

École F.A.H. School Council

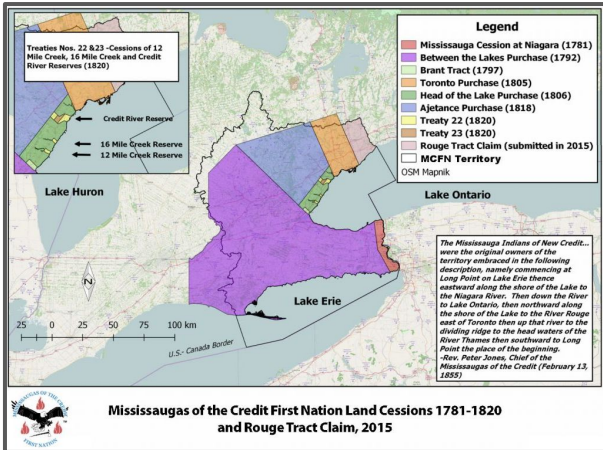
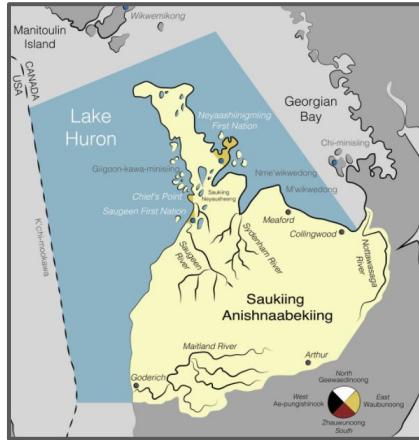
October 19, 2023

Agenda

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Attendance: Christine Labelle, Tanya Woodward, Liz Martineau, Mary Marrocco, Catrina Watson, Britt Smith, Ryan Gibb, Emilia McCormack, Cathryn Spence, Jill Mills, Sarah Garrett, Alexandre Leroy, Tammy Yakabuskie, Usaid Karim

1. Welcome, review agenda, approve minutes
2. Land Acknowledgement and Anti-Racism Statement
3. Principal's Update
4. Financial Update
5. Discussion of fundraising initiatives
6. Volunteers needed
 - i. Big box card fundraising
 - ii. Milk
 - iii. Soiree d'hiver
7. Review [FAH School Council Draft Bylaws](#)
-additional changes??
8. Communication to parents re: lending library, rename?
9. Insurance
10. Adjourn Meeting
 - o Next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 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

Contacting Educators during the School Day

Please note that if you are picking up your student early, or if there is a change of plans for after school dismissal, please contact the office by calling 519 836 0080. During instructional time, educators are engaged with students and not able to check their email. Thank you for your understanding.

Playground Update

Our UGDSB Facilities Operations Coordinator has reached out to a few companies for quote repairs on the HOH rings (i.e., the climber by the dome) and the pods (i.e., on the Kindergarten climber). Quotes will be shared with the School Council once the information is received.

Fresh from the Farm

Thank you to FAH families and staff for supporting our Fresh from the Farm fundraiser. Funds raised will support our dancED residency in May. Further information will be shared soon on the delivery day.

Open House

Thank you to the School Council members for hosting the pizza event prior to our Open House on September 21st and thank you to families and students for visiting staff and classrooms.

Principal's Update

Truth and Reconciliation Week

Truth and Reconciliation Week took place from September 25-29 and culminated with Orange Shirt Day. Many classes participated in the University of Manitoba's National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation Week educational programming. Staff also accessed many resources provided by Colinda Clyne, Indigenous Education Administrator and her team at the UGDSB. Learning and commemorating the truth of Canadian history from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit knowledge keepers is an important aspect of the journey to reconciliation.

Bus Patrol Training

Our bus patrol team attended the annual bus patrol training at Rickson Ridge Public School on September 19. Constable Sherry Pettapiece and Constable Natasha Grant along with folks from Wellington Dufferin Student Transportation Service organized this training event. Students watched the CAA bus patrol training videos as well as participated in situational activities on school buses. Thank you Mme Hartmans and Mme Poldre for organizing our bus and foot patrols this year.

UofG iGEM workshops

On September 25th, the students in Mme Mui and Mme McIntyre's classes participated in University of Guelph iGEM (i.e., the Interdisciplinary synthetic biology team) workshops.

