



Fieldcrest Elementary School
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Parent Council Minutes

Monday, October 28, 2019

Attendees:

- School Administration:** Kim Walke (Principal), Len Dunkley (Vice Principal)
- Staff Representatives:** Anne Wright, Rosette McLeod, Tereena Clarke
- Voting Parents:** Angela Bava (Chair), Leslie Blot (Secretary), Jen Lambie, Lindsey Lewis, Julianne Lianos, Val Salo, Devon Walsh
- Non-Voting Parents:** Stephanie Swaine

Absent (with regrets): Christine Kitchen, Celine Bucknell, Nele Meuleman, Shari Elson, Sumayya Khan

Call to Order:	Kim Walke @6:32 pm
Approval of Minutes from September 23 Meeting:	
	Accepted by all voting members present
School Report:	
Overview of EQAO 2018-2019 Results (Kim)	
	Copies of last school year's EQAO testing results for the school as a whole were distributed to council for review. It was explained that these test results are a "snapshot of how students are able to make their thinking visible". Grade 3 test covers grades 1-3, Grade 6 test covers grades 4-6. Individual student results went home to parents the 2 nd week of October.
School Code of Conduct (Kim)	
	Council members were reminded that the school's Code of Conduct (written by the school board, based on its safe schools priorities) can be found in the opening pages of the student agendas. Parents are encouraged to review this code of conduct with their children annually (or more often if deemed appropriate) to ensure understanding and adherence. Parent feedback on the content of this code of conduct is welcomed, and can be addressed with the school administration. It was stated that there will be more focus on this code of conduct at the next council meeting.
Student Safety (Len)	
	<p>The school is all about safety. Arrows in the hallways to assist with pedestrian traffic flow, reminders to use the railings in the stairwells. Emergency Procedures: school has already had fire drills and lockdown practice. There will be a Tornado drill in the Spring.</p> <p>Our school has the benefit of a very large yard, so there is plenty of space for all students to play at recess. Administration has however designated certain areas of play space for certain grade groups in the interest of safety. During primary recess the entire South section of the yard (from the ball diamond to the fence at Blue Dasher Blvd is off limits to the SK-3 students. Designated space for these students is the tarmac and the play area behind the SW entrance where there are tires, sand, a stage etc. The soccer field at the West side of the school is also available. However SK students will be discouraged from joining older siblings (in say grade 2 or 3) that might be playing soccer there, as there is a concern for the safety of the younger students joining the more advanced play of the older students.</p> <p>During Junior/Intermediate recess, juniors (gr 4-6) have the use of the South and South-West fields, Intermediates stay primarily to the North/North-West area of the yard.</p> <p>The school has many pylons that are used to cordon off areas, help direct vehicular and pedestrian traffic and to indicate clear designated waiting areas, or line-up areas.</p> <p>Students are keeping their cell phones away during school hours (unless being used for educational purposes within the classroom. However, at the end of the day, students can be observed walking across the property on their way home, staring at their phones. This could be considered unsafe behaviour, as when your head is down you are not focused on potential hazards or other people</p>

	around you, and accidents could happen. So staff will be watching for that and addressing it as deemed appropriate.
School Site Traffic and Pedestrian Flow Review (Len)	
	<p>The school board hired a consultant to conduct a site study on traffic and pedestrian flow. The consultant has conducted a study outside the school during morning arrival and again at the end of the day around dismissal, as well as interviewing staff members. The findings will be taken back to the school board for review.</p> <p>On a related note, per Kim Walke, the board has also authorized a Site Assessment to determine potential additional parking, or other property reconfiguration that may be appropriate and feasible.</p>
Student Engagement Activities (Anne, Rosette, Tereena)	
	<p>The Moving EDGE-ucation event went very well.</p> <p>The Equity Team has been busy with displays in the lobby, and presented at the character assemblies this past Friday. Bullying Awareness/Prevention is next focus. Slogan/Logo "Students are the 'I' in KIND". Earlier this month there was a Newcomer Recognition event in Barrie, at which one of our staff (Mrs G) received an award for her photography.</p> <p>Eco Squad/Green Team – students have been focusing on proper sorting of waste/recycling, reminding their fellow students, and when necessary getting right in there with gloved hands sorting any misplaced items into proper receptacles. They have also been reminding people to rinse containers (yoghurt, apple sauce, etc.) before placing in the recycling bin. November's focus will be on idling in the parking lot. December will be "Lights Out Lunch" (LOL). Our LOL "Ninjas" will be going around to classrooms checking to see that lights are out (some essential lighting may still be on, but the idea is conservation).</p> <p>Garden Club – Our garden has been taking shape. Had some high school kids in to help with the clipping and trimming. Call out to families, the garden club is still looking for donations of gardening gloves and leaf bags. One of our school goals this year is to obtain the Eco School Certification. Anne Wright will be attending a workshop in November to learn more about how we can accumulate points toward this goal. Again, parent help and support with this initiative would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Sports – Flag Football team is off to finals, Chess Club going well, Cross Country, Junior Volleyball just wrapped up.</p> <p>Arts – Performance Club meets once a week to sing, dance or play an instrument. We just had our first performance at the character assemblies this past Friday. Next performance will be in November.</p>
Fundraising Plan	
	<p>Kim asked council if we wanted to do the poinsettia fundraiser again this year. Chair Angela Bava put the motion to the group, it was seconded by Jen Lambie; all voting members were in favour. The poinsettia fundraiser will go forward again this year. Jen and Angela will take the lead on this. Leslie mentioned that she had come across some fundraising ideas at the Connections Parent Council Networking event that she attended last week at the Board Education Centre in Barrie. One of the fundraising options that caught her attention was the Multiple Choice Fundraising. One of the suggested themes was "Rock the Green Scene" which would personalize items such as reusable straws, reusable bags, reusable water bottles, tree planting kits etc. The thought was it might tie in nicely our Eco School Certification goal. More discussion on this and other fundraising options will occur on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>In the interest of expediency, no further fundraising discussion took place at this time and Kim directed council to the next order of business, the Admin Profile.</p>
Review of School Council Annual School & Administrator Profile 2018-2019	
@7:28 pm all faculty and admin staff adjourned to leave the parent members of council to discuss the Admin Profile	
	Council members discussed potential revisions, or amendments to this document to update it for the current 2019-2020 school year.
	**Additional discussion around fundraising ideas took place at this time as well. Angela had a suggestion for a "Family Photo Day". Idea was that perhaps we could get a local photographer to donate their time. Families would pay a fee (tbd) for a family portrait that would go to the school. All present council members liked the idea. Angela will discuss feasibility with Kim Walke at a later date. Leslie presented a list of possible fundraising ideas to the group for consideration.

Meeting adjourned @8:04 pm. Next meeting: Monday, November 18, 6:30-7:45pm in the library