



FRANK PANABAKER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Council Meeting
Date: 2/May/2023, 7:00pm

Members Present: Caitlin Evans, Susie Carter, Aishat Olarinde, Andrea Cooper, Natalia Bourenane, Joyce Iacoviello, Sherri Johnson, Jamie West, Mike deMaria, Andrea Jansen, Jodi Hawkins, Melissa Ruetter, Yin Chung Amanda Fehrman, Trustee Jane Macpherson, Superintendent		
Regrets: nil		
Call to Order: Mike de Maria (Co-Chair)		
Agenda Item	Decision/Action Item	Person(s) Responsible
Welcome and introductions	Call to order Introductions Review of group norms Welcome and introductions	Co-Chair – Mike De Maria
Review and Approval of Agenda	Agenda reviewed and approved Greetings From Superintendent Jane Macpherson and Trustee Amanda Fehrman.	Mike De Maria
Review and approval of previous minutes	Motion to approve: Andrea Motion seconded: Aishat Motion carried Minutes can be found on school website	
HWDSB Land Acknowledgement		Susie Carter
Old Business	None identified	
Chair Report	Fundraising: Big Yellow Bag ongoing <ul style="list-style-type: none">Flyers have gone out and will be reposted every 2 weeks. Updates received on funds raised very 2-3 weeksFundraiser ongoing to end of June. Home & School Events <ul style="list-style-type: none">Movie Night: Friday May 12th, 6:00-8:00pm. Movie: The Bad Guys. Cost: \$10 includes movie, popcorn and juice.Grade 8 Graduation Pizza Fundraiser: Dominos pizza. May 1/2023.Year end Carnival: Friday June 23/2023. Volunteers and donations needed. Please contact Home & School.	Aishat Olarinde



	Teacher/Staff Appreciation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2021/22: food provided at nutrition break/morning including: muffins, coffee/tea/juice (morning) and pizza and cupcakes (nutrition break). Well received.• Plan: Continue with same plan.• Suggested Date: June 14, 2023• Suggestions: similar format, muffins, suggestion of Aspire Bakery for cookies. Liaise with Diane re: Dominos pizza lunch donation?• Volunteers: Andrea, Natalia, Sherri, Jamie, Aishat, Joyce (Andrea to send email)• Dietary Restrictions: Susie to provide• Staff: ~ 60 between 2 sites	
Treasurer Report/Financial	<p>Treasurer:</p> <p>Current balance: \$8,649.82 CAD</p> <p>Allocated Funds: \$3,000 CAD</p> <p>Sister School Donation: \$849.08 to date (does not include May/June pizza)</p> <p>Available Balance: \$4,800.74 CAD</p> <p>Note: Some expenses not yet captured!</p> <p>Sister School donation: suggestion for two instalments of donation to school. First instalment now, second in Sept Fall 2023. Caitlin to f/u with Sister School.</p>	Natalia Bourenane
Principal Report	<p>Gratitude: Thank you to all School Council Members at Large and Executive. Shared appreciation and voiced importance of parent/caregiver involvement in school and student education. Recognition of role Teacher Reps play.</p> <p>Class Building and Placements 2023/24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff are in process of determining class placements for the 2023/34 academic school year.• Decisions based pm 3 factors:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relationships: current and future• Learning needs• Learning strengths• Process it taken very seriously and a great deal of thought and reflection goes into decisions.	Caitlin/Suzanne



- Process takes place over a number of weeks and includes:
 - Individual teacher review of students
 - Teachers working in teams, discussions based on school student body make up
 - **Goal:** Students are placed with at least one friend or one positive relationship
- Approximately 800 students to place in classes
- If parent/ caregiver feels there is something important that should be known about a student, please contact teacher, Vice Principal or Principal. No changes are made once class placements are completed.
- Class placements will be available for student/parents/caregivers mid-August on Parent Portal

Grade 8 Commencement

- To be held in school gymnasium (South)
- Tickets to be sent out, offering 3 tickets/family.
- A process to request additional tickets will be put in place for families that require more.
- Dinner and dance to follow, run by Home & School. Cost has been reduced to \$50/ticket.
- Year Book: Team of student and teachers are in process of working on.
- **If there are concerns about accessibility of Grade 8 events, please contact teacher.

Transitions – multiple transitions occurring:

- **SK → Grade one:** Students move from South to North campus. SKs have started spending time on North Campus with grade one students during 2nd Nutrition Break.
- **Grade 4 → Grade 5:** Site visit to South Campus scheduled to be scheduled for June. Tour and Q&A
- **Rousseau Grade 6:** Students entering grade 7 next year, site visit to be scheduled for tour, team building and Q&A
- **Grade 8:** Students going to Sherwood/Ancaster High attending events at respective high school.
- **Welcome to Grade 1:** June 1st. Details to be sent to families.

EQAO: <https://www.eqao.com/> (Grades 3 and 6 students)



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication will be sent to families the week of May 10th, 2023.• No preparation required for students.• Standardized test with focus on reading, writing and math.• Format: primarily completed electronically with one written component for grade 3 students.• Mindfulness activities built-in.• Math module: multi-stage, adapts to student performance on previous module.• Completed during regular school day over 4 days (1 period/day)• Information video: What to Expect: Primary and Junior Division• Opting out: There is no opt-out option for EQAO. All students present in school at the time of the test will participate. Exemption guidelines/criteria is set by the Ministry, and exemptions are determined on set guidelines. <p>Excursions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classroom teachers will communicate with students/families if end-of-year excursions are planned (date, cost, need for volunteers etc).• Cost: if subsidy is required, please contact teacher/Vice Principal/Principal	
Teacher Report	<p>North Campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mme. George's ½ FI class is publishing a book that will be put in our library next year!• Grade 1 classes have guest speakers joining virtually throughout the month of May as part of their social studies unit• Mrs. Froats class are writing letters to members in the community to share their appreciation. Parents are helping students think of a surprise gift for the city workers who collect garbage and recycling, fire station and writing coaches surprise letters!• Lego Robotics kits have arrived! Ms. Jansen/Mr. Troisi's class tested the kits out! <p>South Campus</p>	Jodi Hawkins



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit Wear orders – due this Friday. Booth will be available on Thursday evening at open house in North Campus building.• Swim Meet was today!• Duathlon/Triathlon: First practice has taken place• Education Week: Open house celebration• Mental Health Week – this week. Activities planned throughout the week (i.e. Thankful Thursday, Fun Friday, Mindfulness opportunities)	Melissa Reuter
New Business	Thinking ahead to Fall fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pizza to start in Fall semester, usually October after school reorganization has occurred.	
Next Meeting Date/Time	Next Meeting: Sept 26/2023 @ 7:00pm (Virtual)	
Adjournment	9:00 pm	