**École Sir John Franklin High School**

**Parent Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Minutes**

**March 31, 2022**

**Present:** Dean MacInnis, Leanne Dragon, Shirley Gau, David Wasylciw, Newton Grey, Miki Ehrlich, Carolyn MacKay, Mwiru Kiboigo, Amy Lea, Janet Murray, Doreen Cleary, Michelle Culhane, Kushalini Naidoo, Cathy Tumonth, Shawna Coleman, Biel Gunio, Jessica Smith

1. **Approval of Agenda**
* Agenda approved
* Motioned by: Leanne Dragon
* Seconded by: Janet Murray
1. **Introductions**
* PAC Chair – Miki Ehrlich & Newton Grey
* SJF Principal – Dean MacInnis
* YK1 Board Rep – Doreen Cleary
1. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – February 17th, 2022
* Agenda approved
* Motioned by: Leanne Dragon
* Seconded by: Miki Ehrlich
1. **Chair Report:** Miki Ehrlich & Newton Grey
* Miki and Newton have met to discuss:
* increasing parent attendance at PAC meetings
* creating a comfortable environment for parents to bring up concerns
* encourage parents to participate in topics of interest
1. **YK1 Board Report:** Doreen Cleary
* New trustee – Trevor Sinclair. Diana Neill has stepped down.
* The BC curriculum will start to be implemented in the 2023-24 school year. The BC curriculum will gradually be implemented, starting with the earlier grades.
* The Sacred Feather Indigenous Student Award has been created. These new awards will be presented annually to Indigenous students in four age categories who model strength and commitment in the pursuit of their personal education paths.
* The 2022-23 school year calendar has been approved
* New policy for naming/renaming schools/buildings
1. **School Information Update:** Dean MacInnis
* **Admin Report**
* See attachment: Admin – March PAC attachments - If you have any questions about the documents – contact Dean
* Mid-term report cards will be coming out on April 11. Virtual parent-teacher meetings will happen on the evenings of April 12 & 13.
* There will be parent meetings for – Gr. 8, 9, & 11 parents – hoping to have them in person.
* Graduation – with the end of the Public Health Emergency measures there are opportunities to return to a more typical graduation ceremony and formal. There are still some logistics to work out, but the school is hoping to provide an update in mid-April of what this might look like. There will be a parent meeting – end of April/May to discuss graduation. The school is hoping that this can be done in person.
1. **Discussion Items**
* **Change to a 5 period schedule for the 2022-2023 school year**
* Refer to the example 5 period schedule
* There will be 5 periods/day – 70 minute classes, except on Thursday when they will be 60 minute classes.
* The focus when creating a student’s schedule to be a balance of academic classes and other classes such as CTS, fine arts, athletics. It is stress that the 5 period day is not to try to complete 4-5 academic courses per semester to try to fast track graduation.
* Every student will have at least one Learning Strategies period every other day
* The 5 period schedule will allow: flexibility to retake a course, more opportunities to take more/different CTS classes, more flexibility in the schedule if a student is taking all 3 sciences, French/Indigenous language, and math 31.
1. **Next Meeting:** April 21st @ 7pm – in person or zoom TBD
* Motioned by: Leanne Dragon
* Seconded by: Janet Murray
1. **Meeting adjourned @ 8:15 p.m.**