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MINUTES

FFCA North Middle School Council Minutes

Date | time April 19,2023 via Google Meet | 6:50 pm

Members

Council

Faruq Suleman, Chair
Zenita Lalani, Secretary
Sanjib Karmaker, Treasurer
Olga Vasina, Fundraising Coordinator

Staff

Doug Lamb, Principal
Jim Poirier, Associate Principal
Ms Freeman, Teacher Representative

Absent

Nourchan Osman, Hot Lunch Coordinator
Ummul Banin, Parental Partnership
Ms Clare, Teacher Representative

Parents

Nourchan Osman, Hot Lunch Coordinator
Ummul Banin, Parental Partnership
Ms Clare, Teacher Representative

Names of Parents and login/logout times

First name	Last name	Time joined	Time exited
Olga	Vasina	6:30 PM	9:43 PM
Shikha	Behera	6:48 PM	9:26 PM
Inder	Brar	7:10 PM	7:12 PM
Ranjodh	Deol	6:31 PM	6:35 PM
Carolee	Freeman	6:32 PM	6:39 PM
Carolee	Freeman	6:35 PM	7:21 PM
AMANDEEP	GARCHA	6:44 PM	9:37 PM
Kirandeep	Gill	7:37 PM	8:21 PM
Gurdeep	Hans	6:35 PM	9:37 PM
Gaurav	Jain	7:28 PM	9:37 PM
Sandip	Kanojia	6:31 PM	9:37 PM
Sanjib	Karmaker	6:29 PM	9:38 PM
Marina	Lakhani	8:16 PM	8:16 PM
Zenita	Lalani	6:32 PM	9:37 PM
Doug	Lamb	6:29 PM	9:43 PM
Jeetu	Malli	6:31 PM	8:09 PM
Inderjit	Mann	6:32 PM	9:43 PM
nirmesh	patel	6:39 PM	6:46 PM
Harshal	Patel	6:33 PM	9:37 PM
Jim	Poirier	6:29 PM	9:10 PM
Pragati	Raut	7:15 PM	9:37 PM
Jasleen	Saini	6:30 PM	9:37 PM
Sugar	Shimmer	6:35 PM	9:37 PM
Faruq	Suleman	6:32 PM	9:41 PM
Karan	Tathgur	7:21 PM	9:05 PM
Sunny	Toor	6:32 PM	9:37 PM
Chiral	Upadhyay	6:30 PM	6:36 PM
Mehraaj	Warring	6:43 PM	6:43 PM
Pawandeep	Warring	6:44 PM	9:19 PM

Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve the April agenda

Motion – Faruq

Second – Zenita

- Motion to approve the April agenda as presented

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the March minutes as presented

Motion – Faruq

Second – Sanjib

- Motion to approve the March minutes as presented approved

Chair Update

- No update due to change in order of agenda
- An electronic motion was made on May 11 by Zenita to spend upto \$200 for scones, fruit and coffee for Teacher Appreciation Week. Seconded by Nourchan. Carried.

Teacher Update (Ms. Freeman)

- There was a cat stuck in a tree- it got retrieved and returned to its owners
- Grade 8 farewell- looking for parent volunteers to help with set up and take down. We will need 6-8 parents on June 26th

Fundraising Coordinator

- Discussed Fundscrip- it will take a while to set up and looks to be a more long term type of fundraiser – therefore we will re-visit this in the next school year
- Discussed possibly holding a pancake breakfast- estimating a cost of approximately \$1000
- Discussed Bollywood gala – activities: henna, dance, possibly cricket and playing a Bollywood movie. Will need to find a date for the food truck vendor to come see the setup prior to the event

Treasurer Update

- See attached report
- We have a balance of \$7200
- Outstanding payment of \$400 for snack packs
- There will be a meeting on Thursday at 8 am with Admin and Treasurer

Hot Lunch Update

- No update

Community Partnership

- N/A

Volunteer Update

- N/A

Administration Update

- Electrical work was done in the school over spring break
- Learning conferences will be held on Thursday
- Character reports will be in google classroom very soon
- Professional Development day is on Friday- will be discussing inclusion and assessments
- Bussing – there are still issues – a partial refund is being worked on by Central office
- Snack shack will be starting on Monday – selling snacks and stationary
- We are wrapping up badminton
- Soccer and track/field will be starting
- Admin asked for \$500 towards the beautification of the front of the school.
 - A motion was made by Faruq to spend \$500 on school beautification. Seconded by Zenita. Carried.

Quite a few families joined this meeting. Some of the families did not have students at FFCA NMS but at other campuses.

NMS School Council and Admin were not aware of the families joining prior to the meeting. Mr Lamb addressed the families before the meeting began and surmised why the families joined the meeting and therefore the agenda was adjusted to accommodate a discussion after items on the agenda were discussed

After the Principal Report, the families, Council members and Admin discussed issues that were raised.

The families raised a concern that occurred October 2021 at NMS and how it was handled. The student and others continue to cause problems in the hallways, recess and on the bus. The families are concerned with how the matter was dealt with in 2021 and presently as well. Expulsion and FFCA policies were brought up for questioning.

The themes around these concerns are around sexual harassment and bullying/threatening behaviors.

A substitute teacher at NMS is now no longer permitted to teach at FFCA after making girls in certain classes he taught uncomfortable.

A certain bus has students making derogatory comments sexual in nature with inappropriate behavior

Admin shared they were aware of these concerns and the families actions re: addressing the Board and Central office.

Council members expressed their shock, sadness and disappointment to hear about these issues. It was suggested that all families at FFCA NMS should be made aware of the issues, incidents and behaviors occurring without divulging personal information in order to have the support of the parents to discuss these issues with their families.

Council members also suggested holding information sessions for families to increase awareness and educate our families.

Mr Lamb emailed NMS Council the next morning suggesting an in-camera meeting to continue with AGM and event planning as well as an opportunity to clarify and correct any possible misinformation that may have been shared. The Council agreed via email and will meet on Wednesday April 26th

Adjourned at 9:37 pm