

**Ecole Sir John Franklin High School
Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2024**

Present: Dean MacInnis, Al Shortt, Carla Skauge, Miki Ehrlich, Janet Murray, Jessica Smith, Newton Grey, Kara Cherland, Meghan Beveridge, Paula Campbell-Rogers, Tania Hercun (online)

1. Approval of Agenda:

Agenda approved

- Motioned by: Newton Grey
- Seconded by: Carla Skauge

2. Approval of Previous Minutes: - June 12, 2024

- Motioned by: Jessica Smith
- Seconded by: Janet Murray

3. Introductions

- PAC Chair - Miki Ehrlich & Newton Grey
- Principal - Dean MacInnis
- YK 1 Board Rep - Al Short

4. YK1 Board Report: Al Short

- Board Chair - David Wasylciw
- Vice Chair - Tina Drew
- New Superintendent - Shirley Zouboules
- Assistant Superintendent (HR & Learning) - Landon Kowalzik
- Interim Assistant Superintendent (Curriculum & Learning) - Graham Arts
- Secretary/Treasurer - Lisa Vass
- Board with help from staff produced a budget without accountant
- ECE were late providing their budget
- YK1 has an active surplus so working with ECE to use the surplus
- New Principals in the district for the 2024/2025 school year: Range Lake North - Scott Willoughby, William McDonald - Jodi Lee-Lewis, Ecole Itt'Q - Heidi Boudreau
- Open Houses and PAC meetings around the district in September
- Board allowed for 4 extra staff in budget expecting a boost in enrollment

5. Principal's Report - Dean MacInnis

- New staff member to Sir John - Ty Hamilton (assisting with language courses and outdoor education classes)
- New daily schedule - consists of 5 classes and each class is 68 minutes long with a 7 minute break between each class)
- ECE decides the schedule and it is for the Territory, not just YK.
- Parent concern: contact teacher first to discuss.
- School Review will be held November 1-6 by Elks Willows Consulting. They will meet with admin, department heads, teachers, EA's, parents, and small groups of students with the following topics in mind: programs, culture, staff, clubs, academic performance, professional development to name a few. They will also be doing class visits. Report will be given to the school with recommendations and a plan moving forward and will work with staff after the fact.
- Parent/Grad Handbook being worked on to offer info for prospective grads and their parents/guardians.
- Possibly getting a temporary solution to the accessible/gender neutral washroom on the main floor which NACC uses after school hours. Request from Sir John PAC, NACC, Northern Mosaic Network, and NWT Disabilities Council. Possibly using part of the janitors closet and part of the recycling room to accommodate our request for a new washroom. Dean will follow up with Jordan Martin (Director of Operations for YK1). Dean to also find out if ECE were in contact with Jordan. Discussion around inviting Kate Reid (MLA for Great Slave) to shed some light on the situation. GNWT is involved as they own the building.

6. Discussion Items

- Board meets with MLA's on September 23
- AI Short to bring topic of accessible/gender neutral washroom to that meeting
- Miki to send AI the letter from PAC that was sent to ECE minister with input from PAC in regards to washroom
- Truth and Reconciliation Assembly on September 26, staff and students to speak
- Cell phone guidelines differ from class to class (for example in gym and in the shop, cell phones would be expected to be put away for

safety reasons while in another class a teacher may ask students to research something on their phone)

- Fine Arts in the district differs (sometimes drastically from school to school at the elementary level) Board can offer suggestions as to what parents would like to see for programming while Superintendent and Principals decide on programming. Parents can offer input. It can be challenging when all the students from the different feeder schools arrive at Sir John with various degrees of exposure to Fine Arts. Issue will be brought up at PAC Chairs meeting and Dean will raise it at the Leadership meeting. Parents can also bring it up to the YK 1 board.
- Enrollment up approximately 40 students.
- Newton to ask Shirley Zouboules if/when PAC Chairs meetings will resume

7. Next meeting: Thursday, October 17, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

- Motioned by: Paula Campbell-Rogers
- Seconded by: Carla Skauge
- Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

