



Fred Varley Public School
School Council Meeting

Date & Time: Monday, September 30th, 2024. 6:30 to 7:30pm
Format: In-Person, Learning Commons

ATTENDEES:	
Ahad Somjee (student rep) Alice Annicia Jainaraine Casey Semple Conrad Semple Daksha Sharma (voting member) Deb Knott (Vice Principal) Eileen Chiang Flora Li (voting member, treasurer/secretary) Hirosh A (voting member) Jesse Lam (voting member) Lisa Ly (voting member) Lisa Maggie Mak-Chong (voting member, co-chair) Maria Michael Leung (Teacher) Sarah Orvis (voting member, co-chair) Surahi Xiao Absent: Karen Au (voting member)	

MINUTES (September)	
Agenda Topic	Details
Welcome & Sign In	Sarah welcomed attendees and guests signed in

Approve of Agenda	The September agenda was presented for review & approval. Agenda was approved
Administrator's message	<p>Ms. Knott provided administration updates. Discussions were focused on upcoming events, as follows:</p> <p>Fire drill, Hold & Secure, Lock Down & Bomb Threat drills: Staff and students participated in Safety Week at Fred Varley. A number of drills were conducted to ensure all safety procedures are followed</p> <p>September School Reorganization: The reorganization happened on September 27th. Mr. Park & Ms. Knott checked in on the staff and students impacted by the reorganization to ensure the first day was going well. The reorganization was explained in further detail. In January/February, the school is given a projection on the number of students for the next academic year. From this projection, classes are preliminary established. When the new academic year begins, enrollment numbers will differ and therefore, the classes are reorganized to reflect true enrollment numbers and to allow further new 'enrollments' to take place for the rest of the academic year.</p> <p>Extracurricular activities: Ms. Knott discussed a meeting that was held with the teachers to discuss how extracurricular activities will be handled in the new school year. Fred Varley staff are committed to providing extracurricular activities to enhance student learning experiences throughout the year.</p> <p>October 9 Curriculum Night: The curriculum night is designed for parents and students to meet and discuss the overall curriculum. There will be two sessions held, each with a 15-minute presentation. Parents and caregivers are invited to participate to get an understanding of how the curriculum is taught in the classrooms.</p> <p>Terry Fox Run: The annual Terry Fox run is scheduled for October 11th. Volunteers are requested and if interested, can contact Mr. Bernstein (link provided in Edsby). An assembly was held for the students to build awareness to the cause</p> <p>School Photo Day: Photo day is scheduled on October 15th</p> <p>Progress reports: To be sent in November</p>

Chair's message	<p>Sarah Orvis welcomed all parents and caregivers to the meeting. She provided fundraising highlights from last academic year:</p> <p>Movie Nights - Fred Varley held two free movie nights to enrich student experience. The movie nights were free of charge to ensure equitable access and enhanced student wellness / experience at Fred Varley</p> <p>Winter Dance - The first annual winter dance was held last year. The feedback was very positive. The dance was fully funded by parent council</p> <p>Chocolate Sales - chocolate sales required extensive involvement from families but did help raise over \$4,000 for school initiatives</p> <p>Other purchases that were funded by school council, include: Athletics, Music Licenses, Music instruments and stands,</p> <p>Total funds raised last year was around \$27,000 and she thanked all families for their continuous support.</p>
Forming Parent Council	<p>Sarah introduced the different ways that a parent / caregiver is able to participate in school events and/or school council:</p> <p>As a voting member - There is a maximum of 15 voting members on the parent council. All voting members are expected to attend the council meetings and vote on all spending requests presented to the council. As a voting member, a certain level of commitment is required. This includes attending all council meetings and responding to requests for votes in a reasonable time frame.</p> <p>As an executive - There are three elected executive roles, including Chair (or Co-chair), Treasurer and Secretary.</p> <p>As a volunteer on subcommittees - Any parent / caregiver with a child(ren) attending Fred Varley can volunteer and be on subcommittees. These subcommittees are formed to help run and assist in school-related events (e.g. Pizza lunches, subway lunches). All are welcome to join</p> <p>After reviewing the roles, an expression of interest and voting period began.</p>

	<p>12 voting members were selected: Partial list: Sarah Maggie Flora Karen Daksha Lisa Annie Hirosh 4 members - details to be provided Student rep (later discovered student rep is not allowed to vote)</p> <p>Chair/Co Chair: Sarah Orvis / Maggie Mak-Chong Treasurer: Flora Li Secretary: Open (to be assumed by Flora Li) until further notice</p>
Treasury Report & Funding Initiatives	<p>Flora Li presented the treasury report for September 2024. A balance of \$5,500 was carried over from last year with administration approval. The funds were reserved for Music, Athletics and other teacher wish-list items.</p> <p>The following initiatives were brought forward and voted on:</p> <p><u>Athletics - Nets / gym equipment</u> Funds requested: \$2,324 Vote: 10 votes/12 votes QUORUM Itemized List: Gym Equipment: 1-7/8" Tripod Volleyball/Pickleball Steel Post Set (1 set) - \$1,162 Gym Equipment: Volleyball 6' End Post Pads (1 pair) - \$756 Gym Equipment: Volleyball UniPost 32' Net 3mm Braid, Steel Cables \$300 Gym Equipment: Adapter for 1-7/8" to 2-3/8" - \$106</p> <p><u>iPad Purchases</u> Funds requested: \$1,677 Vote: 10 votes/12 votes QUORUM Itemized List: "iPad 10th Gen 64 GB" (3 at \$599 each = \$1,677)</p>

Note: Cost of otterbox \$180 was not included in the vote, however, it should be purchased along with the ipads to ensure longevity. Council recommends that school funds be used to purchase the otterbox

Music - Euphonium:

Funds requested: \$800

Vote: 10 votes/12 votes QUORUM

Itemized List:

Euphonium (1 @ \$800)

February Dance:

Funds requested: \$800

Vote: 11 votes/12 votes QUORUM

Cookie Dough Sales:

Funds requested: the cost of purchases will be covered by sales.

Orders will be put through based on actual quantities purchased and will not require upfront costs.

Vote: 9 votes/12 votes QUORUM

Other fundraisers/initiatives that were discussed:

Mealbets - a general discussion was held and most agreed that it was a great option for students. The translation can be improved as some were misleading. Maggie Mak-Chong will bring this up to Mealbets as a feedback for improvement. Most attendees approved the idea of having Mealbets as an added option for the school (other than Kids Kitchen)

Pizza - Reginos' will continue to be the vendor for 2024/25. Parents expressed concern on the taste and limited variety (cheese only).

Pizza will be available from Oct 17 to Dec 19th

Subway - subs will continue to be offered in 2024/25. Maggie Mak-Chong has discussed with the vendor that subs should have more filling (meat, veggies). This vendor will be used for one term before council reconvenes to discuss alternates if quality continues to be an issue

<p>Next School Council Meeting & Closing</p>	<p>Next council meeting will be tentatively held on Oct 28th (6:30 - 7:30 pm) in person. All meetings will be held on Mondays (3rd Monday of the month)</p> <p>Other council meeting dates to be discussed at the next meeting. The target will be to have at least six meetings in total.</p> <p>Tentative dates as follows (Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 - September 30th 2 - October 28th 3 - <i>November 25th</i> <i>January - subcommittees TBD</i> 4 - <i>February 24th</i> 5 - <i>April 7th</i> 6 - <i>May 12th</i> <p>Meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for October 28th (6:30 pm - 7:30 pm)</p>
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