

École F.A.H. School Council

January 19, 2023

Agenda

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**Attendance: Christine Labelle, Ryan Gibb,
Emilia McCormack, Brittany Smith, Anneliis
Poldre, Cathryn Spence**

No changes to agenda; minutes approved.

1. Welcome, review agenda, approve minutes
2. Land Acknowledgement and Anti-Racism Statement
3. Principal's Update
4. Financial Update
5. School Council Bylaws
6. Adjourn Meeting
 - Next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2023

We would like to acknowledge that École Fred A. Hamilton is situated on the ancestral, treaty and title lands of the Michi Saagig of the Credit. The Michi Saagig of the Credit hold legal and specific rights in this territory. This area has been, and continues to be, home for Indigenous Peoples and non-Indigenous Peoples.

At the Upper Grand District School Board, we strive to ensure the inclusion of First Nation, Métis and Inuit histories and perspectives in our schools, our system and our school communities. By recognizing and promoting an awareness of these histories and contemporary realities, we will support the holistic success of all our students, in particular our First Nation, Métis and Inuit students.

As an educational community we have a responsibility to identify and describe racism and oppression and then work to dismantle it. The Upper Grand District School Board is committed to disrupting systemic racism and oppression in all of its forms. We will implement ongoing mandatory anti-racism and anti-oppression training for all staff, review our protocols and policies, including our hiring practices, and be fully transparent and accountable to all Upper Grand students, staff, families, and stakeholders in an ongoing manner.

Principal's Update

Congratulations M. Adams!

Our school team would like to extend congratulations to M. Adams! Effective January 9, 2023, M. Adams is the Vice-Principal and J.D. Hogarth Public School in Fergus. Bonne chance!

Staffing Updates

We are delighted to welcome back Mme McMillan and Mme Zadro. Mme McMillan is our new Teacher/Librarian, Planning and Grade 3 teacher. Mme Zadro is returning full time from her parental leave and will be teaching students in FKA. Mme Ally and Mme Nancy will be our new morning greeters. We wish Mme Greta a very happy retirement! Mme Fairchild, our Child and Youth Counsellor, will continue to support students at our school until the end of June.

Library Volunteers

Mme McMillan, our new Teacher/Librarian, is looking for volunteers to help in the library. The time commitment could be an hour or two one day per week, once or twice per month or when you are available. Mme McMillan is looking for help shelving non-fiction books. If you are available, please contact Mme McMillan at tmcmillan@ugcloud.ca or via the school office at (519) 836-0080.

University of Guelph Students on Placement

Welcome back Mme Lorena and Mme Lily! Mme Lorena will be supporting Grade 3 and 4 students in Mme Young, Mme Hodges and Mme Mansfield's classes as well as in the library with Mme McMillan. Mme Lily will be supporting students in all three Kindergarten classes. Mme Sydney will be joining us soon and will be supporting students in Mme Poldre and Mme Woodward's classes.

Kindergarten Registration

The French Immersion on-time application window for registration for the 2023-24 school year will open from January 10 – January 27 at 4:00 p.m. for children born in 2019. Each UGDSB elementary school that offers FI has a Junior Kindergarten enrollment cap. École Fred A. Hamilton has a JK enrolment cap of 35. JK is the only entry point for French Immersion in UGDSB. Further information can be found on the [UGDSB JK FI Information](#) webpage. If your student is currently in JK at our school, you do not need to re-register for SK.

