

**Ecole Sir John Franklin High School
Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 16, 2023**

Present: Dean MacInnis, Terry Brooks, Carla Skauge, Miki Ehrlich, Newtown Grey, Paula Campbell-Rogers, Shirley Gau

1. Approval of Agenda:

Agenda approved

Motioned by: Paula Campbell-Rogers

Seconded by: Carla Skauge

2. Approval of Previous Minutes - January 12, 2023

Motioned by: Miki Ehrlich

Seconded by: Newtown Grey

3. YK 1 Board Report: Terry Brooks

Draft calendar for 2023/2024 has been tabled, final approval at March board meeting.

Budget talks/prep for 2023/2024 in the early stages. Hope to have final budget by the Ratepayers meeting on April 25. Funding for 2023/2024 school year based on actual student enrollment as of September 30, 2022.

Board members had a meeting with the MLA's and topics discussed were: facilities and what may be needed in the future along with the new BC curriculum. There will be public presentations on the new curriculum from ECE. Discussion on modifications within the new curriculum for northern content. Teams of 4-5 staff members to be visiting high schools in BC to observe to help prepare for the transition. School visits and conferences.

Discussion of PAC chairs meetings resuming at the district.

YK 1 has been approached to assist if Yellowknife hosts AWG 2026.

Not expecting staff numbers in the district to change much. Staff recruitment has already begun.

Extra funding from Covid budget - in the beginning the money was used for filters, masks, hand sanitizer. Now there is some flexibility and the money can be used to pay for substitute teachers when staff is out sick.

4. School Information Update: Dean MacInnis

Arctic Winter Games (AWG) students being offered help at lunch to get caught up on work they missed.

Grad photos rescheduled due to AWG. If any student misses their photos the school will make sure they get their photo done. Staff member will take photo, school has back drop.

Parent Information Night on February 9, 2023 not well attended. Low turn out even compared to pre-covid info nights. The school will not record it as they want people to come out to it. Approximately 20 parents/guardians in attendance.

Parent meeting for current grade 8 students to attend SJF in Sept. 2023 in April.

Grade 12 parent meeting on May 4 - information for post secondary - Student Financial Assistance reps will be present with information on transcripts and funding. School counsellors will be in attendance also for any student/parent/guardian questions. Apprenticeship (SNAP) program counsellors from ECE will also be in attendance.

Special days and how they are recognized at Sir John - essentially special days/months are recognized as much as possible and certain committees and/or staff members within the school would take on some of these days i.e. Earth week would be taken on by the Green Team. Social Studies department would take on Youth Parliament etc. Mr. Knox did something for Agriculture Day. There are many special days and the school does its best to recognize as many as possible.

Honour Roll/Principal's List requirements discussed: See email from the school February 13. The attachment with the requirements are included in that email.

Other topics discussed were whether or not Zoom was worth it for the school to purchase a subscription. More investigation needed.

Discussion around email filter system- i.e. Yahoo, Hotmail, etc. Are parents with these email accounts getting the emails? Question for Martin Male at district office.

There was also discussion about student's schedules and the flexibility of them. For example, if you happen to learn better in the afternoon, can your academic courses happen then? That is a discussion between students/parents/guardians/counsellors and depending on time and availability of courses the student will be accommodated as much as possible.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 20, 2023
Moted by: Paula Campbell-Rogers
Seconded by: Carla Skauge