Principal's Update

University of Waterloo STEM workshops

On October 3rd, the students in Mme Mansfield and M. Devenny's classes participated in a full day of STEM workshops at the University of Waterloo.

Junior Cross Country

The Junior Cross Country meet took place on October 4th at Rockwood Conservation Area. Thank you to Mme Mui and Mme Woodward for working with our teams and preparing for this event. Thank you to our parent cheerleaders as well. The students had a great time.

Guelph Police Services Presentations with Constable Natasha

Constable Natasha was at École Fred A. Hamilton on October 10th for class presentations. Mme Poldre and Mme Liva's classes participated in a traffic safety presentation. The three Kindergarten classes participated in a community helpers presentation. M. Devenny and Mme McIntyre's Grade 5 students participated in an anti-bullying presentation. Constable Natasha also delivered a yummy pizza lunch for safety patrols.

Pegasus School Photo Day

Photographers from Pegasus were at École Fred A. Hamilton on October 12 for individual photos. Photo proofs will be delivered to the school and sent home to families shortly. Families who wish to order photos can do so directly on the Pegasus website.

Principal's Update

October 18 was Take Me Outside Day

The following is modified from the Take Me Outside Day website: Take Me Outside is a non-profit organization committed to raising awareness and facilitating action on nature connection and outdoor learning in schools across Canada. Mme Yakabuskie and the small but mighty Équipe Verte prepared activities for Kindergarten to Grade 6 students in the “forest”. The members of the Équipe Verte really wanted to create a “real” scavenger hunt. Picture and word prompts were hidden in the “forest” for students to find to support creative writing activities.

Grade 3 CCAT

This week, Grade 3 students are participating in the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT 7) earlier this month. The CCAT measures cognitive reasoning across verbal, nonverbal, and quantitative domains. The results of the CCAT 7 are based on Canadian norms. This assessment has been constructed to be English Language Learner (ELL) friendly and provides greater equity and fairness for these students. The CCAT 7 is a group administered assessment completed with paper and pencil.

Junior Soccer

The Junior soccer tournament is taking place tomorrow, October 20th at Calvary Baptist Church on Arkell Road. Thank you M. Devenny and Mme Brown for working with our teams and preparing for this event.

Principal's Update

Learning Commons

Thank you Mme Woodward for creating a Learning Commons open learning and sharing opportunity period 6 each day. Mme Woodward works with small groups, exchanges books for students, offers a variety of learning supports and time to explore the MakerSpace resources like the Ozobots and Dash and Dot.

Clubs

Different clubs are starting every day. This week, a Grade 1-3 soccer club started and is hosted by a group of Grade 5 students with support from Mme Brown. Next week, a drama club will be starting and running on Mondays.

Le Conseil

Grade 4-6 students were invited to join the Student Council. The group has named themselves Le Conseil. Many students are participating and the group will meet bi-weekly. Subcommittees include spirit wear and spirit day planning, student newspaper, yearbook, etc.

The spirit wear and spirit day planning subcommittee is pleased to offer Huskies spirit wear to students and families. Orders are open now until October 31st. The online store can be accessed from SchoolWear.ca/FAH



Financial Update

FRED A HAMILTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Financial Summary Date: Oct 19th 2023

RBC Acc't Name	Opening Balance	Debit	Credit	Balance
SC-Fundraising General	\$1,726.63	\$410.37	\$603.56	\$1,919.82
SC- Playground Maintenance	\$2,350.00			\$2,350.00
TOTAL BALANCE	\$4,076.63			\$4,269.82

NOTABLE TRANSFERS OF FUNDS

SC- Fundraising General spent \$394.65 for pizza and \$15.72 for snacks (for the open house)
SC-Fundraising General received \$76.63 from Milk Commission, \$53.93 From Mabel's Labels,
\$473 from the Open House event (\$385 pizza & \$88 snacks)

We are expecting another \$70.61 from Mabel's Labels (\$1,990.43)

Financial update

PIC money (\$500) has been received and is held in the school bank account for parent/community involvement

Last year spent that money for supplies (food, crafts, etc) for events (soiree d'hiver and june event)

Thoughts on where to spend it this year? Same as last year?

- Yes, all in favour.

