

Franklin Road School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 21, 2015

Attendance: Chang “Jackie” Choi, Tara Gurney, Janeen Schaeffer, Amanda Hilton, Meaghan Ollmann, Lavinia Savuljeskovic, Elaine Dagg, Jamie Anderson Farrugia, Amber Wilson, Justine Marquis, Mike Martin, Julie Waite, Jennifer Robertson-Heath (Principal), Kathy Long

1. Greetings/Call to Order

- Election held – Elaine Dagg and Janeen Schaeffer elected co-chairs
- Kathy Long volunteered to be secretary
- Minutes from last meeting were not available, Jennifer Robertson-Heath will contact last year’s secretary for a copy

2. Principal’s Report

- **Renovation Update** - Phase I of the school renovations occurred over the summer which included a ramp beside the stairs in the Junior Wing, new inside doors and whiteboards for classrooms where the new ramp was installed, mosaic tiling is still to come along the wall of the new ramp, bathrooms were painted, outside front ramp was installed, 2nd gate was added to the Kindergarten fenced area. Phase II will include a new gym (will be able to use current gym during reno), a new library where the current gym is now and 2 new classroom where the current library is. There are also plans for renovations to the outside Kindergarten area including a shaded area and sandbox. 2 portables are on site, one for French and the other for extra gym space. Note: We toured the school to see the new upgrades.
- **Crossing Guard** – a survey was conducted for the intersection of Upper Wentworth and Franklin Road and it was concluded that a crossing guard was not needed. A second survey is to take place. The city offered to provide the children with safety instruction instead. Concern was raised about not having a Crossing Guard at this intersection due to it being on a major road and that it may discourage students to walk to school.
- **Staff** – discussed the new and returning staff, a new administrative position will be filled for the office.
- **Students** – enrolment is 453 students, re-organization has been reviewed and there will be no closing of classes but reorganization of classes is likely to occur in the primary grades. Parents will be notified if their child(ren) are changing classes.
- **Teacher’s Work to Rule** – teachers cannot do any administrative work including collecting money and updating blogs during their union’s work-to-rule action. As a result special lunches, the milk program, the nutrition program and fund raising activities will be put on hold. The Terry Fox Run will still go ahead but instead of collecting pledges students will be asked to donate \$2 each which the Student Leadership Committee will collect.
- **Nutrition Program** – currently on hold as above. Discussed having prep work eventually done by adult volunteers before and after school time however this cannot start until a double sink prep area is available. Additional supplies were received from Linden Park including a fridge and freezer.

- **Sports** – Girls 3-Pitch team had their tournament today and the Boys tournament (that was to take place this Wednesday) has been rescheduled to next Monday due to the teacher’s work-to-rule restrictions about activities on Wednesdays. Swim team practices had been booked for Wednesdays but due to the teacher’s work-to-rule these cannot take place on Wednesday so it is hoped that they can be rescheduled.
- **Ride Smart Program** – this 5 day program, put on by New Hope Community Bikes, was a great success which included a free bike tune-up after school on the last day. Discussed need for bike racks which Jennifer Robertson-Heath will look into further.

3. New Business

- Movie Night – date to be determined, likely late October or early November, hoping to show the Minions movie.
- Meetings – to start at 6:00pm on Mondays, we set meetings dates for the rest of the school year as follows:
 - October 19th
 - November 23rd
 - January 18th
 - February 22nd
 - April 4th
 - May 30th

Minutes: Kathy Long