

Flamborough Centre School Council Meeting Minutes
2024/2025 School Year
Wednesday, November 27th, 2024 @ 6:30pm

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

In attendance: Nancy Kucic-Principal, Hilary Millington-Teacher Representative, Lexi Blackley-Teacher Representative, Julia Redekop-Teacher Representative, Leah Young, Erin Bilan, Carley Casey, Angie Devall, Bianca Harismowich, Vanessa Lungaro, Kaley Metler, Jason Murray, Janice Oldham, Lindsay Vandenberg, Kellie Buttenham

Delegate guest: Jennifer Valeri

Regrets: Alexandra Brooker, Stacey Martinicchio

Thanks expressed to Erin and Kellie for helping to run pizza days, to Erin for Facebook updates, to Nancy & staff for being available to families for interviews this week, to Nancy & staff for your time and involvement in council, and to all members for your time and thoughtful contributions.

2. Delegate Speaker

Council was joined by Jennifer Valeri, who presented on the topic of fundraising more equitably without compromising results. The delegate highlighted the need for funds to provide toiletries for higher needs students at Queen Victoria Elementary School. A \$500 donation was subsequently made to support this initiative.

3. Student Report

We were joined by Grade 8 leader Krisha, who presented an update on what Student Council had been up to:

- The Halloween Dance-A-Thon was a great success and was worked on by the following sub-committees: Talented Treasurers, Magic Marketers, Devoted Dancers, Awesome Artists, Sincere Secretaries; with the leadership of Ms. Desa, Ms. Harris and Ms. McCoy everyone did a great job organizing the event; thanks to the FC community each class was given \$121 to spend on their DPA wish list!
- Remembrance Day: members of student council worked with Mr. Ruttan to create a meaningful ceremony
- Fun Field Trips and Fantastic Falcon Sports: treetop trekking, RBG, Ray's Reptiles, Art Gallery of Hamilton, senior basketball try outs are happening now with play starting after the winter break, junior basketball try outs will be in February with play starting after March Break, volleyball has concluded
- Grade 8's with Serene STEAM! Structures and stability, electricity, technology, engineering and design, geometry and spatial versatility...working on building models of houses

4. Approval of Minutes

Thanks to Vanessa and Lindsay for approving the minutes from our last meeting.

5. Principal & Teacher Reports

Lexi Blackley shared:

- a) Senior girls and boys' basketball starts after the winter break; Junior boys and girls will have try-outs mid-February with the season starting after March Break
- b) Volleyball has ended

Nancy Kucic shared:

- a) Thanks to Jennifer Valeri for her presentation
- b) Family-teacher interviews were held last week- a positive and smooth process
- c) Term 1 Report Cards will go home on February 14th
- d) Thank you to council for the funds for purchasing lap tops for student use; they have arrived and are being imaged by the HWDSB IT department
- e) Lots of engagement happening between Waterdown District High School and FC regarding Grade 8-9 transition period
- f) There will be a visit to Grade 8's from WDHS on January 15th
- g) Last year, a Grade 8 homework group ran successfully; hoping to implement that again
- h) Through the Young Entrepreneurs Action Proposal program, FC was granted \$1000 which will be used towards sewing machines and other board-approved hands-on tools
- i) PA Days & Professional Development: happening for all levels of staff at the Education Centre; Acadience program for reading assessment K-2; grades 3-8 support for math improvements and literacy; all staff are working hard and in positive collaboration as always
- j) This week, a link to a questionnaire was sent to all staff and students about well-being while at school; always looking for feedback on this topic
- k) Healthy Action Team is currently running a "being kind" program in the school, with daily announcements and visuals in the hallway
- l) December 12th Holiday Pageant 5-6:30pm
- m) December 20th last day of school for the holidays, with school return on January 6th, 2025

6. Treasurer's Report

Current Statement \$20,543.97

REQUEST: The request is for 4 stacking benches for the gym. Currently, we have an old, heavy, wobbly bench that one team sits on during volleyball/basketball games. For the other team, we always have to pull out chairs because there isn't a second bench. These new benches can stack, they're lighter and, both sides/teams can have a bench to sit on. Request for 4 stacking benches for gym at \$1000.

Vote YES or NO.

Unanimous YES to granting this request

7. Fundraising

a) Pizza and Sub updates: both programs are running smoothly. Domino's customer service has been very good with lots of follow up and open collaboration. Mr. Sub has been running well every other Wednesday. Student feedback on both programs has been positive and thanks to the Grade 8 leaders for running the show. There are 8 more pizza days & 3 more sub days this term.

b) Krispy Kreme update: FC sold 119 dozen; always a popular product! Profit of \$714.00

c) Lunch Box update: 1st fundraising statement is in for period of Oct 1-31 at \$93.95. This is fantastic as last year trended closer to \$50 per month. Time will show if the vendor and menu are still well received. The option of changing vendors is available at any point through the year. Please keep your ears open for any feedback from families.

d) Boston Pizza spirit night update: \$302.10 for the school library. BP is available and open to holding a spring date for us as well.

e) Holiday Hampers update: \$810 were donated by our school community to support a local family of 5 this Christmas. Each family member will have a wish list granted and receive an additional grocery card. Amazing, and a reflection of the wonderful values and amazing community of which we are a part. Many thanks to everyone.

f) Silent Auction to be held at the December 12th Holiday Pageant. Requests have gone out to families for the theme baskets, items to be donated to the class basket by December 5th, wrapping party on December 6th (all helpers welcome!). Dominos has donated pizza for a year and multiple gift cards. This is always a fun part of the Holiday concert, so thanks for all the participation.

8. Pro Grant update and discussion

We're excited to apply for a Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant that could provide up to \$1,000 in funding. With this grant, our school aims to offer families practical guidance on healthy school lunches and managing meals on busy evenings.

We'd love to connect with a local nutrition expert who could provide for a session to share tips, possibly hands-on ideas or even food samples to make it interactive.

Flamborough Centre serves students from junior kindergarten through grade 8, covering an age range of approximately 4 to 14 years old. As a nut-free environment, we're particularly mindful of ensuring all food samples meet these safety requirements. Additionally, we have families within our school community who follow various dietary preferences or restrictions, including, but not limited to, gluten-free, dairy-free, vegetarian, and vegan diets. It would be wonderful if we could accommodate some of these in the presentation or in sample options, as it would reflect the diversity of our students' needs and make the

session more inclusive. We'd be interested in exploring school lunch tips/advice, evening meals for busy families and any other ideas you may find relevant to children and nutrition.

Nutrition speaker: Maiya Ahluwalia, RD, MAN, BAsC Registered Dietitian | Owner, Nourishing Balance Integrative Health Team Corp. Website: www.nourishingbalance.ca "I would be happy to offer a nutrition session and include samples/recipe cards. We have done many workshops for the community on a variety of topics including understanding labels for newcomers to Canada, healthy eating on the go, family meal planning"

Council members were all supportive of this speaker and topic. We will discuss further at January's meeting.

9. Constitution final review

Following multiple e-mails over the last months, the majority of council members have signed off on the Constitution draft. Some ideas for change around the format, inclusion of information on delegate speakers, etc.

Vote on finalizing the draft YES or NO

Unanimous YES

10. Next meeting Date is Wednesday January 29th, 2025 at 6:30pm in the school library

Thanks to all of you for the great turn out, support and all of your contributions this year!