

**ECOLE SIR JOHN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes February 10, 2020 7:00 pm**

Attendees: Dean MacInnis, Rajiv Rawat, Sue Zettler, Paula Rogers, Lena Schofield, Shirley Gau, Anne Mobach, Leanne Dragon, Megan Wowk, Taylor Major, Audra Donison
Regrets: Angela MacDonald

1. **Agenda** - approved as circulated
2. **Minutes** – approved as circulated
3. **Standing Reports**
 - a. **Grad Council** - not meeting until next week. There will be an event before March break. Photos were last week. Grad hoodies due any day. Diploma exam results to be available this week. The school is working on how to resolve a conflict with a SS exam on grad day that affects 55 students.
 - b. **Student Council** – Challenge Cup was successful with both boys and girls winning the cup this year. Next activities include Matchomatics, archery balloons, and a Valentine’s dance on Friday the 14th.
 - c. **Trustee Report** – The ECE Town Hall will be Feb 25 where architectural plans will be presented for the new JHS. YK1 plans our own Town Hall after, date TBA. ECE received an Auditor General report which may result in potential changes to the funding model. YK1 is taking action to address items in the report. Also need to determine whether to do Strategic plan either interim or long term, considering new SI to be hired.
 - d. **Principal’s Report** – Getting ready for the transition of middle school students to ESJF - Open House for Gr 7/8 is on Feb 24, Dean to meet with Gr 7 parents @WMS this week, interviews for Child and Youth counsellors has started, 2 positions @ESJF
 - e. **Chairperson Report** – Martin Male is offering to do Google Classroom training or other tech training of interest to parents, if interested let him know. YK1 still waiting on ECE for next steps in JHS rebuilding plans.
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.

5. Old Business

a) Discussion Topic: Transition from Middle to High School

Dean shared an article on how to help your child transition to high school. This can be difficult and scary for kids, and behaviour changes may be due to the adjustment process. The article helps parents understand this is a normal process. See links in article as well.

b) **Staff Appreciation potluck** – went well on Jan 29, good turnout of food, and Audra and Sue attended. It was agreed to do one more potluck this year on May 28 or 29th, TBA.

6. New Business

a) **Chairperson Position:** The position is open for the 2020-2021 year. Anyone interested can let Audra know.

Next meeting: Thursday April 9, 12:00 pm