

**Parent Council Meeting Minutes  
September 26, 2022**

**Attendance:**

Rachel Smith	Meaghan Ollmann	Sarah Marsden
Catherine Scott	Michelle MacIntosh	Mrs. McGowan
Amber Wilson	Kathy Compton-Morgan	Mrs. Del Mastro
Emily Coe	Mr. Efthimiadis	Holly Silenzi
Melissa Patterson	Sarah honeyford-Austin	Nyki Jubelius
Christine Leitch		

**Upcoming meetings**

We will be putting out a survey of different dates and times to see what works best for everyone.

**Principal Report**

- **Reorganization** – We will not be losing any teachers with this re-org. This year we have many students returning from remote schooling as well as many new registrations. The reorg will affect about 50 students from 9 classes. Most movement will be with grades 1-6. No student will move alone, we keep in mind to keep them grouped together. Letters will go home to affected families Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>. Monday through Thursday teachers will meet and visits with their new students. Friday October 7 will be the first day of the new classes.
- **School annual Plan**
  - Reading – several different programs to support students reading including Empower program for grade 2 students.
  - Wellness – Reimagining wellness and community in classroom, making sure students feel safe for learning.
  - Graduation – preparing students for high school graduation. We set the stage and support that grad for grade 12.
  - Human Rights – A big focus for PD Days. Equity, the right to read and right to education
- **Construction projects**
  - Kindergarten Turf – Was completed in the summer. Already helping with the mud
  - Ventilation units – Finished Labor Day weekend. All classrooms are up and running. We are continuing to use portable HEPA units as well
  - Library – currently has a noisy vent. Library will be closed one day next week for this maintenance
  - Painting of blacktop – Plans for re-painting some of the lines, help with crowded lines
    - Q – Can we help with painting of lines
    - A – No, it must be contractors through the board
  - Picnic Tables (Buddy benches) – Goal is to get them in this year. Plans to cement them in so they don't go missing. Will follow up
  - Bells and PA outside – There aren't any bells outside, haven't worked for years. Facilities is investigating
- **New Initiatives**
  - Music program including bands, clubs and choir. In need of some new instruments
  - Student Store – Considering school store. Leadership team to run. To provide nutritious snacks for sale
  - Sports resuming
  - Positive space club – Mrs. Childs is running this. For grades 5-8. For students in support of LGBTQ+, to raise awareness and be allies

## Principal Report Continued...

- **Fundraising plan and school needs**
  - Franklin Road uses a combination of school and school council fundraising
  - Needs include music program, sports equipment, subsidizing school trips and busses for students, graduation, technology and repainting the blacktop
- **Photo Day**
  - October 7. Retakes will be in November. Grad photos February.
- **Meet the Staff**
  - Wednesday October 12 5:00-6:30 pm. This will be on the back playground. Food trucks will be here (2 from Dirty South and 1 ice cream truck)
- **Questions/Concerns**
  - Cell phones – Students are required to follow the HWDSB cell phone policy. It's on the website. Cell phones are not permitted during instruction, unless teacher permitted for work reasons. We notice very little use of them during outside time
  - Parking signs/bus loading zone – We are seeing about better city signage to help with congestion. Last year bylaw came out but came late and didn't see the issue with congestion.
    - Q – This week a bus went to the wrong school on the way to school. How does this happen?
    - A – This is a bus company issue. It could be a new driver or a driver covering the route. If you have any concerns regarding the buses, follow up with the bus company directly. We do our best to make sure the kids make it safely on the proper bus (We use attendance, buddy system, tags on bags)
    - Q – Are we experiencing late buses?
    - A – No, they are mostly on time so far

## Teachers Report:

- **Communication with teachers** – We are mainly using MS Teams and Hub to communicate with parents. Also, monthly newsletters, if you are not receiving them reach out to your teacher
- **IEPs** – Due by Wednesday October 5
- **Terry Fox** – 1 week left for donations. Great participation, all had a great time
- **Cross Country** – Grades 3-8. Tryouts are taking place Tues Sept 27 and Thurs Sept 29
- **Leadership Group** – Run with Ms. Mair and Mrs. Simon
- **Ride Smart** – Ride smart program for grades 4-6. Looking at safety rules and tips. Bikes and helmets provided
- **Music Club** – Mr. Barletta running (intermediate)
- Jr. girls volleyball – Grades 5-7, Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. McGowan running
- Sr. girls volleyball – Grade 7-8 Mr. Richardson
- Sr. boys' volleyball – Grade 7-8, Mr. MacQueen and Miss. Mair running
- Currently no coach for Jr. Boys volleyball – Mrs. McGowan possibly running
  - Q – Can parents volunteer to coach?
  - A – Yes, but a teacher has to also be present

- Currently the only sports running are cross country and volleyball. Swimming will come back, as well as track and field etc....

### **Fundraising**

All fundraising initiatives must go to fund the school as a whole, ministry policy

**Oliver's Labels and Mabel's Labels** – Ongoing, use the Franklin Road school code during checkout, companies automatically send a check to the school once they hit a certain amount (we think \$50)

**Poinsettias** – For December with Mrs. McGowan

**Beyond the Bomb** – Possibly start in February for delivery in March. Holly ran this fundraiser last year for a different school and it was very successful. We would have maybe 4 different colors/scents. Price point was around 2.50 per bath bomb. It made this other school \$1600 in funds last year.

**Fall Dance** – Run by Ms. Mair. May look to school council for help with snack donations to sell

**Cinnabon** – Possible start in April for delivery in May. The school can set the price. For example, maybe the box costs \$10, and we sell for \$13. They will drop off coupons instead of boxes of Cinnabons for families to take directly to the store for their boxes.

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

**School Lunches – Lunchbox program** – Rachel sent out a link with information about school lunches. Idea is you can choose from plenty of restaurants and choose the schedule. It might work for Franklin Road to have these days once a month with a couple restaurants to choose from. Would need to be delivered to classrooms possibly by leadership or parent volunteers. We could hold a vote for which restaurants to choose from. Any restaurant we choose will have to abide by nutrition standards of the board.

**Siblings picking up siblings** – Can older siblings pick up younger siblings after school? Yes, you will need to let both teachers know. You can send this information via email or writing it in their agendas. This is a parent's decision, not the school.

**Bathroom Issues, vandalism** – students have reported to parents cases of possible smoking, vaping and no locks on the doors. We think this instance may have been one student lighting a match in the bathroom, not actually smoking. Suggested for students to report these instances when noticed. We have had some flooding, not caused by students this time though. Bathroom logs are kept for all classrooms, if vandalism, smoking etc. is noticed, students should let a teacher know right away so staff can look at these lists and try to determine if they can find out who. If a student is not comfortable discussing at school, they can let their parent know, who can then report to the school.

**Pizza Days** – Pizza days will be returning. Once a week, hopefully first week of October.

**Next Meetings** – Rachel will send out a survey link to determine what time/day works best to allow for the greatest attendance possible. We will set next meeting dates then

### **Important Emails:**

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