

**École Sir John Franklin High School  
Parent Advisory Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
November 22, 2022**

**Present:** Dean MacInnis, Shirley Gau, Leanne Dragon, Miki Ehrlich, Cathy Tumoth, Terry Brooks, Amy Lea, Carolyn McKay, Janet Murray

**1. Approval of Agenda**

- ❖ Agenda approved
  - Motioned by: Leanne Dragon
  - Seconded by: Cathy Tumoth

**2. Introductions**

- ❖ PAC Chair – Miki Ehrlich & Newton Grey
- ❖ SJF Principal – Dean MacInnis
- ❖ YK1 Board Rep – Terry Brooks

**3. Approval of Previous Minutes – Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

- ❖ Agenda approved
  - Motioned by: Leanne Dragon
  - Seconded by: Cathy Tumoth

**4. YK1 Board Report:** Terry Brooks

- New term. David Wasylciw (chair), Terry Brooks (vice-chair).
- BC Curriculum – it will take about 4-5 year to transition fully from the Alberta to the BC curriculum for all grades
- Impacts of Covid pandemic on academics report  
Q: Will there be summer courses offered to help close the gaps due to missed learning/opportunities? A: Not at this time but there will be education for teachers help address this.  
Terry will bring this back to the board and get back to PAC

**5. School Information Update:** Dean MacInnis

❖ **Admin Report**

- See attachment: Admin – November PAC attachments - If you have any questions about the documents – contact Dean
- Parent-teacher interviews were well attended, majority were virtual appointments
- Grad parent meeting: 75 parents participated in-person, 20 parents participated on-line.
- Challenge Cup: Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> - pep rally before lunch and challenge cup from 1-4pm
- 3 weeks of classes left before exams.

- Last day of school – Dec 20<sup>th</sup>
- Exam week is from Jan - 18-26. It is important that students are here during exam week as this is not an ideal time for students to be away for holidays and out of town extracurricular activities as this can create additional stress on students.
- Many students are participating in Artic Winter Games (AWG) and/or Canada Winter Games (CWG). This may be challenging for some students as will be missing between 1 – 2 ½ weeks of school at the beginning of second semester. Please let your teachers know in advance if your student will be away. Students are encouraged get their assignments done prior to leaving for these events if possible, as it is difficult for them to do homework while away at AWGs and/or CWGs.
- Diploma exams will be 20% this year. For the 2023-2024 academic year diploma exams will return to 30%
- Students should not be accepting calls during class time. If there is an emergency, parents should call the front office and they will inform the student to call the parent.
- Looking up marks on PowerSchool. A parent had a question about assignments being graded in Google Classroom but it's not input into PowerSchool until almost report card time. Grades from Google Classroom do not directly upload into PowerSchool, teachers need to manually input the marks into PowerSchool.
- SJF coaching philosophy: For specialized events (e.g., Hay River Soccer Tournament, Ft. Smith volleyball tournament, Challenge Cup) – there are limited number of athletes who are chosen to participate in these events because of various reasons (e.g., room on the bus, number of teams SJF can enter). For school sporting events (e.g., spike it, cager, super soccer) there is more opportunity for more students to participate and SJF is able to create several teams for each age group. When picking students for teams there are 4 considerations: 1) academics – effort put into course work, 2) attendance in school and in practice, 3) attitude, and 4) ability.

## 6. Discussion Items

- **PowerSchool**
  - Can there be an information session to learn how to use it and how to print the report cards.
  - If you are having difficulty print out the report cards – please contact the front office and they will print it off to you.

## 7. Next Meeting: Thursday January 12, 2023, time 7pm

- Motioned by: Janet Murray
- Seconded by: Leanne Dragon

## 8. Meeting adjourned @ 8:10 p.m.