

Flamborough Centre School Council Meeting Minutes

2023/2024 School Year

Wednesday, October 25th, 2023 @ 6:30pm

1. Welcome

In attendance: Nancy Kucic-Principal, Lexi Blackley-Teacher representative, Hilary Millington-Teacher representative, Julia Redekop – Teacher Representative, Leah Young, Alexandra Brooker, Erika Cantin, Angie Devall, Stacey Martinicchio, Tanja Radenkovic, Vish Ramjattan, Kellie Buttenham

Regrets: Julie Ashley, Erin Bilan

Absent: Vanessa Lungaro, Jason Murray

Thanks expressed to the staff for the well-attended Meet the Teachers evening, to Erin and other members for the help with Facebook postings, and to Kellie for the first round of Minutes

2. Student Report

Council welcomed Grade 8 leader Akshara Deepak to provide an overview of the happenings at FC from the student perspective:

- a) Akshara shared some of the primary spirit days and events that took place in September and October, such as Orange & Black Day, Pumpkin carving, Pattern Day, PJ Day, Dissecting Pumpkins, Bean Plants and Habitat Dioramas
- b) There will be a Halloween Dance on October 31st
- c) Grade 8's went on an overnight trip to Canterbury Hills in Ancaster
- d) Cross Country and Volleyball seasons have been completed, with great results and lots of healthy fun

3. Approval of Minutes -thanks to Erin and Angie - approved

4. Principal & Teacher Reports

Hilary Millington shared:

- a) There was significant interest amongst the Grade 8's to help us out at Council meetings by offering the Student Voice. There should be a presentation at each meeting.

Lexi Blackley shared:

- a) Sports: Cross-Country and Volleyball are all done and the students did well
- b) Grace 6's will participate in the Race to the Grey Cup on November 16th
- c) Halloween Dance-a-thon will take place on October 31st, with money raised going towards technology needs
- d) Parent Question: Is there a hockey team at FC? – no, comes down to high insurance cost/ice time complications, and so was not approved by the Board

- e) Parent Question: Is there a swim team at FC? – yes, practices and meet were held at the Flamborough YMCA
- f) Parent Question: Is there an extra-curricular schedule or calendar that can be shared with interested parents? – well received question; will follow up
- g) Winter Holiday Event is in the works for mid-December...stay tuned for date

Nancy Kucic shared:

- a) Staffing: 7A LTO Ms. M Harris has been extended and posting will be filled soon, as Mr. A Gaetani has been posted to another school; Ms. Millman has been filling in for French
- b) Thanks to School Council 50 more iPads have arrived bringing the classes to 1 iPad per 2 students. Goal is to have 20 iPads per intermediate class by the end of the year. A new laminator has also been purchased.
- c) Recent PA Day October 20th: focus on new language curriculum and a new math program “Knowledgehook” for use in the classroom and at home
- d) EQAO scores 2022-2023: Grade 3’s did not post due to less than 10 students participating; Grade 6’s Math 48% met standard (B- or better), Reading 78% met standard, Writing 82% met standard
- e) Brief information on the new language curriculum
- f) Knowledgehook: has been provided by HWDSB at no cost to school or council; piloted last year, is currently being used by teachers, and introduced to students shortly in classrooms; Julia R shared some feedback on the program including strong parental involvement, easier communication and simplifying assessment by teachers
- g) Progress Reports go home November 13th

5. Treasurer’s Report

- a) Domino’s Pizza order funds of \$9,984 have been added (minus the cost of the pizza will leave a profit of \$5,334 after the first term)
- b) Otherwise, no changes in account

6. 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 PARENTS ONLY to attend. Invitations to join have been sent to Guy Brown, Balaclava, Mary Hopkins and Greenleaf, and has been shared through Facebook with St Thomas as well.

7. Fundraising

- a) A fundraising plan for the school year is to be agreed upon, with a focus on helping to provide technology (iPads) to all classes – goal of 20 per class for intermediates- also DPA equipment, athletic and music equipment as able
- b) Due to the Boundary Review Advisory Committee activity this year, our past Outdoor Space initiatives have been put on pause – the need to accommodate portables on property

- c) Fundraisers already in action: Domino's Pizza weekly (discussion to perhaps start earlier next year) and Mables Labels
- d) Past successful fundraisers: Kernels sales during school day, Krispy Kreme, Boston Pizza Nights, Silent Auction at Holiday Concert, donation requests to Hamilton Foundation for Student Success in FC's name, Plantables
- e) Request for Subway Days: Alex will look into the details of having Sub Day monthly
- f) Please e-mail any other ideas with details to Leah; Leah will send an e-mail to summarize possible fundraising schedule

VOTE: to be involved in the Holiday Concert Silent Auction baskets

Unanimous YES

-communication regarding this will be shared by e-mail ahead of next meeting

8. Other Business

Parent question: Can Spirit & Grad wear be made available earlier in the year? This idea was well-received and the idea supported...Nancy will look into this possibility.

Thank you for your time and commitment to our school community.

See you on November 29th at 6:30pm