

Flamborough Centre School Council Meeting Minutes
2024/2025 School Year
Tuesday, October 29th, 2024 @ 6:30pm

1. Welcome and Introductions

In attendance: Nancy Kucic-Principal, Hilary Millington-Teacher Representative, Leah Young, Erin Bilan, Vanessa Lungaro, Kaley Metler, Kellie Buttenham

Regrets: Lexi Blackley-Teacher Representative, Julia Redekop-Teacher Representative, Alexandra Brooker, Carley Casey, Angie Devall, Stacey Martinicchio, Jason Murray, Janice Oldham, Lindsay Vandenberg

*Virtual option was set up for those unable to attend

Thanks expressed to Vanessa for organizing the Krispy Kreme fundraiser, to Erin and Kellie for helping to run pizza days, to Erin for Facebook updates

2. Student Report

Grade 8 leader Sophie Cross joined us to share the student perspective for September and October:

- Jr boys and girls/Sr boys and girls volleyball is currently running from mid-October to mid-November
- Cross Country happened in early October
- 3-pitch took place in September
- Sr basketball try-outs will take place in December with the season starting in January; Jr to follow
- Staff v. Students 3-pitch is October 30th
- Halloween Dance-A-Thon will take place on Thursday October 31st and will raise funds for art and technology (donations can be made on cash online)
- Field trips: Grade 8's had an overnight camping trip, Grade 7's went Tree Top Trekking, Grade 6's attended the McMaster Altitude Camp and saw the Hamilton Philharmonic at WDHS
- JK/SK and 1/2 are getting a visit from Little Rays Reptile Zoo mid-November

3. Approval of Minutes

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

4. Principal and Teacher Reports

Hilary Millington shared:

- a) A big thank you for the funds allotted to replenishing Learning Resource supplies; items have been ordered; some specific items will be shared at our next meeting

- b) There have been extra support staff in the school (reading, technology) which has been very helpful to staff

Nancy Kucic shared:

- a) The Halloween Dance-A-Thon funds are going to art supplies, sports equipment and library
- b) HWDSB's Multi-Year Strategic Plan (see HWDSB website)
- c) Board Improvement Plan (see HWDSB website)
- d) Reading Specialist has been working with the K-3 team on the new reading screening component of reporting
- e) Itinerant teacher has connected with FC this year regarding MLL (Multi Language Learners - has replaced the term ESL or English as a Second Language)
- f) EQAO results have gone home with students and the data will be available at our next meeting
- g) HWDSB's Senior Executive team will be at FC on October 30th for a scheduled visit (Director Sheryl Robinson Petrazzini, Superintendent Nicole Lee, Trustee Graeme Noble)
- h) FC staff are connecting with WDHS staff to support students transitioning from Grade 8 to 9, particularly around the new required tech/shop credit
- i) PA Days in November (1st and 22nd) will see staff participating in literacy/numeracy team meetings as well as training sessions on anti-Palestinian and anti-Semitic racism
- j) Progress Reports will go home on November 19th
- k) Teacher Interviews will be scheduled on the evening of Thursday, November 21st and Friday, November 22nd during the PA Day
- l) Dates to know: Winter Holiday Pageant will be on Thursday, December 12th from 5-6:30pm; Winter Break is December 23rd – January 5th

5. Constitution Review

Flamborough Centre's School Council Constitution is currently under review. Please take a look at the Constitution (see attachment) and respond to Leah by e-mail with any feedback or comments, and your approval. Some feedback already heard: -should the number of voting members be an odd number to account for ties in voting? -note that e-mail votes have a time limit of 48 hours

Revised draft of FCSC Constitution was shared by Leah on November 9th, to be approved at the November meeting

6. Treasurer's Report

- a) Pizza profits \$7,774 + weekly sales and a few late orders to add
- b) Sub profits for the term \$1568
- c) Pumpkin sale profits \$357 – well received
- d) Learning Resource items approved by council end of last year are in the process of being ordered/delivered.
- e) 10 iPads and cases have been delivered for use in the library

7. Fundraising

- a) Pizza and Sub days are running smoothly, with great student pizza helpers and weekly parent support and supervision
- b) Pumpkins update – if we are interested in this fundraiser again, the farmer would like to specifically plant some pumpkins for our initiative. Vote to move forward again next year will come by e-mail shortly
- c) Krispy Kreme in progress – orders due November 5th through School Cash Online, pickup November 18th between 3-4 pm or students can carry home
- d) Lunch Box update – feedback from families wishing to customize A&W orders; Lunch Box worked through this request and parents can now order /customize their child's burgers. Questions on adding fries and chicken burgers/strips: Any SC lunch programs need to follow PPM 150 guidelines (stands for policy program memorandum – Ontario school food and beverage policy). We are unable to have them as the A&W chicken strips, chicken burgers and fries are deep fried, and they do not meet the PPM 150 guidelines set out by the Ministry of Education.
- e) Boston Pizza Spirit Night tentatively set for Thursday November 21st. *This coincides with Teacher Interviews; we opted to change the date to Thursday November 14th; Leah will confirm.
- f) Holiday Hampers update – in an e-mail vote last week, we voted yes in favour of the Sponsor a Family program. Information will go out November 7th to families regarding this program, with online donations due November 21st.
- g) December Winter concert -theme baskets: do we wish to move forward with this again? Concern voiced is that it's a lot of work. Discussion around simplifying the baskets (combine classes and have fewer baskets, assigning the themes for teachers, etc). A vote by e-mail will take place.

