

Flamborough Centre School Council Meeting Minutes

2023/2024 School Year

Wednesday, October 4th, 2023 @ 6:30pm

1. Welcome & Introductions

In attendance: Nancy Kucic-Principal, Lexi Blackley-Teacher representative, Hilary Millington-Teacher representative, Julia Redekop – Teacher Representative, Leah Young, Julie Ashley, Erin Bilan, Erika Cantin, Angie Devall, Vanessa Lungaro, Jason Murray, Tanja Radenkovic, Vish Ramjattan, Kellie Buttenham

Regrets: Alexandra Brooker, Stacey Martinicchio

2. Overview of Council's Role & Function

School Council serves as a communication link between the principal and school, with parents/caregivers and members of the school community, to collaborate on items such as improving student learning, student culture and well-being.

School Council is most effective when all members work together, are energized, feel excited about what they are doing, and feel appreciated.

Please visit the HWDSB website link to familiarize yourself with the role and further information about School Council in our school board:

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/School-Council-Handbook-2022-23-Final.pdf>

Attachment: Flamborough Centre School Council Constitution 2022

3. Council Nominations & Executive Appointments

Chair: Leah Young, acclaimed

Secretary: Kellie Buttenham, acclaimed

Treasurer: vacant – if interested in helping to fill this position on Council, please be in touch with Leah or Nancy

4. Facebook Coordinator

This role involves monitoring of the Flamborough Centre Parents Group Facebook page and sharing relevant information from Council with the wider school community.

Erin has kindly offered to continue in this role.

5. Principal & Teacher Reports

Hilary Millington shared:

- a) Student Voice: a handful of grade 8 students have shown interest in joining us for our monthly meetings to give us a glimpse of student life at FC. We can look forward to hearing about the happenings in the school from the student perspective.

Lexi Blackley shared:

- a) Sports: 3 Pitch has already concluded – Jr/Sr, Boys/Girls all did a great job; the volleyball season starts next week; Cross Country takes place on October 11th
- b) Terry Fox Run: \$1300 raised
- c) Freezie Fridays raised \$400, allowing the school to order new jerseys
- d) Thanksgiving Food Drive ends October 6th – quick turnaround; another food drive will be planned for the winter time
- e) Photo Day will be on October 18th
- f) Halloween Dance – information to come

Nancy Kucic shared:

- a) Meet the Teacher night will take place on October 12th from 4:30-6pm; pizza will be available for purchase
- b) Boundary Review Advisory Committee:
 - Due to the tremendous growth being seen in Waterdown, combined with the over-capacity of Mary Hopkins Public School, HWDSB completed a Boundary Review
 - This school year, FC has 350 students
 - Projections for the 2023/2024 school year is for 486 students
 - Therefore, FC will be accommodating the addition of portables on site
 - There will be a Boundary Review Advisory Committee formed in the coming weeks, comprised of Mary Hopkins and Flamborough Centre representatives, to meet with HWDSB staff/Trustees, as well as member of the public
 - TWO members of Council have been requested (one being the Chair)
 - Leah Young and Jason Murray will represent FC and report back to Council as needed
 - Opportunity for other interested members to form a sub-committee
 - Much more information and ongoing updates to come

6. Treasurer's Report

- a) Treasurer position is vacant; if interested in helping with this role please reach out to Leah or Nancy
- b) Leah shared the opening balance of \$5,590.48
- c) Council had set aside \$4000 to purchase IXL Learning program; HWDSB has provided a similar program at no cost to School Council
- d) Council had also set aside \$1000 for annual maintenance of any outdoor space developments (there was an Outdoor Space Sub-Committee for the last two years looking into the logistics of providing shade structures, play equipment and natural areas for outdoor activity and learning...to be readdressed)
- e) Last year's ProGrant provided funds for outdoor planters, set up and filled at the end of the 2022-2023 school year

7. Paul Davis -Wednesday November 8th

Paul Davis is a well-known speaker who gives talks to both students and parents on the topic of online safety. He is booked to visit us at FC on Wednesday November 8th. He will present during school hours to grades 4-8, and then in the evening at 6:30pm for families to attend. There will be a flyer sent home and an e-mail as well. The FC gymnasium can hold 200 seated guests, and so an invite will also go out to the Mary Hopkins community for parents who wish to join.

8. Fundraising

- a) The first term of Pizza days by Dominos Pizza begin Friday October 27th, with orders being due on October 17th through School Cash Online. Pizza dates are as follows: Oct 27th, Nov 3rd, Nov 10th, Nov 16th (a Thursday), Nov 24th, Dec 1st, Dec 8th, Dec 15th, Dec 22nd, Jan 12th, Jan 19th and Jan 25th (a Thursday)
- b) Kernels popcorn fundraiser was well-received 2 years ago with a profits benefitting Grade 8 Graduation; Alex B looked into it for this year, noting the need for someone to pick up the product weekly; we can consider this option at our next meeting about fundraising
-last year we had researched purchasing our own popcorn machine, but it has been deemed too complicated to go ahead with

9. Other Business

10. 2023/2024 Proposed Council Meeting Schedule

2023 - October 25th, November 29th

2024 - January 31st, February 28th, March 27th, April 24th, May 29th

Possibility for hybrid or virtual meetings during the winter months.

Thank you for your time and commitment to our school community! You are each so appreciated.

See you on October 25th