

AGENDA

Franklin Road Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday September 28th @ 7:00pm
Virtual MS Teams meeting

Welcome and Start the Meeting

Introduction of members – new and returning,

Mr.Yull – Principal	Alonso Cerdena	Meaghan Ollman
Mr.Puley – Vice Principal	Pinto	Kyro Parry
Ms.McGowan – Teacher Representative, Grade 4	Sarah Marsden	Sarah Honeyford
Racel Smith	Amber Wilson	Cat Scott
	Brittney Tolsma	Justine Marquis
	Samir Mahajan	Dora Wilson
	Kathy Compton- Morgan	

This year we currently have 493 students and 55 staff. Represented on Parent council we have students across the following Grades: JK SK 2 3 4 6 7 8. Ms. McGowan's class is stacked with her Grade 4's and parent council parents.

First meeting – Parent Council Handbook -

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/School-Council-Handbook-revised-Nov-2020.pdf>

Nominations/Votes:

Rachel Smith – Chair
Michelle MacIntosh – Secretary, Minutes

Principal Report - Mr.Yull

- Return to school- Last year we were in and out so many times that we are coming off a “not so normal” year and school system.
- We are still having kids/teachers in their cohort on playground, limiting the amount of movement within the school. Teachers are moving to student’s vs students moving to different classes.

- Keeping the required distance is hard at times. Keeping up with the masks, hand washing. This year some tweaks have been made for in the classroom regarding some material sharing.
- Covid fatigue is real, and it's something we are dealing with. Staff continues to remind students to keep their distance, wear their masks, and just keep up all the COVID protocols we remember and continue to have to do.
- Overall, the return has been okay, not perfect but okay.
- Board is focused on wellness for the students – Program called “Re-imagining Wellness”. Staff has a tool kit, they are expected to complete wellness programs with their students – wellness, team building, emotional. Putting student wellness first. Trying to put a lot of focus on how the students are feeling/doing, before really pushing the schoolwork portion.
- Building is under constant construction right now. Working on getting ventilation units put in each room – they are NOT AC units. It is about recirculating with outside air. The scope of this project is that it needs to be done by December 31st of this year.
- This impacts both staff and student because we now have workers coming and going, back and forth and makes it very busy in the building.
- An additional unit is being put on top of the library – that will be a 5-week project and the library will be unavailable during those times.
- Interesting first month, busy first month, we had to talk about a mass reorganization last year and we lost 7+ staff and moved several students around. This year we are looking at a MUCH smaller reorganization. We are not gaining classes and we are not losing classes – we need to make cap compliance in grade 1 – 3/4 and to do that we must move a handful of students.
- Primary class cap sizes we must be at 20 students for grades: 1/2/3. Grades 3/4 class cap size of 23 students. Grades 4-8: no cap.
- We can fundraise – has to be a cashless and online and no contact

- Covid symptoms have changed – Big ones are – Cough, loss of smell. Taste, fever
- Runny nose – not on the list anymore, Parents need to use judgment if staying home is still a good idea.
- If your child has an underlying respiratory condition – they can be at school. COVID is new, worsening, or unexplained illness.

Teacher report - Ms. McGowan

- We are working tirelessly to get this year up and running and back on track for the students.
- Reimagining Wellness – we are allowed to put a twist on them – I am Human, Gratitude Book, Pictionary, I Can, “Mirror, Mirror”, etc. The re-imagining wellness is 3 times a day –
- We know that the students are behind in areas, but we will get them there. Curriculum is also being focused on, but with well-being as a key focus.
- Teachers are doing diagnostics to see where the kid's levels are so teachers can adjust their teaching to support the kids needs. Also getting to know the kids is #1.
- Remind app – no longer able to use – teachers will switch to MS Teams, the HUB, sending email
- IEP's are due in October
- Progress reports already – These are due in mid November.
- Terry Fox Run – Friday October 1st - Lots of music, fun, and just a good time.
- Mr. McQueen – Mrs. Noiles, and Mrs. McGowan. Planning for Cross Country – How we will move forward? and who can do it? That is to be finalized. If we have sport events unfortunately No Parents will be allowed to stay or watch, but the Kids get to do it, and that's what matters most.
- Sent an Email to the staff asking is there anything you want me to bring up?
- Sadly, a lot of parents are sending their kids to school sick, under the weather. When this happens it amps up anxiety. They are doing the screening for COVID, but some symptoms are not on the list. That doesn't mean your child should come to school, they might still need to stay home and just have a day or two

to recover. We as parents and staff need to work together to make sure everyone is well. Keep them home if needed.

