

**Draft Minutes Jan 16, 2019, Fred Varley School Council Meeting**  
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**Attendance:** Kara Easton, Hirosh Abeywardane, Naveen Vadlamudi, Anita Jarchow, Sarah Buck, Niki Paizis, Fion Lee-Madan, Eliza Hong  
**Staff:** Dina Fabian (Principal), Janice Franklin (Vice Principal)  
**Students:** N/A  
**Absent:** ??

Item	Discussion	Action Item
<b>Welcome</b>	Welcome to the Fred Varley School Council (FVSC) meeting.	
<b>Approval of last meeting's minutes (Nov 28, 2018)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All approved.</li> </ul>	Motion Anita Second Fion
<b>Principal's message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both girls and boys intermediate basketball teams won the area pennant and went on to the regional tournament</li> <li>• FI students have been doing a program called Chef de L'Ecole - very successful, lots of parent volunteers; paid for by a grant</li> <li>• Social Media presentation - This came from feedback from the Gathering last year. It went very well for for the students, but the parent turnout was poor. Consequently, the decision was made to cancel the Alyson Schaefer parenting presentation. We need to think about how to meet parents' needs to give them the information they are looking for without having people have to come to school for an evening. A suggestion was made that paper versions of newsletters or flyers with information might be a better way to communicate. We need to continue to explore effective methods of giving parents the information they are seeking.</li> <li>• EQAO is in May. Grade 6's will write 2 sessions a day over a 3 day period. Grade 3's will write a section a day for 6 days. There will be some preparation in class for the students who are writing the test to familiarize them with the format of the test.</li> <li>• The grade 3's will be doing the Swim to Survive program.</li> <li>• Track and Field season is coming. There will be a school meet for grades 4 - 8 and then some students will have an opportunity to go to the area meet.</li> <li>• The grade 8 trip to Montreal is next week. There are only two students who are not going – one due to an extended vacation and the other due to</li> </ul>	

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	<p>personal preference. Financial assistance was provided for a few families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Town Halls and the Gathering – All students from grades 1 to 8 have participated in town halls where they gathered in small groups with grade 6, 7, 8 student leaders to discuss issues that are a concern to them. The topics of discussion were drawn from the last school climate survey. The results of these conversations will be used to determine the focus of discussion at the Gathering of Our Voices event for parents and guardians which will take place on May 1. These conversations will be incorporated into the school plan with the goal to be to change school and classroom practice.</li> <li>• The Director’s Annual Plan asks us to place focus on students who may be underserved and underperforming, due to the fact that they may be marginalized, vulnerable, or struggling. All of our homeroom teachers have had professional development time to reflect on who might be underserved in their classrooms. Each teacher has chosen a few students of focus and they will be trying some different approaches with their classes to try to better meet the learning needs of all students, but especially those who are underserved.</li> <li>• There are lots of cocurricular activities going on.</li> <li>• The \$2000 from the cancelled parenting speaker might be reallocated for an equity fund to bring in different speakers, events, presentations that would help our students to see themselves represented at school.</li> </ul>	
<b>Treasury report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris Vollum, Digital Intelligence speaker, has been paid for.</li> <li>• Hot chocolate and cups for Carnival were provided</li> <li>• Some money has been spent for math night prizes and activities in addition to the initial \$1000, most of which will go to Jump2Math</li> <li>• The Valentine’s treats were much less that expected</li> <li>• Projected Funds - At the end of the year, we are projected to have about \$3500, plus the extra for cost sharing for next year.</li> </ul>	
<b>Sub-Committees</b>	<p><b>i. Parenting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The parenting speaker scheduled for April 17 has been cancelled due to a lack of interest in evening presentations. The Regional Parent Symposium is on April 17. Interested parents should contact the school office by Friday, April 5 if they would like to register.</li> </ul> <p><b>ii. Fundraising (Pizza, Popcorn, Movie Night etc.)</b>  <b>Pizza</b></p>	

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	<p><b>Movie night</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It will take place on Wednesday, April 10. RSVPs are low – Ms. Franklin will send out an email reminder and make announcements for students. Teachers will continue to remind their students about the poster contest</li> </ul> <p><b>Spirit Wear</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kara reported on the online spirit wear project.</li> <li>The available clothing will include - red hoodies, with zip and without, black, white and red t-shirts (red will have a white logo, white will have red, black will have red), baseball shirt - white with red sleeves, mesh shorts in black with red logo, baseball hats (red and black), tuque with a white logo, cinch sack with zipper on the side and sturdy cords.</li> <li>The prices have all been raised by \$3 or \$4 to make a profit. The suggested prices are comparable to Sam Chapman.</li> <li>There is a question about bundling - would a discount be a possibility if someone orders several items.</li> <li>Can we use some of the budget to buy samples? Motion to approve \$250 to order samples of spirit wear</li> </ul> <p><b>Cookies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider chocolate chip or triple chocolate cookies. Cookies will be ordered on by April 30 to be delivered on May 8</li> </ul> <p><b>New fundraising ideas:</b></p> <p><b>iii. Pro Grant</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$1000 approved.</li> </ul> <p><b>iv. Math Night</b></p>	<p>Motion – approve funds to be spent for purchasing snacks for the movie night Motion – Niki Seconded – Kara All in favour</p> <p>Motion – to spend \$250 to buy samples of clothing  Motion – Anita Seconded – Fion All in favour</p> <p>Motion - Niki Seconded - Kara All in favour</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rescheduled for Wednesday, May 22</li></ul>	
<b>New business/topics discussed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Teacher Appreciation Lunch will be on Friday, June 21. Anita volunteered to take leadership on this.</li></ul>	
<b>Next meeting/Dates for meetings for year of 2018-2019</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Upcoming meeting dates<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wed May 15, Wed Jun 12</li></ul></li></ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FVSC meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.</li></ul>	

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