

URSULA FRANKLIN ACADEMY



October 26th SAC Virtual Meeting Minutes

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Minutes, October 26, 2021

NOTE: Saiva acted as chair and was voted in as Chair during the meeting

Recording Secretary: Samantha

Staff: Petra Petal Farquharson

UFA SAC Meeting via Zoom (virtual)

7:00 to 7:45 pm

Agenda:

- Welcome
- Adoption of Minutes of last meeting
- Report of Student Council, FAA, PALS
- Ward 7 Update, Climate and TTC
- Report of Teacher /Staff - Tony Zappitelli
- Report of Principal - Petal Farquharson (Vice Principal will be absent)
- PAO group - Shone
- SAC Executive Team Election
- Other Business

Welcome (Kira)

Adoption of Minutes, September 28, 2021

First - Kira

Second - Petal

Passed

Ward 7 Update, Climate and TTC

From Anne

Yet to be a Ward & meeting, however there's an update from

TDSB's Environment and Sustainability Community Advisory Committee

The Sustainability Office recently released its 2020 report - they have both launched a website and they will shortly be launching a climate justice action guidebook for high school students called TransformingTO.

Anne presented a letter to TTC re Free Fares for High School Students

Equity, racial justice, and climate.

Anne read her letter to Trustee Pilkey regarding this issue. [LINK TO IT HERE](#) [waiting on the final copy]

Also encourage Community Members to write to their Councilor and or the Mayor to support this initiative.

MOTION:

We as UFA sac support this letter to Trustee Pilkey asking her to support Free TTC Fares for High School Students and send a joint SAC Executive letter.

Saiva Steinhards : First

Shubhra– Second

OBJECTIONS: None.

Passed.

Report of Teacher /Staff - Tony Zappitelli (forwarded in notes after the meeting)

Tony Zappitelli (Math ACL)

1. From Guidance

UPDATE FOR PARENTS:

- **Reminder to parents to read the newsflash with their students - especially the Guidance updates for students in Grade 11 and 12.**
- **Grade 12s all should have submitted their research assignment of their 6 schools they are considering applying for - due last Wednesday. In person tours are happening at most Ontario schools so we strongly encourage parents if they can take a weekend trip or two to some of the local campuses.**

- Grad photos are happening this week and students needed to sign up for a sitting - emails were sent and posts in guidance google classroom.
- Grade 9 Learning skills workshops happened last Thursday in the morning classes. More info about that will be in this Friday's newflash.

2. From Seth, our OSSTF representative:

- The staff at UFA is very concerned about the continued effect of hybrid teaching and learning on students and teachers at the TDSB. The staff is working on a collective letter to be sent to the board. Seth gave a deputation to the board on behalf of UFA staff.

Parents can email their Trustee and Board Director to express concern: Robin.Pilkey@tdsb.on.ca (Trustee), Colleen.Russell-Rawlins@tdsb.on.ca (Director)

Some important things to consider:

- Hybrid, or simultaneous learning, is when students at-home are offered a live video and audio feed of the class, with the teacher expected to teach both in class, and at-home students at the same time.
- The Provincial Government stopped funding virtual schools for '21-'22, but told Boards they had to offer it. Some Boards chose this route; the TDSB is offering virtual school for most elementary, and hybrid for high school. We are calling for the funding of an emergency virtual school as needed during the pandemic.
- At start of the year, 7 UFA students, or 2% of our student population, resulted in about 25% of our classes being designated hybrid. We since have had fewer students remain at-home, so the numbers are a bit lower.
- Some schools have 100% of their classes designated hybrid
- UFA staff are concerned about the fracturing of our attention between learning modes. There are deep-seated equity issues in terms of quality of instruction and system concerns (eg, our school -- specialized -- has lower hybrid percentage, others are much higher).

Report of Principal - Petal Farquharson

- Decorating doors now for Halloween
- Grub Day Friday

So far, five lockdown and fire drills have been completed, as required

- UFA received free menstruation products – placed in bathrooms and change rooms. Student initiative called The P Girls completed this. Monthly shipments will follow.

Photo Re-Take day completed.

Grad Photos also underway. These need to be booked and paid for (emails have gone out)

New Covid Protocol for Grad Photos: Bring your own props.

- Preliminary plans for Prom 2022 has begun with the students. Hoping for a regular Prom, but also planning for Covid Protocols in place.
- Tentative date June 14, 2022

Credit Rescue Days scheduled:

Nov 4

Nov 10

NOTE: These are for students that need a rescue, they need to be in a place where they are not meeting Provincial Standards. These are NOT for upgrading. No teaching and no assessments on these days.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Term 1 Ends Friday November 12, 2021

Term 2 Begins Monday November 15, 2021

Mid-Semester Reports distributed Thursday November 18, 2021

PA DAY FRIDAY November 19, 2021

November 23, 2021: Parent Teacher Interviews: 3-5, 6-8pm. ALL virtual. Info to come

Q&A

Q: Is there a plan to return to in-person for Wednesday Sessions?

A: At this time, no. TDSB has not received any guidance regarding mixing cohorts. Perhaps this winter if the restrictions are lifted and the TDSB changes guidance about mixing cohorts.

Q: How can we support the UFA teachers and staff in this challenging time?

A: Suggestion to look for food donations from the community that can be made available at the next staff meeting.

AGREED

ACTION:

Shone will craft a message to be sent out to the community regarding food donations for a Teacher Appreciation Tea, to coincide with the next Staff Meeting

Date will be December 7, 2021

Items need to be able to be unrefrigerated at the school if the kids bring things in the morning.

ALSO, Shubhra suggests to coincide this with the time to donate gift cards to the teachers

27 teachers plus staff and support

= TOTAL 35 staff and support

Q: Is there a budget yes for the Student Council?

A: Yes, it's currently at \$641.00

Q: What will the admissions process be for the 2022-23 Grade 9 cohort?

A: Same process at 2021-22. No entrance test to get in. Pure lottery.

PAO group – Shone Joos

- **Parent-Caregiver Anti-Oppression Group. Small but growing group**
- **Shone.joos@gmail.com = if you want to get involved.**
- **One initiative happening now with PAO is to work on outreach via different UFA students that are connect with schools in different areas / more distant catchements. Thinking here of schools that might benefit from learning more about UFA. There is a slide deck available if you have a connection to a school such as this one. Please reach out if you can help out**
- **Thinking about doing a parent-education session, but it's still in the works.**

New SAC Executive Team Election

MOTION TO ACCEPT SAIVA TO BECOME CHAIR of the Board from Kira

SECOND – Shone

Passed

Other Business

NOTE: Still looking for a Vice-Chair for the Board.

Please reach out if you're interested in getting involved.

MOTION TO cancel November SAC meeting as it conflicts with the Parent-Teacher Interview Night

FIRST – Saiva motions

Second – Shubra

PASSED: Next meeting will be in January, 2022

Meeting adjourned (Saiva) ~ 7:42 pm