

Flamborough Centre School Council

Meeting Minutes – November 27, 2019 @ 6:30pm

1. Welcome, Attendance, Thank You's, Approval of October Minutes

In attendance: Mark Hopkins, Hilary Millington, Suzie Larochelle, Leah Young, Shelley Armstrong, Erin Bilan, Lianne Broughton, Harriet Ekperigin, Bev Giberson, Erica Kirkland, Stacey Martinicchio, Heather McWha, Alison Morris, Judith Taplay, Kellie Battenham

Regrets: Nicole Christie, Vanessa Findlay, Kelly Taylor

Absent: Shawn Jeffery, Cara Leitch, Jenn Marshall, Kaley Metler, Rebecca Spark

*Minutes from October 30, 2019 approved by Erin B and Alison M

*Thank You's expressed to helpers behind the scenes: Jenn M for attention to Facebook page (note to all to feel free to post reminders as needed -thanks to Stacey M for sub day reminder), Leah Y and Kellie B for work on pizza days, Mark for organization and work on the fundraising survey, and to all members for prompt and appreciated participation in the Survey Monkey survey

2. Students' Report – student Claire Hutchinson shared:

-Remembrance Day: Grade 8's worked well together in their leadership role and put on a wonderful and meaningful performance. A military Veteran (father of one of the Grade 6 students) visited in uniform to share some of his experiences.

-Band: working on a new piece, took a trip to Glendale high school to learn a new song and perform it as an ensemble with help from a Mohawk College teacher

-Mr Siertsma's Robotics Club: has been busy experimenting with a 3D printer

3. Principal's/Teacher's Reports

Hilary Millington shared:

- a) Discussed her role as Learning Resource Teacher: part of a group of LRT's who are trying to redefine the role (co-teaching role in the classroom, accessible to all students not only the exceptional ones, available where the need is)
- b) Show and Tell: shared learning resource items she bought earlier in the year (wobble stool and cushions, tactile supplies, headphones, countdown clock, reading material, visual organization tools, etc)

Mark Hopkins shared:

- a) Norms of Collaboration hand out, with group discussion and sharing

- b) PA Day: board-wide focus on Bullying Prevention and Intervention; Mark talked about his focus on positivity and things to be proud of, defining bullying, “telling a story of winning” (book to highlight: Whoever Tells the Best Story Wins)
- c) 50th Anniversary Celebration has been rescheduled for April 29th (conflict with Council Meeting; meeting date to be amended)
- d) December is a busy month at FC with the “dynamic duo” of Miss Armstrong and Miss Johnston working on multiple initiatives (more details to be released soon); Holiday concert is Tuesday December 10th at 6pm

4. Treasurer’s Report -as of October 30, 2019

Alison Morris shared:

School Council Money to Spend from Previous Year:\$5887.61

School Council Initiatives (2019-20)

Pumpkins	Profit \$168.00
Pizza	Revenue \$6335.80*
Pizza	Expenses \$(1708.00)

*This revenue is from Oct. to Jan.2020 (the expenses are charged each week)

<u>Maker Space Budget to Spend</u>	\$3500.00
Laptops (three)	\$(2083.82)
White Board	\$(315.17)
Lego	\$(138.05)
Raspberry Pi	\$(120.91)
3D-Printer + Printer Supplies	\$(842.05)*
Balance	\$0

Still needs to be purchased*

5. Fundraisers and Spending Plan

- a) Survey Monkey results: Mark sent out a summary of ideas proposed for spending the money we have from last year (see below), along with a Survey for members to express their support or concerns

The following is the summary of ideas generated by brainstorming with Mark’s comments:

Ideas for Spending Fundraised School Council Money (from 2018-19 and years before)

-play equipment for outside (structures)/ natural playground —*This will require planning & collaboration work on this if we want in 2020—a sub-committee perhaps? I’m definitely not saying no to any of this, but we will need a thorough plan, a proposal, approval from facilities and create a separate fundraising plan*