8. Pro Grant

If we would like to access the \$1000 available for Parent and Family Engagement this year, we will need to brainstorm some topics and/or speakers, and apply for the grant in late November
*Ideas: help with lunch making, nutritionist, online safety, police liason officer

Please e-mail Leah with any thoughts you have, and this will be decided upon through e-mail vote

9. Questions:

How are the water and septic issues coming along this year? -no concerns, monitoring is underway, water is tested 3x/day, pressure is good/taste of water has improved; Leah has been in touch with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks -they are very responsive and positive

Thank you for your time!

Next Meeting is on Wednesday, November 27th at 6:30pm

Post-Meeting Votes (3) by e-mail

On November 1st, 2024, Leah communicated the following:

1. **Vote on Holiday Concert Theme Baskets & Popcorn Initiative**

Requesting your vote and thoughts on theme baskets for a silent auction at the upcoming winter concert that will be held in December in the evening. Here are the details for consideration:

What are theme baskets? Classrooms would each have a theme, such as "The Great Outdoors," "All About Mom," "Just Sports", etc. FC families can choose to donate items related to their class theme, and school council members will wrap the baskets for the silent auction, help to set up, monitor, tally, and tidy up throughout the evening.

Meeting feedback: Suggestion was to combine classes to reduce the number of baskets and streamline themes. We could assign themes by grade level instead of individual classes. What are everyone's thoughts on this? Additionally, what are some favorite themes you'd like to see included?

Popcorn Donation Initiative: In previous years, we have offered popcorn for a "donation of choice" as families arrive for the holiday concert. Would we like to continue this?
(for fundraising context, our last year's initiative on Silent Auction and Popcorn raised \$1750.)

Please vote on the following by replying Yes or No

- Do we wish to have holiday theme baskets this year?
 - Please share favourite themes
- Do we wish to have popcorn available this year?

The Winter Pageant is scheduled for Thursday December 12, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at FC.

Theme baskets:

Staff have requested that the school council assign theme baskets to their classes, and they've paired up in the following classroom groupings:

- JK/SK, 12A, 34A
- 5A, 5C
- 5B, 56A
- 6A, 6B
- 6C, 67A
- 7A, 8C
- 78A, 78B
- 8A, 8B

Thanks for all you input of favourite themes! A list will be compiled and shared shortly.

2. **Vote on Pumpkin Fundraiser for Next Fall**

Our recent pumpkin fundraiser raised \$357.50. The farmer has kindly offered to plant a specific pumpkin patch for us next year if we'd like to continue this event and partnership. He could provide a selection of mini pie pumpkins and pumpkins in various colors (white, yellow, orange, etc.).

Please vote on the following by replying Yes or No

- Would you like to continue with the pumpkin fundraiser next fall?

3. **Pro Grant Funding Ideas**

We can apply for \$1,000 in Pro Grant funding available to support parent engagement. Applications are due in late November, and we'd like to decide on an idea soon as it's required to be listed on the application. Here are some ideas shared:

- Nutrition Speaker: Tips on packing school lunches or "dinner on the go" for busy families, maybe with some food samples.
- Math and Literacy Homework Supports: Take-home kits with items like cards, dice, math manipulatives, and language tools.
- Health and Wellness Speaker
- Internet Safety (done last year, but can be considered again)

Let us know if you have additional ideas for parent engagement that would benefit our parent community. Please share any leads or connections on someone that may fit one of these topics and budget asap.

Results of Pro Grant feedback:

The top two choices for the Pro Grant funds are Nutrition and Internet Safety. If anyone has connections or ideas for potential speakers or resources, please share them so we can coordinate further.

5. **Constitution Update**

Thanks to all who have shared their thoughts on the constitution. As this is a year for its review, please take some time to read through it and share any edits, comments, or questions you may have. If the constitution appears agreeable as it stands, kindly send your initials confirming your approval, if you haven't already done so. Once we've reached a consensus, we will proceed to save and document the final version for reference. Feedback notes: Should we consider an odd number for voting membership in the event of tie votes? Email voting timeframe of 48hrs will be clearly stated in each email and to all members.

For the requested votes above, (silent auction, popcorn, pumpkins) **please respond by Tuesday, November 5, 2024, by 3 pm**. This timeframe allows for a 48-hour review period while respecting the weekend.

Vote Results:

The initiatives for the Winter Pageant (formerly the Holiday Concert) Theme Baskets, Winter Pageant Popcorn Sales, and Fall Pumpkin Fundraiser have been approved, with the majority of email votes in favour of each motion.