

# Flamborough Centre School Council

Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2019 @ 6:30pm

## 1. Welcome, Attendance and November Minutes

In attendance: Mark Hopkins, Leanne Tovey, Hilary Millington, Suzie Larochelle, Leah Young, Shelley Armstrong, Erin Bilan, Nicole Christie, Carrie McLean, Stacey Martinicchio, Alison Morris, Jennifer Vince, Kellie Buttenham

Regrets: Lianne Broughton, Erica Kirkland, Jenn Marshall, Sunny Sun

Absent: Raffaella D'Angela, Kelly Taylor

\*Minutes from November 14, 2018 approved by Stacey Martinicchio and Carrie McLean

\*Thank you's expressed to helpers behind the scenes: Leanne Tovey, Carrie McLean, Shelley Armstrong, Sunny Sun and parent Shawna Potter for all their work with the card fundraiser, Kellie Buttenham for helping with pizza day, Shelley Armstrong for working on the Bull Dogs link, Jenn Marshall for upkeeping the Facebook page and communication

2. **Student's Report** – will be ready for February's meeting, Hilary Millington and Carrie McLean to facilitate

## 3. Teacher's/Principal's Reports

Leanne Tovey shared:

- a) Accomplishments of the various sports teams at FC
- b) Holiday concert was a great success! Grade 7's organized and ran all aspects very impressively, and teacher collaboration was amazing; thanks to council for the contribution of Cobs Breads for the bake sale; approximately \$800 was raised through ticket sales, donations and bake sale, and will be used for the school's music and arts programs
- c) Grade 6's have started a poster design contest to promote April's Boston Pizza Night; winning design will be sent home to families, and all other designs will be put on display around the school

Mark Hopkins shared his enthusiasm about a great month ahead:

- a) Grade 8 transition activities: January 11 there will be a visit from WDHS to review options/pathways; January 16 is Parent Information Night; January 22 will be transition meetings with the LRT-Lee Davis; January 30 A day in the life at WDHS is planned for students  
\*Emphasis on readying our students for a successful high school career (learning about themselves and encouraging awareness of their own learning style; hoping to improve upon HWDSB's 82% high school graduation rate)
- b) Great news: FC will be having our graduation ceremony at WDHS
- c) Little Jammers (learning guitar) is starting after school on Thursday (January 10) for grades 1-6
- d) FC Cell Phone Practices: an initiative to set everyone up to "win" by sharing reasonable and appropriate expectations regarding the use of cell phones at school.

### We Agree To

YES – to appropriate use of cell phones (No photos or videos)

YES – to cell phones during class, following the direction of the Teacher

YES – to appropriate use of cell phones outside during nutrition breaks

YES – to cell phones in lockers and in pockets during inside portion of nutrition breaks (including indoor recess)

\*Issue put to council: how to deal with students using their cell phones to contact home

Conversation around effective communication and having all adults in the loop regarding changes in the student's day (ie; illness, change in pick-up plans, etc), safety concerns, idea of not wanting to create dependence on parents throughout the school day, keeping teachers and staff the main source of problem solving as appropriate.

Conclusion: we would hope to keep the office as the main hub of communication with home, requiring students to contact parents from the office and involve teachers in problem solving; importance of sharing the expectations with parents and caregivers

e) Report Cards will be sent home February 12 (Assessment/Evaluation of selected specific expectations at the half-way point of the year; to reflect learning on a continuum)

f) Student Learning & Achievement: PA Day activities were math focused, leaning on Application and Thinking as being somewhat more important than memorization and knowledge

\*always meeting students where they are\*

-survey being designed for students likely in Grades 4-8 regarding positive school culture and caring adults

\*Positive Culture & Well Being-Building Capacity: LGBTQI2S-Educator's Reference Card

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

Carrie McLean shared: it's been a quiet 2 months; concern about the card fundraiser funds not appearing for her records (this money is accounted for and will be located by Mark Hopkins); see below

##### Nov and Dec 2018

Balance as of Nov 9/18:		\$7,895.23		
		Projected		
Fundraising Initiative	Income	Expenses	Profit	Note
Pizza	\$188.40	\$1,281.86	\$2,113.96	unpaid pizza and 'at door' sales still expected
Tuck Shop		\$192.70		Tuck Shop removed since put in wrong acct
Total	\$188.40	\$1,474.56		

