

# MINUTES

## Fred C Cook Parent Council Meeting

*Monday February 6, 2023 @ 6:00pm*

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### In Attendance

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Kelly Gorecki - Chair, Michelle Atkinson – Secretary, Tina Craig, Audrey Cos, Amy Vryonides, Sarah Balsas, Shaina Pirri, Jessica Brickell, Janya Strever, Emily Strawbridge. Staff: Greg Blakeley – Interim Principal, Anne Wright – Vice Principal, Lynne Brown, Sandra Smith.

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- Land Acknowledgement

- Introductions

### Principal's Report

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Principal Blakely presented the report.

#### New Business

- Fred C Cook is currently the smallest school in Bradford, therefore there is a possibility that catchment areas will be reviewed in order to even out attendance levels in the local schools. There is room for 6 portables. There is also an apartment building in development stages at the site of the Community Centre that may necessitate a boundary review.
- Principal Blakely and Vice Principal Wright will be at Fred C Cook until the end of this school year, possibly into September and have adopted a permanent frame of mind/approach for the Administration of the school which has had a lot of changes over the past months.
- There are some areas of Student Behaviour that need improvement – Examples are leaving the school property for lunch and not returning and/or returning late, inappropriate language, disrespectful attitude towards staff. The students should understand that respect is a two-way street, you have to give it in order to get it.
- Student Leadership meeting – Students in Grades 6,7 and 8 met yesterday to brainstorm and discuss opportunities for student leadership within the school community. Some examples are student ambassadors and running the school assemblies.
- Professional Learning will be taking place over the next months with every single staff member having the opportunity to participate in classes focused on Math, the Science of Reading, Harmony Movement (encouraging inclusion)
- Grade 8 year end trip will be a 2 night overnight (Wed-Fri) camp trip. The camp has a structured program that the students will be able to take part in.

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### Discussion

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#### Fundraising

Box of Cards – the Assorted variety box has been identified as the Spring fundraiser with the proposed campaign dates being from April 5 – 19. All unsold boxes must be sent back to the school by the end of the campaign, along with all of the orders. Volunteers will be required to run the fundraiser and assist with the tracking of boxes, orders etc.

Popcorn Sales – The process of purchasing popcorn will be changed to advance sales through Schoolcash online for a higher degree of accountability.

Movie Night – Our Winter Movie Night was cancelled so we are hoping to have a Movie Night in March. \*A planning meeting for this event will take place Mon March 6 at 6:00 pm in the FCC Library.\*

McMillan Cookie Dough – timeline was a little shorter and caught some people off guard and missed the opportunity to order.

#### **Hot Lunches**

We would like to try adding another Hot Lunch option – perhaps on Friday in addition to pizza day. Other options considered in the past are Mr. Sub, Tim Hortons. Zucca’s has been suggested by Audrey – they provide options like pasta, chicken fingers, meatball sandwich etc. – Audrey to check whether they would be able to accommodate a hot lunch for Fridays. \*To be revisited\*

#### **Kindergarten Graduation**

Will there be an onsite graduation offered for the Sr Kindergarten students this year? To be followed up with the Kindergarten teachers as to what is the plan.

#### **Grade 8 Graduation**

Discussion as to the merits or having the graduation ceremony onsite or somewhere in the community – inclusivity and accessibility are factors to be considered. Security and Supervision are easier to carry out if onsite. The gym would be set up with a stage and seating for the parents. In the past the tickets for the audience have been capped at 4 per graduate. After the ceremony the graduates and their family would mingle in the hallways, foyer as the Gym was set up for the dance. Do the graduating class want a dance? Other venue options considered were the Portuguese Cultural Centre, the Community Centre of the high school. Bond Head has been struck off the list – Kelly to advise them to release the date they had been tentatively holding for us - Monday, June 26. Venue and Catering options will require further research. \*To be revisited\*

#### **Carnival**

Would we like to try to have a Carnival again? There was an overwhelming turnout last year and despite long line ups and not enough supplies of some items the overall consensus was that families enjoyed the event. Could we have more inflatables this year? \*To be revisited at the next meeting\*

#### **Parent Reaching Out Grant**

The Parent Reaching Out Grant has been procured this year and the school will be hosting an event May 3<sup>rd</sup> to coincide with Mental Health Awareness Month.

#### **OPHEA**

Fred C Cook has gotten involved with Ontario Physical and Health Education Association for the first time this year. The focus is on promoting physical activity, mental health and healthy eating, The school is looking for community members to get involved or provide input. Some students have also signed up to take part.

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#### Next Meeting

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**Movie Night Planning Meeting – Monday March 6, 2023 @ 6:00 pm – Library**

**Next Parent Council Meeting – Monday April 6, 2023 @ 6:00 pm – Library**