

**Parent Council Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2022 - 6:30-7:30 via Teams**

**Attendance:**

Catherine Scott	Sarah Marsden	Mrs. Del Mastro
Amber Wilson	Chang	
Michelle MacIntosh	Holly Silenzi	
Emily Coe	Mr. Efthimiadis	
Tiffany	Nyki Jubelius	

**Upcoming meetings, all Mondays at 6:30**

January 16, 2023

February 13, 2023

April 17, 2023

May 29, 2023

Previous minutes approved by Mrs. Del Mastro and Holly Silenzi

**Elections**

- Our last meeting, we did not hold official parent council elections.
- In the past we typically did not hold rigid elections at Franklin Road or fill out paperwork, but this is the way we will have to use going forward.
- Thought it would be fair to re-do this meeting so anyone can still partake. Typically, the forms are submitted first, to make a statement that you'd like to be part of council and then whoever would like to be a council member would make that declaration. Then, at the meeting we would vote on the executive positions for the council.
- Because we are virtual, we had everyone confirm via Teams chat that they would like to be on the parent council. These names included (Catherine Scott, Amber Wilson, Michelle MacIntosh, Emily Coe, Sarah Marsden, Holly Silenzi, Nyki Jubelius, Chang) Please do submit the paperwork now that school is back in so it can be kept on record.

**Election results**

Co-Chair – Catherine Scott and Michelle MacIntosh (voted yes by council)

Secretary – Michelle MacIntosh (voted yes by council)

Treasurer – Sarah Marsden (voted yes by council)

Community Rep – Tiffany (and Melissa) from Today's Family

Teacher Rep – Mrs. McGowan

**New Business...**

- **Holiday assembly question** – Will we be having a holiday assembly this year?  
Yes, Mr. Barletta has offered to organize the holiday assembly. We have no details yet
- **Potential future strike questions**
  - Q - We are going back tomorrow but with the possibility of more strike action how does that affect pre-orders for pizza? Does it get refunded?
  - A - Yes, would be refunded to your account
  - Q – If your child is sick do you get a refund?
  - A – we typically don't refund for sick days but contact the school office for individual info
  - Q – Will loaner devices be available for future strikes
  - A – The board makes the device deployment decision. We are not sure, but we will investigate. It is CUPE staff who are normally responsible for distributing the devices, and they would not have been available to do so.

### New Business continued...

- Meetings, virtual or in person? – We can do a hybrid option, both in person and online. It was decided again through a vote that Mondays are best. 6:30pm

### Fundraising Update and questions

Mrs. Del Mastro went over the fundraising plan submitted for fundraising goals. We do have to provide a plan to our superintendent.

The plan must indicate the type of events we will have throughout the year; we make a best guess. So far, we have Pizza days, Dances, School store, Mabel's labels Open house raffle, Poinsettias, Dominos, Lunchbox, Cinnabon on our list.

Roughly with these fundraisers listed we are expected to raise \$13,800 this year. We are expected to use these funds the year that we raise them.

**Q** - Does Council have to approve what the money is used for?

**A** – We often go to the teachers for ideas first, but we are always open to new ideas. Fundraising done directly by council they could fundraise for a particular purpose if it meets the goals and needs of the school.

**Q** – Cash online does not seem to have the option to order multiples of a product for the poinsettia fundraiser?

**A** – We will look at this in the morning

**Q** – What happened with the Bath Bomb fundraiser?

**A** – It was pointed out that because Holly is a council member there could be a conflict of interest where there could be a direct benefit to a personal business.

From Holly – she does not make a profit; she goes out of pocket for this fundraiser and is willing to show visibility if it would help this fundraiser proceed

**Q** - Is there a meeting that can be setup to figure out how to work around and show that visibility?

**A** - Yes.

The council voted yes to the Beyond the Bomb fundraiser. Council also offered Holly help with anything she may need

**Q** – What if we donate the supplies to her? Would that be a work around?

**A** – Council should vote on this – it is a creative way to go about it. It is an option. But the council would have to donate all the money upfront. It could be upwards of \$800 in product, roughly. It was not voted on in this meeting; it will be taken away to a separate meeting.

### Principal Report

- **Snow removal map** – Went over the snow removal responsibility map. Small pathways/walkways to doors are cleared by our caretaker. The perimeter sidewalks are all city responsibility. New this year a contractor will come clear part of the playground so kids will have more space. Contractors also clear the parking lot and path to blacktop.

**Q** – Why is city not doing Burkholder?

**A** – We can reach out to the city as a school, parents can also reach out to the city who will hopefully promptly remove the snow

### Principal Report Continued...

- **Crossing Guard** – We have not had a crossing guard at Upper Sherman, and the crossing guard at Upper Wentworth is also not there anymore. We had called and were told there just are no crossing guards to send. It is a worry; they are busy streets. Families please be cautious. Feel free to call the city to let them know
- **PA System and Bells** – Still believe it's a safety issue. We have let facilities know again. We are in a cue; they are working on doing some re-vamping of all of the older buildings. I will continue to follow up
- **Dress code** – was updated Oct 18, 2021. It is quite different from what we may previously remember. Please look at the HWDSB website to find the full policy. Examples – responsible for ensuring proper safe footwear in gym/science class. Ensure it does not promote illegal activities, drugs, hate speech etc. It is Mrs. Del Mastro and Mr. Efthmiadis's responsibility to monitor and enforce daily
- **EQAO data** – Mrs. Del Mastro went over the data released last week. Last year had its challenges with learning loss, online learning, in school, out of school, we had a new platform as well, it was 100% online and there were some glitches with the program. Franklin Road results are lower than both the board results and province results in general. This really is just a small snapshot in time, we have seen some improvement with gaps closing this year. Franklin tends to be strong in reading in general as well as writing, that is a positive.  
**Q** – When is this testing held?  
**A** – May-June every year
- **Assemblies** – We had our first monthly assembly this month. This year we are inviting parents of children who are receiving these over and above rewards. Gotcha awards will also be awarded at the assembly as well as a couple of classes usually doing some type of presentation and ending with a video of the goings on throughout the month at the school.

### Teachers Report:

- Success with sports teams. We have both Jr. And Sr. boys and girls' volleyball going with a great turnout.  
**Q** – Are all extra curriculars back?  
**A** – Yes, all extra curriculars are back on
- The teachers were very hard at work preparing packages for at home learning over the weekend for remote learning, with the strike being over for now they won't be needed at this time

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