



School Advisory Council Meeting - Sept 20th, 2016

Present: Bobby Kistow, Stephanie Tonks, Lucy Coyle, Krysta Taylor, Len Tralla, Amy Wilson, Janet Heisey, Mark Makuch, Suzanne Hamilton, Sandy Senko, Diane Zimnica, Loretta Faveri, Michelle Rossetto King, Nicole Knowlton, Yvonne Porter, Jennifer Thomas, Jennifer Wills, Fiona Bellefeuille, Monica Magidin, Rebecca Finlay, Jennifer David, Carole Angus

Staff : Georgia Gallagher, Barbara Wagner-Heim

Student Council: Sarah McFarlane -Chair, Bremner Churchill- External Affairs, Reid Coyle

FAA: Brendan Plymale- President

Call to Order: 7:00pm,

Co-Chair Loretta Faveri welcomed parents and Admin. Introductions made.

Student Council Update - (Bremner, Sarah)

Grade Rep. elections taking place Sept. 29th. Grade reps meet with students and provide student feedback to Student Council on Wednesday Sessions and other school initiatives. Grade Rep positions are open to all students.

Fundraising initiative 1 - SPC Cards - student price cards for discounts at various stores. All money goes to cause (TBA) in line with the Schools' social justice mandate donated in memory to Dr. Ursula Franklin.

Student Council are planning long term: Carnival, Semi-Formal, Legacy Assembly etc.

Brendan- (New Head of FAA - student run Athletics Association)- FAA runs the lunch time intramural sports, organises athletic events, fundraisers, charity bike ride, bake sales, talent show etc. Intramural sports start next week with dodge ball. At Oct 4th Cub Fair there will be a general meeting where students can join and volunteer for various events.

SAC Elections

Loretta and incumbent SAC Executives presented various opportunities for parents to join the Executive Council as well as a variety of other event specific volunteer opportunities for parents wanting to be involved.

Georgia explained Council Election process. Nominations and acceptances were made.

2016/ 17 SAC Council Election results

Co-chairs- Loretta Faveri /Jennifer David

Co-vice chairs- Len Tralla / Diane Zimnica

Recording Secretary- Monica Magidin / Catherine McRae (back-up)

Ward 7 Reps - Krysta Taylor / Lucy Coyle/ Yvonne Porter / Stephanie Tonks

Communications - Michelle Rossetto-King / Catherine McRae / Stephanie Tonks

Executive list will be posted in the next newsletter

Parent Volunteer Opportunities- Sept - December 2016:

Family Night- Sept 27, Ursula Franklin Memorial - Sept. 29, Grade 8 info night - November 1st,

Parent Seminar Night - Nov, 29, Proctoring student admission assessments- Nov. 30 & Dec 3,

UFA Alumni Lunch- Dec. 23.

Interested in helping out and meeting other parents? email: ufa.sac@gmail.com

Parents Reaching Out Grant - Allocation

\$1000 grant approved. Funds will go towards parent seminar. With any remaining money contributed to the school calendar. Plans in the process for a night geared towards new parents- a special presentation, Ward Rep Robin Pilke, new TDSB Superintendent to be invited and open Q & A about high school and your teen. More details to follow. Food and drink provided.

New School Web Site (Georgia Gallagher) - Culmination of a year of work! Feedback from the staff, students and parent community was taken into account. Perceived audience is parents /prospective parents. There are separate portals for parents, teachers and students. Admin can edit/ update the site as needed. It Interfaces with TDSB server in case of emergency situations. UFA is the first school allowed this hybrid model. Site allows School Admin to run admissions online - saving staff / time) Provides: Open House / admission info, parent resources, info on enrichment program, homework help, resources, support. etc. Info is congruent with what is in the calendar

and student daytimer.

Teacher website links- some teachers have their own websites. These links are included on UFA website. The school would like to go paperless. Platinum Eco School rating is important.

VP Report (Barbara Wagner-Heim) Grade 9 Retreat. Huge success! Great group of kids. Personal testimonials around the campfire from many students were a wonderful highlight. Student leaders were awesome.

Sept 23 - 25 - Ontario University Fair. Metro Convention Centre South - Go Friday to avoid crowds.

Sept 27 - UFA Family Night -Follow your teens' daily schedule! Teacher presentations will take place, etc. Fun night. All are welcome. Note: Allie Callagarini (Sp. Ed) will meet with Sp. Ed parents in the media room.

Sept. 29 -Grade Rep Assembly - Students can still sign up to run for Grade Rep.

Oct 4 - Club Fair - for students to see what school clubs are on offer / sign up (in cafeteria)

Oct 6- Recognition Assembly- for entire school

Oct 7 PA day. Oct 10 - Thanksgiving (holiday)

Oct 17 - Ontario College Fair - Enercare Centre

Oct 11- Photo retake day

Oct 20 - Grade 9 Learning Skills Workshop - Seniors facilitate presentations to assist Grade 9 students with learning skills- organization, independent study, initiative, homework, etc.

Oct 27 - Future Options Fair- (Grade 12 students) - Universities/Colleges present to students.

Other Business

Graduation (Georgia) - This years date- Thursday June 29th. 7pm start time is awkward for families and students. Georgia is suggesting starting Graduation earlier to provide time for families to get out afterwards to celebrate. Should be moved to an earlier time on a permanent basis? Georgia is seeking feedback over the next few months. Discussion will be formally raised at the October meeting.

Memorial for Ursula Franklin. (September 29th @ UFA) Sadly, Ursula's husband Fred passed away on Sunday. Memorial will go ahead. Georgia wants the younger students to carry on her legacy and feels that by attending the memorial, the newer students will be able to understand her better and carry on her legacy that created the foundation for UFA. Her efforts and involvement have allowed UFA to be the school everyone wants to attend. Please have a conversation on this with your child. Parents are cordially invited to come to the event. SAC parents- please attend if possible!

Schedule : 7pm - Baked goods potluck and refreshments in the gym - 30 mins.

Auditorium presentation with a variety of speakers - 1 hour

Followed by an informal gathering in the corridor.

Students should be in uniform if they are volunteering. SAC on hand to help guide people from one location to the next. There will be a late start on Friday morning to give teachers time to make up for class planning time lost during the week

A special memorial planting, honouring Ursula, will be made in the garden.

A longer term legacy is being discussed. Perhaps in recognition of Ursula's' tenure as a Massey Lecturer the school may start a "Franklin Lecturer" Series with Keynote discussion on topics that will keep her memory alive

Meeting adjourned 9:15 pm
Next Meeting – 7:00pm, October 25, 2016

Everyone is welcome to attend