

# École F.A.H. School Council

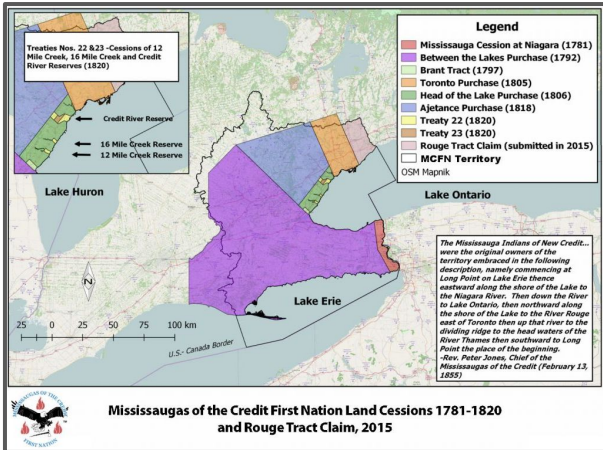
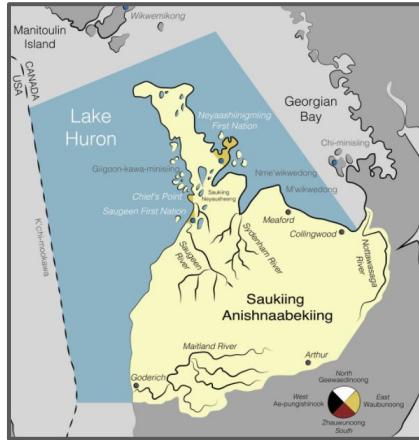
**September 14, 2023**

# Agenda

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**Present (in-person): Christine, Labelle, Tanya Woodward, Tammy Yakabuskie, Catrina Watson, Britt Smith, Liz Martineau, Ryan Gibb, Emilia McCormack, Mary & Nick Marrocco**

1. Welcome, review agenda, approve minutes
2. Land Acknowledgement and Anti-Racism Statement
3. Principal's Update
4. Financial Update
5. Executive Selection
6. Review of 2023-2024 Event Dates
  - Meeting dates: October 19, November 16, January 18, February 15, April 18, May 16
  - Event dates:
    - Open House Pizza Dinner in the Gym - Thursday, September 21 from 5:00-6:00 p.m.
    - Soiree d'hiver - Tuesday, December 19 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
    - End of Year Celebration - Wednesday, June 12 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
7. Fundraising Goals for 2023-2024
8. Playground Upgrades (tentative)
9. Discussion of fundraising initiatives (Time permitting)
10. Review [FAH School Council Draft Bylaws](#) for adoption at October meeting
11. Adjourn Meeting
  - Next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2023 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.



The UGDSB is situated on the ancestral, treaty and title lands of two Anishinaabek Ojibwe Nations: the **Michi Saagig of the Credit** and the **Saugeen Ojibway Nation**. This land also includes a specified tract of land granted to the **Six Nations of the Grand River**. These Nations hold legal and specific rights in their respective territories. This area has been and continues to be home for Indigenous Peoples and non-Indigenous peoples.

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

**Welcome** Mme Liva, Mme Kieswetter and all of our new students and families. Welcome back Mme Longtin and Mme Smith. Congratulations Mme McIntyre.

## **Annual reminders**

### **Video surveillance**

This is a reminder that École Fred A. Hamilton, similar to all schools in the UGDSB, is outfitted with video surveillance cameras, both inside and outside the building. The purpose of the video surveillance cameras is to ensure student/staff safety, and to help reduce vandalism at UGDSB schools. Signage is posted on the outside of the school noting that video cameras are active.

### **Dogs on School Property**

When dropping off or picking up children, dogs must be on a leash and kept on the sidewalk off school property. This is the expectation for all Upper Grand District School Board parents/families. Some students have allergies to animal hair/dander or have a fear of dogs and there's potential for people to be scratched or bitten. Dog walking is not allowed on school property during the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Guelph Bylaw Office**

If you haven't yet had a chance to review the letter from the City of Guelph Bylaw Office, please take a moment to review it [here](#). Please remember that the bus loop is closed to all vehicles, other than buses in the morning from 8:30-9:00 a.m. and from 2:45-3:30 p.m. Please do not stop or park between the No Stopping signs on Ironwood. [A parking map is available on our school website.](#)

# Principal's Update

## **Reminder - nut free, peanut free, scent free environment**

We have children in our school with potential life-threatening allergies (called anaphylaxis) to various foods and other materials. Anaphylaxis is a medical condition that can cause death within minutes. Some of these include: nuts, tree nuts and soy. In recent years, anaphylaxis has increased dramatically among students. Although this may not affect your child's class directly, we are letting you know so that you are aware that we aim to create an allergy safe environment at our school.

