

**ECOLE SIR JOHN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
*Minutes***

2019 September 12 - 12:00 pm

Attendees: Terry Brookes (Board member), Dean McInnis, Lena Schofield, Audra Donison (Chair/Minute taker).

- 1. Agenda – no new additions**
- 2. June 13, 2019 minutes - approved**
- 3. Standing reports**
 - a) **Anaphylaxis Committee** - Rachel, the school public health nurse, will be presenting on four health topics including EpiPens. Parents are requesting an update. Dean will send a copy of the summary of recommendations as presented at a PAC meeting last year by Peter Curran, to Audra who will distribute to the current PAC list.
 - b) **(Grad Council)** – formation is in progress. Defer to Oct meeting
 - c) **(Student Council)** – formation still in progress. Defer to Oct meeting
 - d) **YK1 Trustee Report** – The Board met Tuesday night, and approved the Audit. There were no red flags and a lower deficit than projected. The Board is decreasing its surplus, now at 4% down from 7%. Metro Huculak is back and doing well. Initial enrollment is up.
 - e) **Principal's Report** - Dean reviewed the Admin report.
 - f) **PAC Chairs Report** – The first PAC Chairs meeting is next Thursday 19th @ 12 noon at YK1 Board office. All parents welcome to attend.
- 4. Topics for open discussion:** High risk students, ESL students, special needs students, gifted students, students with unique talents/interests, Knowledge & Employability (K&E) student issues.
Parking Lot Items: Keys to Success, Screens and Teens
- 5. Old Business**
 - a. **Grade 9 Agendas** – are in use, and well received by students and parents.

6. Other/ New Business

- a. **All Candidates Forum** – Parents are welcome to submit questions to prospective MLAs via Tracy Turk @ tracy.turk@yk1.nt.ca There are live forums at various locations around YK, and the written responses of all MLA hopefuls will be posted on the YK1 website.
- b. **Parent Info Night (Tonight)** – Audra will attend and invite parents to join PAC.
- c. **PAC meeting time/day** – there was a request to change PAC meetings to evenings. It is reasonable to relook at this as we lost a number of parents from last year (who preferred lunch meetings) and we want to attract new Gr 9 parents. Once we recruit new parents at the info night, Audra will do a survey to find out what the majority wants. Alternating day/evening meetings is one option.
- d. **Climate Change**- some students are planning to support a climate change event that includes a school walkout on September 27 from 11- 1. Dean noted that the students are responsible for any work missed during this time. Dean was asked if the school would promote this event, but he responded it gets difficult because there are many good causes that can be supported but school has to come first. The school does support climate change within the curriculum.
- e. **Next meeting**- if the meeting is at lunch, the cafeteria will provide meals for parents who attend, as done last year.

7. **Next meeting:** 2nd Thursday of each month
October 10, 2019 @ 12:00 noon