

Flamborough Centre School Council

Meeting Minutes – October 30, 2019 @ 6:30pm

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

In attendance: Mark Hopkins, Hilary Millington, Suzie Larochelle, Leah Young, Erin Bilan, Lianne Broughton, Harriet Ekperigin, Vanessa Findlay, Erica Kirkland, Stacey Martinicchio, Kaley Metler, Alison Morris, Rebecca Spark, Kelly Taylor, Kellie Battenham
Regrets: Shelley Armstrong, Bev Giberson, Jenn Marshall, Heather McWha
Absent: Nicole Christie, Shawn Jeffery, Cara Leitch, Judith Taplay

*Minutes from September 25, 2019 approved by Lianne Broughton and Erica Kirkland

*Thank You's expressed to helpers behind the scenes: Jenn M for attention to Facebook page, Hilary M and her Farmer contact for the pumpkin fundraiser and to Leah and the Young family for distribution, Leah Y and Kellie B for work on pizza days, Shelley A for contact with Boston Pizza

2. Students' Report – Hilary introduced us to students Claire Hutchinson and Kaylee Hazlett

Claire and Kaylee shared a very well organized and thorough report of what the FC students have been up to so far this year, including:

- September 22 Terry Fox Run
- October 9-10 Grade 8 overnight trip to Adventureworks
- October 7 Cross Country at Christie Lake
- Mr Bhaduri's Grade 4/5 Science in the Classroom
- Volleyball, Halloween Dance and Flash Mob, Maker Space room

3. Principal's/Teacher's Reports

Hilary Millington shared:

- a) Teachers have been working hard and collaborating on Individual Education Plans (IEPs) as this has been the completion month
- b) Progress Reports went home on October 29

Mark Hopkins shared:

**Mark began with addressing the current topic of Bullying and the tragedy at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School in early October. With a focus on self-reflection as a school and a staff, he discussed the importance of proaction and positive steps, such as:

- We care board (staff pages in hallway), Habits of Mind teaching these problem solving skills, Falcon Assemblies, noticing/naming/responding, Zero Tolerance, equity based problem solving, working on a Survey to ask students what makes a caring adult, learning more about emotion coaching as a staff, encouraging students to advocate and tell their story until someone listens ("speak up, speak up, speak up"), outdoor nutrition break

boundaries; bringing all students in a little tighter allows for easier supervision and communication

- Encouraging the Student Voice: Habits of Mind Activity “Word Splash” in hallway
- discussion around available resources for all parents and students

Other:

- Positive School Culture & Well Being: re-iterated the importance of all students feeling safe, with the target of increasing the number of students who feel they have 2 or more caring adults in our school (Survey Grade 4-8 students & ask them what makes a caring adult)
- Student Learning & Achievement/Continuous Learning & Improvement
 - Goal #1: All Students improving in reading. (Target of 75% of grade 1 students achieving a B- or better on their June report card)
 - Goal #2: Improving in Math (closing the gap in Jr. Math between HWDSB & ON)
 - Goal #3: All students graduating
 - Goal #4: Grades 7 and 8 – we will be goal setting based on Learning Skills data
- 50th Anniversary Celebration has been postponed until the spring, potentially to coordinate with the Open House, likely a two evening event to allow participation, looking for names to help
- Spending Ideas For our Surplus Budget of \$5,887.61: lapel microphone, power-point clicker, parent interview set up costs, set aside money for grade 8 graduation now, agendas for next year, money upfront to subsidize excursions for all students, perhaps create a process for staff to apply for funds
- Idea to fundraise for an outdoor shady area (trees, benches/buddy bench), needs approval

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

Pizza Revenue \$6335.80*

Pizza Expenses \$(854.00)

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

Maker Space Budget to Spend: \$3500.00

Laptops (three) \$(2083.82)

White Board. \$(310.75)

Balance. \$1105.43 left to spend for the room thus far

5. Fundraisers (Me to We)/Spirit Events – options and scheduling discussion

Set fundraisers:

- Pizza (year-round).
- Fall pumpkins \$168 profit

Last year's most successful fundraisers:

- Pizza \$5223.
- Cobs \$3080 (not possible this year)

Suggested Fundraisers:

- Terra, who are currently advertising fundraising opportunities, likely Holiday arrangements or Poinsettias
- JD Sweid (frozen chicken, etc), usually brings in good profit as long as there aren't multiple groups/sports teams offering the same
- Open house baskets (May 2020), always well-received and easy to run

Suggested Spirit Events:

- Bulldogs (Family Day 2020), low profit, but participating families have a great time
- Boston Pizza Family Night (Wednesday, April 22, 2020 -confirmed)
- Talent Show (May 2020)

*****Question raised about how much fundraising we should be doing this year, considering the surplus money we have to spend... "fundraising with intention"... the group feeling seemed to be to focus on spending through the end of 2019, and perhaps plan a fundraiser for 2020*****

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. It's suggested that council members start thinking of possible topics or speakers, to be considered at a future meeting. PEN generally takes place in the Spring at FC.

*the Police Officer who provided our PEN in Spring of 2019 will be returning to the school on November 26 to speak at an assembly for Grades 4-6 and 7-8, separately. She will be addressing the same topic of online safety and social media.

7. Ideas for spending fundraising money (brainstorming session)

- play structure for outside*
- classroom wish lists from teachers
- field trip subsidies (\$ amount per student)
- 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*
- classroom books/reading materials*
- library books*
- alternative outdoor equipment for games (eg. nets, scoops, flags, student requests)
- natural playground*
- equipment/instruments for the music program for primary, junior, band etc.

- allocate funds for grade 8 graduation
- allocate funds for next year's agendas
- second microphone and remote "clicker" for presentations
- flexible seating, surf tables, stand up desks, exercise balls, etc
- sphero-SPRK and robotic balls
- stationary bike in classroom (would need to be new)
- self-regulation equipment (sensory equipment), addition to what Hilary recently purchased
- planting some trees with benches in old volleyball area/new Buddy Bench/shady area
- art supplies
- funding club supplies (idea to request that the clubs or teachers come to Council with a proposal)

**idea needs to be reviewed and researched by Mark Hopkins with regard to conflict/question/what Parent Council can contribute to*

Expect a follow-up e-mail from the Co-Chairs regarding our priorities for spending. This will include comments and input from Mark, as well as a Survey Monkey link to provide our input.

- Conversation around field trips and why there is a lack of opportunity for primary grades (teacher comfort levels, students, purpose, volunteers, etc)
- Conversation around play structures and the obstacles (mainly cost, safety, design and approval process, insurance, etc)...Mark will investigate
- Conversation around providing more consumable outdoor play equipment (well supported always), storage, maintenance, student leadership and responsibility

8. Other business

-No Parent Involvement Committee meeting this month

- 9. Next meeting:** we will further discuss fundraising and spending plans with the input from the Survey Monkey results

Thank you for attending and see you on November 27, 2019 @ 6:30pm