- We really want to overall stress that any sign of any illness that students remain home.

New Business:

- **School Website**-who oversees updating? Adding information/important dates?
 - Loaded centrally by office – Mr. Puley and Mr.Yull. Not something Yull has been good at (self-declared) however Mr. Puley might be able to help out as this is a strength of his. Can let the office know if you want to see something added to the website.
- **Family Engagement Funds** from last year
 - \$500 – Did not use. Does not carry over – New allotment. Will discuss at October meeting.
- **Re-Organization this year**
 - Majority of staff returned
 - Handful of students to move.
 - Will be done by Monday October 4th
- **Teacher Involvement** – Input, Questions, follow up within the school
 - A lot of teachers don't understand what we are (Parent Council); they have a lot on their plate.
 - They give input when needed. Ms.McGowan as the teacher rep has a core group of neighbouring teachers that she will ask about or get a feel for what's going on and bring to council. Email sent out to staff as well
 - Can we send out the minutes to the staff, so they know, if they want to know, what was talked about or in the works for the school.
- **Buddy Benches** update, Ongoing since 2018 fundraising BBQ
 - Still there – how do we get them installed? what do we do now with COVID? great to have – we need to find a way to use them. Where they should go, how during COVID how do we use them safely???
 - Number of logistics to figure out.

- Parent offered to do the Installation and services – Sorry to say it's a great offer but due to red tape, we must go through the board and use specific outlined board approved company.
- **Return of in school events. Extracurriculars**
 - Evaluate season by season and month to month – Likely no spectators, no parents. Will have to transport own kids but not go in the school. Some challenges with it that we will need to work out on a school level. Would be held as one day events: cross country, swim team. Also, might be only the older grades/kids can participate in the team sports. Thinking of doing some intramurals within the school vs playing against other schools.
- **Fundraising**
 - Spirit wear = for the school. Brittney can get a program organized again this year.
 - We will check with Mrs. McGillis if she would like to run her program, or if council can take it over.
 - Popcorn – Less of an in school “buy a bag” program, and more of a mass fundraising order form/chocolate bar style.
- **School Cash Online**
 - Maybe – we didn't have a reason to do it over the last little bit – that is something that we need to do.
 - A lot of places that we would fundraise with = they are finding their own way to make it possible to do online. Jump rope for heat are all online
 - Office is busy right now, and we just can not ask them to take this on at this time and have this set up. Something we need to think about.
- **Skateboards**
 - Not using lockers now to limit hallway movement. Once snow starts and multiple layers are being worn, we will look at using them again. For now, with the number of students, and items already in the classroom's skateboards would not be advised.

Open floor for Questions/comments

- **Kinder Pen:** Can we get something in there or is there a way to get the kids something more to do – It just looks so barren and empty.
 - At some point in time the tires and wood stumps that were out there, had been taken away. We have asked the FDK team for a wish list. We are going to put a chunk of the budget toward the FDK spaces. We had a landscaping guy do a walk through to put together a plan for cleaning up the space and seeing what we can do.
- **IEP's/ Progress Reports** – If we have questions regarding these, how can we talk to the teachers?
 - You can talk to them anytime. After progress reports come home there is always a chance to have a more formal meeting. However, any time you need to speak the teacher you can. Just reach out to them.
- **Parking – Bylaw??**
 - Monday, we had bylaw out front of the school and they were finally giving out tickets. We have told bylaw the warnings have been given, no more being nice.
 - Can we post signs on the kinder fence making it even more clear that parking along the school sidewalk is a no parking, no stopping zone. People walking are getting hit with doors, and again snow season is coming, and it makes walking there very unsafe.
 - Bus duty for Mrs. McGowan she is again having to ask people to move. The time we used pylons it seemed to work well. Can we do that again? Yes.

UPDATE: Last week Mss. McGowan was approaching a vehicle and asking them to politely move – the car jerked backwards almost running over her feet, jumped the sidewalk, and took out a pylon. This is just 1 of many examples of how horrible the parents that drive to school can be. If possible, please send home a reminder to you parents regarding parking around the school and being alert and aware of the kids who are walking. With coming snow, it only ever gets worse.

- Bananas????? We NEED to be Banana Free – Severe Allergy in the school. Peanut/nuts and Bananas, and some individual classes have separate restrictions.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday October 25th at 6:30pm.

End of meeting