Human Trafficking Webinar for Parents

[Human Trafficking Poster 1.0.pdf](#) Please join Women In Crisis Educator, Cindy McMann, and Jaseth Purcell, Human Trafficking Counsellor, for an informative webinar which will provide information to parents and guardians about human trafficking: what it is, how traffickers operate, red flags and risk factors and ways to talk about this issue with young people. January 31st 6pm-7pm on Zoom. [Registration link](#)

Trips and Activities

Grade 3 and 4 students went to the River Run Centre on November 29th to participate in a multicultural mosaic with songs called “Celebrate! Holidays of the Global Village”. On November 30th, Alectra Utilities shared an electrical conservation and safety presentation with students. Staff and students participated in two theme weeks in December. From December 12-15, the book *La vie secrète des bonshommes de neige* provided inspiration for many snow and snow-themed activities. From December 16-22, the book *Boxitects* provided inspiration for STEAM challenges. Students shared their STEAM projects with other classes. On January 11th, Officer Sherry, our partner from Guelph Police Services, shared two presentations with students. Students in Mme Poldre, Mme Woodward, Mme Young and Mme Hodges’s classes participated in a presentation on staying safe - personal safety. Students in Mme Mansfield, Mme Tipler and M. Devenny’s classes participated in a presentation on online safety. On January 17th, Grade 1 and 2 students attended a Will’s Jams performance at the River Run Centre with JUNO-nominated musician and educator Will Stroet.

Retro Night - January 26, 2023 from 4:45-6:45 p.m.

Retro Night is back one last time! Mme Young will support On S’engage students with this last activity. M. Adams has agreed to loan us his equipment for the evening. The information flyer was shared with families via the school website, an email blast and Google Classroom posts on Monday.

FYI for Families

From the City of Guelph to Administrators at F.A. Hamilton and Jean Little schools on January 17, 2023:

Effective today, the adult school crossing guard location, Edinburgh at Youngman/Ironwood will be reduced to one adult guard in the afternoon until service levels improve. The morning coverage remains the same.

An invitation to FAH Families

The Priory Park School Council is offering a parent evening on February 22nd at 6:30 p.m. with Chris Vollum. The presentation is about how to support kids as they tackle online stress, anxiety and well-being related to the content they consume, create and share. Parents will walk away with more confidence and skills, plus easy-to-implement strategies to support their kids online.

Digital Intelligence & Well-Being

~ parent learning series ~



TikTok



Snapchat



Instagram



Discord

Welcome, Priory Park families, to our Social Media presentation.

Join us for an evening of meaningful learning on how to support your kids as they tackle online stress, anxiety and well-being related to the content they consume, create and share.

You will walk away with more confidence and skills, plus easy-to-implement strategies to support your kids, online, as you learn;

- How to Inspire Intention & Purpose
- App Privacy and Custom Settings
- Demo of Tiktok, Snapchat & Discord
- Launching Meaningful Conversations

~ Date: **February 22, 2023** ~

~ Time: **6:30pm** ~

~ Location: **Gymnasium** ~

~ with **Chris Vollum** ~

International workshops

Presented to more than
700,000 students throughout
Canada and the United States



Recognized educator on

Twitter, Instagram, Discord,
Snapchat, Facebook, TikTok

Financial Update

FRED A HAMILTON PUBLIC SCHOOL
January 19th 2023

RBC Acc't Name	Opening Balance	Debit	Credit	Closing Balance
SC- Fundraising General	\$590.66	\$1821.02	\$1504.17	\$273.81
SC- Milk	\$0			\$0
SC- PIC	\$0			\$291.64
SC- Playground Maintenance	\$2350			\$2350
	\$2940.66	\$1821.02	\$1504.17	\$2915.45

SC- Fundraising General:
Received \$475 in pizza orders (cost - \$375.71)
Soiree earned \$902.50 (cost - 277.91)
Mables Labels - \$52.07
Milk - \$74.60
Paid for insurance (\$167.40)
Paid for Forest of Reading (\$1000)
PIC FUND was given \$500 (Balance of \$308.67).

PIC funds should be spent by mid-May because the report needs to be submitted by 1 June. (NB for June event – purchase items in advance, by mid-May.)

School Council Bylaws

A draft document will be prepared and forwarded in advance of February's meeting for discussion.

Extra Business

Principal Leadership Input School Council Form - Must be completed by 28 April

Thank You!

Next Meeting: February 16, 2023
