been approached and is interested.

### Suggested Ideas

- Elmira Chicken – possible profit \$5.00/ box. Will try this one again this year for February. Alison Morris will Co-ordinate.
- MacMillians – This is a Mary Hopkins Fundraiser so decided to pass. Concern about doubling up for families who have children in both schools.
- Fuel for Kids – Race car team visits school during the day then BBQ is held at Fortinos that evening. All supplies are provided by the Race team and Fortinos. School's only responsible for selling the food and BBQing. Mary Hopkins recently held one (total profit \$1200 from BBQ and \$400 from Bake sale). Fortinos is looking for another Waterdown school to adopt possibly in June. Agreed to proceed with this one. Leanne Barlow and Shelley Armstrong will co-ordinate.

### Parent Information Night

Grant for school council for \$1000 to support parent engagement. The application needs to be pretty specific and we had put down to have a keynote speaker or workshop sessions.

### Ideas:

- A documentary called “Screenagers” and it is being shown at Sherwood school on November 28th at 7 pm if anyone wants to go. It is a documentary done by a physician in the United States.
- Dr. Jean Clinton, a child psychiatrist from MacMaster University. She is speaking at St. Thomas Church (for their school) on Thursday November 9. She is speaking about nurturing self-regulation, resilience and well being in children and youth. Vanessa will look into it more.
- local chiropractor Dr. Laura Dobrinski. Her topics include:

Finding Balance – Brain Health to-do's

Your Wonderful Brain (The importance of Brain Health)

E-Motion (The link between movement and emotion)

There was positive feedback from Stryker Canada who have had her present.

- Mental health and anxiety

Dr. Carly Shecter who is a registered clinical psychologist with the Ontario College of Psychologists, and she received her Ph.D. in School and Clinical Child Psychology from the University of Toronto. Along with her work at the practice, she is currently working at Markham Stouffville Hospital in the Child and Adolescent Services. Dr. Shecter has trained at Victoria Hospital, Regional Mental Health Care London, Child Parent Resource Institute (CPRI), Reach Out Centre for Kids (ROCK), and the York Region District School Board. Dr. Shecter's previous experience includes a variety of school, hospital, community mental health, day treatment and private practice settings.

Dr. Shecter provides evidence-based therapy (e.g., Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy) and psychological assessments to support children and adolescents with various challenges, including anxiety, depression, ADHD, developmental trauma, attachment disturbance, family-related issues and behavioural concerns. In addition, she provides family therapy, parent training, and integrates Mindfulness-based practices into her approach. She views psychotherapy as a collaborative process, and promotes the resilience of youth by focusing on their strengths and involving parents in the therapeutic process.

She has given presentations on anxiety and mindful parenting.

**Next Meeting:** November 29, 2017

Meeting Adjourned