



PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 16, 2023 | 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Members: Kristy Fallon, (co-chair), Sonali Bhojwani (co-chair), Leslee Ledger (Treasurer), Catherine Piper (Secretary), Christy Wilson, Jeremy Nowiski , Paula Hamilton **General**

Assembly: Kelsey Borbey, Christine Eif, Kristina Paddison, Michelle Babin. Regrets: Jamila Ahmed, Saylor Kain, Cathy Miles.

TIME	ITEM	Action
7:30 - 7:35 pm	Welcome, Land Acknowledgement & Introductions	
7:35 - 7:40 pm	Introductions & New Attendees' Contact - online attendance at https://forms.gle/LNtSLfAgJyoKJxk38	
7:40 - 7:45 pm	<p>Approval of Draft Agenda (November) & October Minutes</p> <p>Minutes motion: Leslee Ledger</p> <p>Second: Sonali Bhojwani</p> <p>Agenda Motion: Paula Hamilton</p> <p>Agenda Second: Leslee Ledger</p>	
8:05 – 8:35 pm	<p>Updates from sub committees:</p> <p>Outdoor Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The presentation on outdoor classrooms was delivered and discussed in November. Staff members love the ideas but struggle with the costs. The school needs value for money. A local school bought resources for an outdoor mobile classroom: chairs (free from Ikea), whiteboard, \$1,000. With our options, there are many safety/liability hurdles to overcome with the Board. The Board needs to ensure the materials are to code and with tendered companies. ● We can look into a mobile classroom and corporate donations, such as from Ikea. We have the 10K grant. 	<p>Christy Wilson et al.</p> <p>To look into the ideas of a mobile classroom and corporate donations.</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The outdoor classroom was initiated because it's hot in the classroom May/June. It would be a learning space that community groups could also use – the Beavers, etc. ● Discussion to be continued. <p>Fundraising and Events</p> <p>Gift of Giving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Successful event. Raised \$508.75. Kids loved it. This time smoother. Not much left over from sale. Books donated. <p>Movie Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There's an issue with permit, following up with OCDSB. ● Once the permit issued, kids will vote between movies. <p>Lunch Lady</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Landed on Wednesday; just need a time. ● We had discussed not including Kinders. ● \$1 per meal goes back to the school. ● 50 purchases are needed to justify Lunch Lady coming. ● We can trial Lunch Lady. She can do special days. ● We will trial Pancake Wednesday in Feb, Valentine's Day. <p>Popcorn Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There are enough volunteers. 	<p>Kristy Fallon & Jeremy Nowiski</p> <p>Resolve permit issue for Movie Night</p> <p>Christy Wilson & Jeremy Nowiski</p> <p>Discuss to trial Lunch Lady for Pancake Wednesday in February</p> <p>Kelsey Borbey</p> <p>Reach out to teachers for kids who say they're supposed to get hot dogs.</p>
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	<p>Hot Dog Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Going well. A few kids still say they're supposed to get hot dogs. We check with Lesley and will reach out to teachers to reach out to the parents. Kids are happy. <p>Run for Fun</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Field is paid for, everything signed. All permits in a folder. There's a few more follow up items with the City. ● Circus Delight, BBQ Grill Masters booked. Need activity committee meeting, to start soon. ● Last year, students reached out to local businesses, did really well, received donations. ● PTC members last year had some great affiliations, so we'll send an email and get PTC members/parents to reach out. <p>Fundraising Ideas / Lottery Licence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boston Pizza St. Laurent location. Considering an evening in March. Parents bring their kids. Will update shortly. <p>Other Items</p> <p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Website updated: latest minutes, PTC members, events, committees, role, fundraising, funded projects. 	<p>Christine Eif & Run 4 Fun</p> <p>Follow up with City on remaining items – re., Run 4 Fun.</p> <p>Email PTC members & parents for affiliations.</p> <p>Sonali Bhojwani</p> <p>Check with Boston Pizza St. Laurent for event</p> <p>Kristy Fallon</p> <p>To update minutes with PRO Grant - library</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Looks fantastic, and the goal is to regularly update. https://fallingbrookes.ocdsb.ca/school_council <p>Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PRO grant – library - books likely to come in January or during the winter break. Hoping to get before February when a section of the library should be made available for them. 	
8:35 - 8:45 pm	<p>Principal Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A great start to the New Year. ● We are building phonics into assessments to help us identify kids who need extra support. ● In reading/writing, Fallingbrook is at or above averages across the Board. ● Our school is trying to focus on Mathematics. ● For wellness, we talk about the importance of extracurricular activities and we try to include as many kids and grades as possible. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Glee club, grade 7/8 band, choir, intermediate girls basketball, boys basketball, space club, boardgames club, cat club, Rubiks Cube club, etc. ○ Skating rink opening soon. Some students will start coming out next week. Mandatory CSA helmets. ○ Acro roping, ski/snowshoeing days start in Feb. ○ Trying to be as cost effective as possible. ● Report cards – going home in February. 	<p style="text-align: right;">PTC</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board kindergarten information night, January. The one in May is where the teachers take the lead. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PTC will attend both kindergarten events. Danny is great at speaking at these events. ● Behind the scenes, we’re starting to think about next school year; how many students we can welcome, transfer requests. Many students will be heading to high school. We will be holding presentations from high schools and a guidance counsellor will visit next week from S.W.L. Grade 8 students will begin to input their course selections. ● The school is in a good place. The tone of the school is a sense of calm. We feel the kids are happy. The feedback we’re typically getting is that things are going well. This year, only 1 student of Grade 6 left to St Pete’s. We’re always adjusting to make things better. ● P. Hamilton. The morning announcements set the day. We always have the principle reminding us of how fortunate we are. We start with a joke. Mr. Nowiski sets a great tone. 	Attend kindergarten information sessions – possibly recruit Danny.
8:30 - 8:32 pm	<p>Questions about Community Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Distributed earlier via e-mail ● No questions 	
8:32 - 8:34 pm	<p>Questions about Treasurer’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Distributed earlier via e-mail ● No questions 	
8:34 - 8:40 pm	<p>Funding Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Power. When we had our holiday concert, we needed additional microphones \$130 request. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to approve: Christy 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Second: Michelle ● Ms. Trigger. \$200 request to mount last two years of graduating students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to approve: Christy ○ Second: Michelle ● Another teacher wants to start an arts & crafts club. \$200 request. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Give a smaller amount and donate arts & craft supplies to make up the remainder. ○ Request a list of needed items. ● P. Hamilton. Love to Groove. Prices higher this year, from \$1864.50 to \$2994.50. What is the rationale? Last year, SSD funding was applied. The cost was originally \$2100. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Let's get more information. 	<p>PTC</p> <p>Ask for a list of things needed for the Arts & Crafts club.</p> <p>Bring in Arts & Crafts donations.</p> <p>Paula Hamilton</p> <p>To receive more information of Love to Groove cost increase.</p>
8:40 - 9:00 pm	<p>Member Items (new business/ideas) and goodbyes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kindergarten Info Night - Jan 31 – PTC to attend both. ● Back stage is a mess. We are going to look into getting rubber totes and shelving. We need the team to sort. 	<p>Sonali Bhojwani</p> <p>To provide a quote on rubber totes and shelving.</p>
9:00 pm	<p>Goodbyes and Adjournment</p> <p>Motion:</p> <p>Second:</p>	

*** See Treasurer's Report and Community Report attached**