

Flamborough Centre School Council

Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2018 at 6:30pm

1. Welcome, attendance and approval of minutes

In attendance: Mark Hopkins, Leanne Tovey, Hilary Millington, Suzie Larochelle, Leah Young, Erin Bilan, Lianne Broughton, Nicole Christie, Jenn Marshall (welcome!), Stacey Martinicchio, Sunny Sun, Jennifer Vince, Kellie Battenham

Regrets: Shelley Armstrong, Raffaella D'Angela, Erica Kirkland, Carrie MacLean, Alison Morris, Kelly Taylor

Reviewed minutes from September 19, 2018

-minutes approved by Lianne Broughton and Erin Bilan

2. Principal's Report

* Continuous Learning & Improvement Process—Overview, our School Plan and PA Day activities (focus on improvement in mathematics, reading at grade level by the end of grade 1 and ensuring students feel safe)

* Progress Reports go home on Tues. Oct. 30th (Assessment)

* Parent/Student/Staff Conferences---Nov 1st-4:30-7pm, Nov. 2nd 8-10:30. New approach: We will be using a company called 'Parentinterview' which will help us to book appointments electronically with homeroom teachers. A letter will be going home tomorrow.

* Spirit Wear forms due Nov. 5th-sizing will take place on Nov. 6th—We will need a volunteer to assist
-Jenn Marshall and Erica Kirkland to help

* Classroom reorganization feedback: Mark stressed the importance of communicating to parents and students that the class assignments shared in June are a first draft, and that change is possible. This will limit drama and ease transition.

* Falcon Assemblies- monthly, focusing on Habits of Mind, recognizing students, parents would be welcome

*** *General purpose for fundraising: School Council will be fundraising to supplement school-based spending which supports our School Annual Plan (reading, math and positive school culture & well-being), Arts, Physical Education and technology to support student learning.***

*** "Me to We approach" to fundraising: Wondering if we could set a percentage of all fundraising at FC to be directed to another school in HWDSB that is in need?

This idea was well-received by all members of council, and will be discussed in detail at November meeting when more members are present

3. Fundraisers and Activities – options and scheduling discussion

Set fundraisers:

- a) Pizza Pizza (year-round): underway, this was the first year using only cash online, sales were on par with previous years
- b) Fall Pumpkins: Hillary worked with Farmer Eric, it was well-received and raised \$228 for FC, pick-up went smoothly and easily with help from the Young and Zogala families

Last year's most successful fundraisers:

- a) Pizza Pizza (\$3502)
- b) Spring Flowers (\$784): discussion around the supplier, mostly satisfied, perhaps switch up the items offered, also discussed possibility of offering perennials instead of only annuals (Northland Nurseries – Hilary's connection)
*council decided to forgo the flower sale this current school year in favour of others
- c) Open House Baskets (\$581)
- d) Fuel for Kids (\$546 plus approx. \$400 raised by the Grade 8 bake sale for their Grad): great experience, will hope to participate again in the future as it is not offered annually

Suggested Fundraisers:

- a) Boxes of Cards (in collaboration with Halton Down's Syndrome Association, working with Leanne Tovey): to be a fall/winter effort
 - a full two-page form to go home, color printing to be taken care of by Mark Hopkins using the Board printer, as well as an available online version to show the beautiful card designs
 - this will happen as soon as possible: order forms home November 5, due back November 19, a very quick one-week turnaround for delivery during the last week of November
 - boxes of 10 sell for \$20 (25% goes to HDSA, 25% to FCS)
- b) Open House Baskets (Spring 2019)
- c) Cobs Bread (new idea brought by Nicole Christie, connection with Mary Hopkins)
 - selling of a Cobs Bread voucher (\$50 retail value) for \$20, features 9 items that can be redeemed within 6 months
 - 100% of funds raised are allocated to FCS (hard to beat)
 - Mary Hopkins is trying it in the fall/winter, FCS will time it in the late winter/spring
 - well received by council
- d) Two family events that also fundraise (invites to participate):
 - *Boston Pizza night (a likely date in April 2019) -well attended in past, easy and fun for kids
 - we learned that beyond this one date, families can write the school name on their receipt and 10% will go to the school – info to be communicated to parents
 - *Hamilton Bulldogs tickets (Family Day 2019) -Stacey Martinicchio has a personal connection, and will look into securing some perks!

Agreed upon Fundraisers for 2018-2019

Pizza Pizza (ongoing)
Pumpkin sales (fall – completed)
HDSA Cards (November)
Cobs Bread (February-March)
Open House Baskets (May)

Boston Pizza night and Hamilton Bulldogs event

4. **PIC Meeting Update** – Lianne Broughton

Communication regarding changes to the Growth & Development portions of the Physical Health & Education curriculum: Lianne shared a handout detailing the changes between the 2015 and current curriculums. Mark Hopkins assured us the parents would be aware of these details.

Active School Transportation efforts

5. **Indoor recess games collection update**

September's request did not see a significant response. Mark will repost the request on the school website, and we will ask teachers to kindly ask parents as well. A request went out alongside the Parent/Student/Teacher interview information, hoping it will encourage families to bring along their donations.

6. **Other business**

Concerning Facebook page for Flamborough Centre School Parents: Jenn Marshall offered to take on the role of posting relevant updates and reminders.

7. Next meeting: Wednesday, November 21st @ 6:30pm

***Please note that this date was changed to Wednesday, November 14th @ 6:30pm ***

See you there!

