

Ecole Sir John Franklin High School  
Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2024

Present: Dean MacInnis, Miki Ehrlich, Janet Murray, Carla Skauge, Al Shortt, Paula Campbell-Rogers, Jessica Smith, Alex Power, Michelle Theriault

**1. Approval of Agenda**

- Agenda approved  
Motioned by: Carla Skauge  
Seconded by: Janet Murray

**2. Introductions:**

- People in attendance introduced themselves

**3. Approval of Previous Minutes - October 17, 2024**

- Minutes Approved  
Motioned by: Miki Ehrlich  
Seconded by: Paula Campbell-Rogers

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

- Trustees attended a three day retreat facilitated by Chris Smeaton (October 25-27)
- Retreat was very productive
- Safe school plans have been reviewed as per ECE requirements
- 4 Fire Drills and 2 Lockdowns required per year
- Trustees, Superintendent and SJF student council to meet.
- Nov. 20-24 conference in BC (Curriculum, AI in schools)
- Superintendent/PAC chairs meeting was productive

**5. Principal's Report:** Dean MacInnis

- Senior Spike It - Largest one since before Covid
- Parent/Teacher Interviews - Nov. 6 & 7
- Remembrance Day Assembly - Nov.8
- Picture Day - Nov. 18
- Challenge Cup - Nov. 20

- Grad Parent Meeting on Nov. 27 -info for grads, graduation requirements, important dates, career counsellors in attendance from ECE, school guidance counsellors
- Odd Squad group from Vancouver presenting to groups at Sir John on Dec.3, they work with the RCMP doing workshops related to drugs, gangs, etc. They have 9 different presentations and will present to as many students as possible but targeting grade 9 & 10's first.
- School review completed - 16 parents participated, 75 % of staff, small groups of EA's, Program Support staff, Admin staff, counsellors, teachers and support staff from ECE.
- The person who did the school review will work with school staff after the review to help implement changes if need be and the Superintendent will also have the info to work with schools.
- Mr. Stewart, Foods teacher has relocated to the school in Dettah so school is in the process of hiring a new teacher for that position.
- Going forward, staff will be alerting parents via email regarding certain sensitive topics (rape, incest, abuse, residential schools to name a few) being covered in English in a novel study for example or in Socials in historical topics or current world events. Staff ensure topics are suitable for grade level and certain topics that need to be discussed. It is a "heads up" email with notice of what is going to be discussed not requesting permission.
- December 3 - School concert at NACC
- PAC staff appreciation lunch on Dec.6

## **6. Discussion Items**

- PAC chairs meeting with Superintendent discussion items - Fine Arts/Music programs in schools. Less kids are signing up for these classes in high school. Covid affected this situation and there's also a shortage of teachers for these programs at the K-8 level. Trouble finding teachers for these positions. Superintendent is supportive of hiring people to do workshops if they are available to fill in the gaps in the meantime.
- Dean to check to see if Fine Arts teachers get together
- Accessible/General neutral washroom - discussion about the other organizations involved and funding that's potentially available.

- Dean to follow up again with people involved but also there should be a plan for what we want for the bathroom. Need to come up with a plan of what is needed/wanted for when the time comes.
- Jessica Smith asked about career/job placements opportunities aside from SNAP and Dean to follow up.

**7. Next meeting:** Thursday, December 12 @ 7:00 pm

- Motioned by: Carla Skauge
- Seconded by: Janet Murray