

Ecole Sir John Franklin High School  
Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 17, 2024

**Present:** Dean MacInnis, Al Shortt, Newton Grey, Miki Ehrlich, Paula Campbell-Rogers, Carla Skauge, Trevor Kasteel, Kara Cherland, Xiaoyi Yan, Tanya Hercun (online), Jessica Smith (online)

**1. Approval of Agenda:**

Agenda approved

- Motioned by: Miki Ehrlich
- Seconded by: Kara Cheland

**2. Approval of Previous Minutes** - From September 19, 2024 (after adjustments)

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

**3. Introductions:** Attendees introduced themselves

**4. YK 1 Board Report** - Al Shortt

- Al brought our concerns to the board and to the MLA's when they met with them re: Fine Arts and the washroom situation at Sir John. Unfortunately when the MLA's were asked about the washroom being in need of a renovation to make it gender neutral/accessible he was told it was low on the priority list for projects. The board has the funding to hire Fine Arts teachers but it is difficult to find them.
- Audit was completed by Crowe MacKay.
- Kristen Prescott, a former Sir John teacher who is now a counsellor/community liaison person with Alison McAteer house in YK gave a presentation at the Board meeting re: how she supports students in both districts as they sometimes move within districts.
- Upcoming meeting in BC in regards to AI
- Teacher hiring/retention an ongoing topic

- The meeting with the MLA's went well
- Attendance in the district is up, transfers from YCS to YK 1 as well as students new to town.

#### **5. Principal's Report - Dean MacInnis**

- No classes November 1, report card writing day
- Powerschool opens up again November 5 with access to report cards.
- Parent teacher interviews November 6 & 7 via phone call or virtual meeting.
- School review to take place November 1-5.
- Early dismissal days during the year (Thursdays) are being spent on the transition to the BC curriculum.
- Subs being hired throughout the year approximately every 6 weeks for small group meetings, teachers get together to discuss and plan for the new curriculum.
- Current Sir John substitute budget and surplus being used to hire subs for these small group sessions to happen.
- No substantial funding from ECE for the curriculum transition.
- Prep in each semester for teachers to also have more time to transition to the new curriculum.
- All schools territory wide need to find funding to train staff in the new curriculum.

#### **6. Discussion Items:**

- Jessica asked about other job/career options other than the ones offered by the SNAP program. Dean will ask around.
- Sir John offers students leadership credits by assisting a teacher in a classroom.
- There was an attempt to get a quote from Stantec for the washroom job but ECE has to approve it.
- Dean has emailed Superintendent Shirly Zouboules and Director of Operations Jordan Martin in regards to it.
- Miki emailed Kate Reid (MLA for Great Slave) before the fall session at the Legislative Assembly began to remind her of our washroom situation/request.

- ECE minister Caitlin Cleveland is meeting with Dean on November 18 to discuss various topics.
- Expectations around school sports/activities. School has a clear set of expectations for students wanting to participate and they need to be met if they would like to participate.
- Choral singing not offered this year due to scheduling issues so how do we promote it next year? Guidance counsellors can promote in the spring when they do class visits, meetings with students.

**7. Next meeting:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

- Motioned by: Carla Skauge
- Seconded by: Paula Campbell-Rogers