

**ECOLE SIR JOHN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes January 16, 2020 12:00 pm**

Attendees: Dean MacInnis, Riley and Theresa (students), Rajiv Rawat, Cathy Tumoath, Sue Zettler, Paula Rogers, Angela MacDonald, Audra Donison

1. **Agenda** - approved as circulated
2. **Minutes** – approved as circulated
3. **Standing Reports**
 - a. **Grad Council** - no activities until after Sr Cager.
 - b. **Student Council** – Riley and Theresa reported on the following activities:
 - i. Challenge Cup – Feb 7 – decorating, encouraging students to wear consistent school colours
 - ii. Valentine dance Feb 14- tickets \$10, need form for guests
 - iii. Food drive – done by each class, proceeds to Food bank
 - iv. Valentine’s Day – there will be candy grams and Matchomatics.
 - c. **Trustee Report** – ad for Superintendent has gone out, expect interviews in March; still waiting for ECE to schedule Sissons presentation, YK1 board plans to do Town Hall after this.
 - d. **Principal’s Report** – Grade 7/8 Open house dates TBA; report cards distributed Jan 31; Dean will send out important dates to march through PAC Chair. Discussion on Grade 8 transfer to ESJF:
 - i. All four Grade 8 classes and lockers will be located together near the front of the school
 - ii. They will have their own schedule and programming as usual, but will participate on ESJF teams and have ESJF identity.
 - iii. There will be issues with space during exams
 - iv. Dean invites parents to email him any time with questions
 - e. **Pertussis:** ESJF has two cases of whooping cough. The two students are not in school are at home, will not be contagious when they return. Audra noted that it is only those who are not immunized are at risk, as well as the elderly and infants under 1

year of age. Dean said Information will be sent out to parents in the next day or two from the school and the Public Health RN.

- f. **Chairperson Report** – no meeting since last ESJF PAC meeting. Next one Thurs Jan 23, 12 noon at YK1 office, all parents welcome to attend.

- 4. **Topics for open discussion:** High risk students, ESL students, special needs students, gifted students, students with unique talents/interests, Knowledge & Employability (K&E) student issues.

Parking Lot Items:

5. Old Business

a) Discussion Topic: Exam Preparation Article

<https://www.homeworkhelpglobal.com/ca/blog/essential-study-tips-to-ace-your-next-exam/>

There was a good discussion on the article and the importance of developing good study habits before post secondary education, so they are self sufficient. There was another similar article in the school newsletter with a list of similar but also a few different tips on exam preparation.

6. New Business

a) Staff appreciation Potluck Lunch: : Date was to be Jan 31, but this is first day of new semester. After discussion, Jan 29 will work. Audra and Sue will attend to help out. Audra will work with Andrea P to ensure good communication to parents with sufficient notice.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 7:00 pm