Please be aware that some staff and students in our school are extremely sensitive to scented products such as perfumes, colognes, aftershaves, body sprays, air fresheners and pot-pourri, etc. The presence of scented products can adversely affect a person's health, including life threatening reactions. **Please do not wear or use scented products at any time in our school.** Your participation helps to ensure that École Fred A. Hamilton is a healthy and safe learning and working environment for all. Merci.

**University of Guelph Students** - Welcome Mme Jess, Mme Reanna, Mme Kayla and Mme Ashley. Welcome also Mme Emilie.

# Principal's Update

**Reorganization** - When we begin the school year, school organizations are still tentative. Should the number of students registered at the school change, a reorganization of classes may be required. Changes may be necessary in order for our Board to remain compliant with Ministry parameters. Changes are implemented by the end of the second week of school. Principals do not have the option of changing the school organization that is set by the District Staffing Committee of the Board. We are pleased to share that we will not have to reorganize this school year.

**School Open House - Sept. 21** - Please join us at our Open House on Thursday, September 21 from 5-6 (pizza) and 6-7 p.m. (open house).

**Terry Fox Run - Sept. 22**

**Journée Franco-Ontarien - Sept. 25**

**Truth and Reconciliation Week - Sept. 25-29**

**Rowan's Law Day - Sept. 27**

# Principal's Update

## Fundscrip Fundraiser

- log onto [www.fundscrip.com](http://www.fundscrip.com)
- Select SUPPORT A GROUP
- Enter Group Invitation Code **ZNQUYK**
- Select the delivery method you would prefer

metro

Chapters Indigo

Sobeys

Loblaws

Tim Hortons



Walmart



amazon.ca



CINEPLEX



Thank you!





# Financial Update

The SC Fundraising General amount to date is \$1919.82

The Playground Maintenance amount to date is \$2350.00

# Executive Selection

Secretary - Cathryn

Communications - Brittany

Treasurer - Emilia

Co-Chairs - Liz and Mary

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# Fundraising Goals for 2023-34

School Council's main fundraising goals will be directed toward the following initiatives in 2023-24:

- Forest of Reading
- DanceEd

# Open House - September 21, 2023

## Timing:

- 5:00-6:00 - School Council's pizza event
- 6:00-7:00 - Open House

## School Council's Pizza event:

- 12 pizzas currently sold
- Approximately 15 Bubly and 15 juice boxes in the fridge
- Costco gift card - approx \$42 to purchase snacks and/or drinks to sell
- Volunteers needed to set up (anytime between 3:05-4:30), staff the snack bar in the gym (4:45-5:50), clean up (5:50-6:10) - will have linked Google doc to sign up

# Playground Updates (tentative)

- Status from PARCS Annual inspection



Status: SAFE

- The following repairs are recommended
  - Kindergarten climber area - surround barrier is cracked/splintering
  - Pod climber - 3 pods need replacing
  - Balance beam - rough/splintered beam surface

Suggestion -  
proceed to quotes  
this fall

Repairs - early in  
the Spring, 2024



- Dome climber - HOH Rings are getting worn



# Discussion of fundraising initiatives

- Currently School Council fundraises through the three events – in September, December, and June – but do have the option to do others.
- School does Fundscrip, Fresh from the Farm, Book fair in November, perhaps Spiritwear?
- Potential to do Big Box of Cards through SchoolCash–Janet is able to set up by checking with other schools that do it. Send out a flyer asking families to sign up. Liz will reach out to card company. Earmark for playground repairs?
- Set goal for fundraising for the year at next meeting.

# **Review FAH School Council Draft Bylaws (for adoption at October meeting)**

School Council bylaws (previously submitted for review) will be reviewed by all and adopted at the October meeting.



**Thank You!**

**Next Meeting: October 19, 2023**

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