Purchases	
None	\$0.00
	\$0.00

Closing Balance as of Dec 31/18: \$6,609.07

Expenses Anticipated  
 Remaining pizza cost (3 x217.81/wk) \$653.43  
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Purchases Anticipated  
*Indoor Recess Games* \$600.00 *approximate*

**Money to Spend** **\$5,355.64** \*\$1500 will be spent on library books this week

## 5. Fundraisers and Activities

- a) Pizza – new forms have gone home for remainder of the year
- b) Greeting Card Fundraiser – was easy to run, raised approximately \$300 for FC
- c) Winter Gear drive – a great amount of winter necessities was collected and delivered to our partner school Pauline Johnson; very well received; Pauline Johnson has a new Principal, who will happily continue our partnership
- d) Bake Sale update – Cobs Bread at the Holiday concert went very well
- e) Bull Dogs game Family Day: Monday February, 18 at 2pm – the link is up and needs to be promoted (it will go on the outdoor sign, e-mail home with the link mid-month [Mark will need a reminder], Facebook page and Twitter)
- f) Cobs Bread Fundraiser – end of February/beginning of March; 15% of proceeds will go to Pauline Johnson PS (as voted on in November)
- g) Boston Pizza Night: Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 5-8pm – 10% of all orders to FC
- h) Open House Theme Baskets: May (date to be set)
- i) Staff Appreciation Luncheon: June (date to be set)

New idea brought forth by Hilary Millington – Christmas planters from a farm business in Lynden; to be discussed

## 6. PIC Meeting – Lianne sent her regrets; will report next meeting

## 7. Indoor Recess Games Update

- a) Previously allotted \$600.00 to be spent for classrooms; wish lists still being collected from teachers
- b) Mr. Bhaduri will be starting a Chess & Checkers Club – will need pricing of boards to be put to a vote (e-mail vote to follow)

## 8. Parent Engagement Night

We have \$500 available to be used (the additional PE grant has been discontinued). Suzie and Leah reached out to Penny Deathe for ideas:

- a) Cheryl M. Bradshaw, Registered Psychotherapist with a private practice in Waterdown/Life Coach – she has been involved in post-secondary institutions as a counsellor for many years, as well as giving talks on many topics in the community
- b) School Liaison Officer
- c) Public Health Nurse \*let's look into some no-charge options\*
- d) Police Officer \*Date likely in April (to be decided)

Expect an e-mail vote to be presented shortly

## 9. Other business

- a) Hilary Millington on behalf of Mr. Bhaduri:

After sharing the many virtues of the sport of Table Tennis, as well as the news that FC will be hosting this year's tournament, he is requesting contribution of funds to purchase a new table for the school (to a total of 4 tables). The specified equipment will cost \$499 plus tax.

Discussion: Council supports the initiative, and discussed whether to partially fund the table, sharing the cost with the school (supported by Mark Hopkins), or to fully fund the table on our own. We agreed to challenge Mr. Bhaduri to find a less costly table if possible, and then to fully fund his request.

- b) Graduation Date: June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- c) Thank you and Goodbye to Leanne Tovey, as she finishes up at FC and with Council this month  
Congratulations and All Our Best!

## **10. Next Meeting**

**See you on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30pm**

**\*Post-meeting vote by e-mail re; Mr. Bhaduri's request to fund chess and checkers club equipment**

The motion is as follows:

"FCSC agrees to spend \$100 to cover the cost of approximately 12 checkers and chess sets"

Result: YES, unanimous

**\*Post-meeting vote by e-mail re; Parent Engagement Night**

The motion is as follows:

"FCSC votes to have the school board's liaison officer (option #1) or Cheryl Bradshaw (option #2) to be our guest speaker at our annual Parent Engagement Night of April 2019. A day session with the students and an evening session with parents will take place."

Result: FCSC has voted to have our liaison officer speak about social media at our Parent Engagement Night. There were 13 in favor of that speaker, 2 in favor of Cheryl Bradshaw and 1 abstention. More to follow.