Fundraising Initiatives

1. Big Box cards – new initiative this year.
2. Soiree d’Hiver
3. End of Year Event
4. “Collect for” initiative through the UGDSB Learning Foundation (i.e., donations over \$20 are eligible for a tax receipt)
5. Donation bucket at DancEd performance
6. Milk

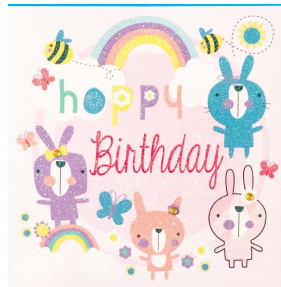
1. Big Box Cards

New fundraising initiative for our school.

Each family gets a demo box of cards sent home(demo can be returned to school at the end of the event, or paid for and kept/sold). Boxes contain 35 cards and are sold for \$35. The Demo box is NOT free. There are currently 2 types of boxes

- a. Birthday <https://www.bigboxfundraising.com/collections/frontpage/products/big-box-of-birthday-cards-new>
- b. Holiday with blanks and thanks <https://www.bigboxfundraising.com/collections/frontpage/products/new-for-fall-2022-big-box-of-holidays-with-thanks-and-blanks>

If enough boxes sold classes/students can potentially get prizes (pizza lunch, gift cards etc.)



1. Big Box Cards

Tentative timeline

- October 23.

Initial communication will go out to families (email to all families) on October 23. This will outline the initiative, explain the procedure, what the funds are being raised for and allow families to opt out if they do not want a box to come home.

Draft email

- October 27

When families have to opt out by (Reminder sent on October 26 – link to Google form)

- November 3

Send home info sheets along with demo boxes with students (one per family). Schoolcashonline is open for orders
Edit info sheet from BIG Box cards- currently talks about money, cheques etc... only school cash online payments??

- November 15

Orders close on school cash, boxes to be returned if family not placing any orders.

1. Big box cards

- November 20 to ??

Go over numbers of orders, and make final tallies. Send final orders to Big Box Cards, who will get us our final delivery of boxes along with final invoice approx. 1 week after we get them the final numbers.

- November 23 and 24

Teacher interviews- Families that are visiting the school those days can pick up boxes of cards at that time.

Nov 20 was rec date for fundraising to close by Big Box stores....ask to close a few days earlier to try to ensure we have boxes by the 23rd/24th??

- Decision made to close orders on Nov. 15

**Will need volunteers to help label/organize demo boxes and again after the final delivery has been dropped off.

2. Soiree d'Hiver

Tuesday December 19th, 2023. 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Previously included: crafts, games (beanbag toss, etc.), gingerbread cookie decorating, hot chocolate/coffee/tea, snack table, winter market, gift baskets

Thoughts on what to include this year??

Volunteers needed - administered through a Google form

Coordinate with Eco team (help with winter market, gift wrapping etc.)

3. End of Year Celebration

Wednesday June 12, 2024. 5:00pm to 7:00pm

- Do we keep this date knowing that school staff may not be able to attend due to report card writing? Decision to stay with this date/change the date can be made at the November meeting.

4. “Collect for” initiative

Send email asking to donations to support

1. danceED
2. Forest of reading
3. Playground repairs

Tentatively scheduled for mid-Feb to mid-March?

5. Donation “bucket” outside of danceED performance

Various options have been presented, from charging for tickets, to charging for extra tickets, to having a donation bucket outside of performance....

6. Milk

Volunteers needed

Approx. 5 minutes/day everyday

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1. Milk

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2. Big box cards

Oct 30 to Nov 2 to label and organize boxes; Nov ??? (Depending on when final delivery made) to label and organize boxes to go home

3. Soiree d'hiver

Plan/oversee crafts, cookies, snacks etc.

Night of event- 30 minute intervals at various spots

- Create a Google Form to parents as a call out for volunteers
- This Google Form will be included in the Nov. Communication to families sent out by the school

FAH School Council Draft Bylaws

Any additional changes?

A few edits were made to the roles of School Council section for clarification purposes.

Ok to approve? **Approved. Adopted October 19, 2023**

Parent Lending Library

Communication to families – in the office, available to all
Re-name to ‘Family lending library’.
Flyer is ready to go.

Insurance

It is recommended that we get insurance for School Council events.

If we get it before Oct 24th it is \$151.20.

Covers from Nov 1 /23 to Oct 31 /24.

Approved. Mme Labelle and Mme Wozniak will ensure that this is ordered prior to the deadline.

Thank You!

Next Meeting: November 16 2023