- classroom wish lists-*let's create a process for this for staff to access* -field trip subsidies (\$ amount per student)-*my suggestion is \$5.00 per student which equates to approx. -\$1150*
- supplies that help FC meet their goals (eg. Math, grade 1 reading, all graduating) as a top up to what the board provides to support this (*see comments at the bottom of the list*)
- classroom books/reading materials (this would fit in the topic above) -* library books (*I will look at our school budget first for this idea*)
- alternative outdoor equipment for games (eg. Scoops, flags, student requests) -\$200.00
- equipment/instruments for the music program for primary, junior, band etc. \$500.00
- grade 8 graduation \$500 + \$50 for the Falcon award Agendas-\$1000.00
- second microphone and remote "clicker" for presentations-\$600 -flexible seating, surf tables- 2 stand up desks- \$800.00 -sphero-SPRK and robotic balls \$150
- stationary bike in classroom (*Let's wait and see on this one to see if there is a student need-not sure as these are about \$1000*)
- self-regulation equipment (sensory equipment)-\$200
- art supplies (*Let's wait for requests- and I will use school budget for this*)
- funding club supplies (*Let's wait for requests*)

If I total all of these requests this would come to \$5150 (estimate)

Perhaps, we could use the balance left from the \$5887.61 which is \$737.61 where I would allocate this to support our school goals for reading/math/learnings skills.

* 18 responded in agreement to this plan, 1 responded no

*Of the positive responses, there were 6 comments or suggestions, including:

- no to play structure, yes to trees and bench area, no to classroom stationary bike/spiroball/stand up desks, wondering about sharing agenda cost with the school budget and the concern of older students not actually using them, the concern that field trip contribution wouldn't benefit all students as some classes do not have the opportunity

Question to Council: Should we put a sub-committee together to look into options for an outdoor natural area for students and classes to use?

(ideas: trees, bench, logs, garden, picnic table, etc)

Vote result: Yes, unanimous (with Harriet E volunteering to participate)

*Suzie and Leah will send out an e-mail regarding this for absent members

- b) Are further fundraising initiatives wanted for this year, or are we more interested in spending the money we have before raising more? (Intentional fundraising)

-the general feeling seemed to be that we should focus on spending the existing funds, knowing that the Dominos pizza days, Boston Pizza Spirit Day, Raffle Baskets, etc are still to come

6. Parent Engagement Night

As last year, there is no Pro Grant for running a Parent Engagement Night, but there is always \$500 available to put on an event.

(Update from Lianne B about the PIC meeting regarding the Pro Grant program:

- the program is being revamped, and there will be no allocation of funds this year

- HWDSB will be awarding the provided funds to schools on an application basis, or possibly pooling it to put on a larger Parent Engagement event
- this program is in the works and news will follow)

On January 8, 2020 a local author named **Thanh Campbell** is coming to speak with the school. His book is called Orphan 32, and it's the true story of his life as a Vietnamese orphan who came to Canada when he was adopted. His story is available in versions for younger children to older, and his audience is K-8. Thanh's message to students is on the importance of resilience, self-awareness, healing, persistence, and other character values.

-there will be a school presentation during the day for FC, a presentation at Balaclava PS, and then an evening presentation for parents of both schools (and others in the community) hosted at FC

-Thanh's book will be available for purchase as well

Question to Council: Do we want to use our \$500 allotted for PEN to facilitate this event, or would we rather plan a second event?

Vote: council unanimously agreed to contribute to the author visit

7. Coat and boot drive for Pauline Johnson School

Last year, FC held a winter gear collection for our partner school Pauline Johnson, which was a great turn out and much appreciated by Pauline Johnson's community. Council supports the idea of holding the collection again, hoping to recruit the Grade 6's to make posters, sort the goods as they come in, and spread the word.

Kellie B volunteered to take the first steps for the Warmth Drive, which will take place over the first two weeks of December.

8. PIC Meeting update from Lianne

-Pro Grant update, as above

9. Other business?

- the FCSC meeting scheduled for April 29, 2020 will now take place on March 25, 2020
- there will be no April meeting, as the 50th Anniversary event will be taking place instead

Thank you for attending and see you on January 29, 2020 @ 6:30pm

Happy Holidays!