

**Parent Council Meeting Minutes  
February 28, 2022**

**Attendance:**

Rachel Smith  
Catherine Scott  
Amber Wilson  
Emily Coe

Meaghan Ollmann  
Michelle MacIntosh  
Kathy Compton-Morgan

Sarah Marsden  
Ms. McGowan  
Mrs. Del Mastro

**Upcoming meeting dates 6:30pm**

April 4, 2022  
May 16, 2022

Last Meeting Minutes approved by Emily Coe and Kathy Compton-Morgan

**Principal Report**

- **Eat a Beet challenge for Food4Kids** – Ms. Mair entered this challenge for us, there was a lot of staff participation. We submitted a video and won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize. Franklin won \$2000. It is planned to be used for the kids as well as support Food4Kids
- **Parking by bus loading zone** – a huge concern, very unsafe especially in the winter. The parking across the street from the bus loading zone makes the area very congested. We had bylaw by on Thursday, this was unscheduled, they come at least once per year. They were monitoring traffic and flow, ensuring people aren't parking in the bus loading zone. After they witnessed what was happening, they suggested we call the city directly and ask to have no parking signs to be put up across the loading zone. This has been an issue for a long time, Rachel has made multiple calls to the city over the years with no success. There was recently a car light taken out by a bus, but the car shouldn't have been there. Mrs. Del Mastro has called the city and has left a message; she will call again to try to talk to a real person to see what can be done. Hopefully the bylaw officers can speak to it as well. We will keep on that. Feel free to send emails and make phone calls now. The numbers for bylaw are at the bottom of the minutes
- **Covid Protocols changing** – Things are changing quite quickly. Capacity limits are being lifted Mar 1. What that means for schools is meetings for staff in person is now allowed, haven't been able to do that for 2 years. Of course, following all safety protocols. Also, athletic activities are opened up a bit. The first sport available was basketball, Mr. McQueen decided that it was a very short timeline, we would have had to have a team ready that week and they would only play 4 games. Felt it was not enough time to get families and coaches enough time to pull everything together. We are looking forward to the next sport coming up and we will be getting those teams together. We don't know what they are currently. Looking forward to getting the kids back into the activities we know they love.
- **Photos** – These were postponed due to restrictions. The new date for graduation and retakes will be April 27<sup>th</sup>
- **P.A Day focus** – A busy day of learning for staff. We will spend some time on cyber bullying information. We will be continuing our continuous learning and improvement work which is a focus on reading. Also working on our CRRP (culturally relevant and responsive pedagogy) we are using a resource received today and the board has provided us with material. It's really a focus on our historically under served students in our buildings.
- **Blacktop ice and indoor recesses** – Our blacktop often gets very icy. We work to create the path around to the back, but often overnight we get black ice. We try to have it cleared in the morning. We have had to have some ice on the back fields as well, which has resulted in some indoor recesses due to safety. Even if they can't go out all together due to safe space, we do encourage that they get out in a safe way on their own. We try to get as much fresh air as we can when we have these icy conditions.

### **Teachers Report:**

- **Intramurals** – as soon as we get the green light, we will be going ahead with floor ball. We haven't decided which grades yet, it will take place during nutrition breaks.
- **Beach day** – March 11 is beach day; some activities will be happening in the gym
- **IEPs** – go home March 7<sup>th</sup>
- **Assemblies** – Virtually, the kids get excited about them, we had a bullying assembly for pink day. Another was 2 weeks ago that Mrs. Del Mastro put together, Mrs. Gocentas' class did sign language for "O Canada" and Mrs. Calvert's class did an Olympic torch activity. A favorite part for students is seeing their pictures displayed across the school. The kids are enjoying it. Another one will likely be in March sometime.
- **Gotcha Awards** – coming back for March.

### **Fundraising:**

No Fundraising at this point due to covid restrictions

### **New Business...**

#### **Snow Removal**

Snow removal at Louise's corner – **Q:** Do caretakers know which corner Louise crosses the kids at? The corner she doesn't cross them at was shoveled, but the corner that they cross at wasn't. **A:** We have a brand-new caretaker who just started. He was off and we had a supply caretaker in with us. So, he was likely unsure of which areas needed to be cared for. We will bring up that area to whoever is in.

#### **Ventilation update**

**Q:** How is the progress? **A:** Slow. It has been slow. They do come in several hours in the evenings, they are in until about 10:00 or so, and it is a lot of behind the scenes work regarding electrical. They are working in hallways, running lines. We just received an email that they will be coming in every day during the day on March Break. We have one in Mr. W's room up and running, the next one to be done is Ms. Mair and Ms. Marchand. Everything is in place ready to go and hopefully they can do a few on March break.

**Meeting adjourned 6:50 pm**

### **Important Emails:**

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