## **AGENDA for KECPS School Council Meeting November 16, 2022**



| Members: | Amanda Johnstone   | Sarah Pyke   | Kellie Sheldon  | Matt Sheldon   | Caitlin Brady |
|----------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
|          | Karen McKnight     | Mara Graham  | Alison Rodgers  | Meggie Pound   | Kate Alton    |
|          | Shontelle O'Connor | Dawn Bunting | Chantelle Coyle | Robin Koshurba | (14 voters)   |

Marguerite Masterson Jean Ann McPhee Kelly Lewis Robin Finch

Melissa Casselman Dera Oram Wendy Thomas

Regrets: Robin Koshurba, Shontelle O'Connor, Dera Oram, Wendy Thomas

Others Present / Guests:

## **6:00 pm** Welcome and Land Acknowledgement – Presented by Miss Reyna Sheldon

Let's respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the treaty and traditional territory of the Mississauga First Nations. We are grateful for our relationship with the First Nations of this territory, for their care for and teaching about the land, the water and all of our relations. As people of the Williams Treaty, we continue our journey to strengthen our understanding of our Treaty relationship and of how to move forward together in a good way. We acknowledge the contributions and accomplishments of all Indigenous people across Turtle Island, current and throughout history.

**6:05 pm** Approval of November Agenda (pending changes to reflect meeting start time to 6pm) moved by Kellie, seconded by Caitlin

**6:10 pm** Approval of Minutes from October Meeting moved by Amanda, seconded by Mara

**6:15 pm** Admin Report – Marguerite / Melissa No further information on the CUPE labour dispute is available. It is stressful for all parties, and it is hopeful that things can be rectified.

Staffing: we say goodbye to Emily Freeburn, as she resigns to open a family business.

There have been a number of staff absences and we are grateful for how staff pull together to cover when jobs are unfilled. The Board is trying to rectify the issue by hiring more staff regularly. We are trying to make things smooth for our students. Staff are constantly reorganizing their day and missing prep, etc.

Schools are mandated to follow the Health Unit recommendations for masking. We are respectfully encouraging masking when possible. Principals do not make these decisions.

Colder temperatures bring snow, and lots of it at times! Dress in layers; send dry clothing!

Please complete the COVID screener daily.

Educators are busy completing progress reports, which serve to be a quick snapshot of students' achievements, to inform care-givers on progress (not grades), and to identify the key learning concepts and what needs to happen moving forward. There will be an in-person meeting option for care-givers and teachers this year.

Primary and Junior students participated in Remembrance Day assemblies this month. Kindergarten students completed their own reflective activities in class. Intermediate students participated in a ceremony on the top of Armour Hill for the second year in a row. They represented our school well.

Stay tuned for information on a Winter Assembly!

Head Lice: Council purchased approximately 6 kits last year. Sullivan's Pharmacy is offering a deal when purchasing six at a time. Please consider offering this again. Sarah moved we purchase two sets of six kits. Caitlin seconded. Motion carried.

Lunch Box: It is up and running! Subs are available on Wednesdays; pizza on Thursdays!

Council's school-wide pizza party is scheduled for Dec 20 at 1:10! Thanks to those who can volunteer!

November is Indigenous People's Month. We have three staff leads. We have a display case set up in the main hallway. Student-involvement is encouraged through learning about Indigenous Vetran's Day and Rock Your Mocs week! The Board has recently purchased resources by Indigenous authors and artists for each school.

Current clubs are Minecraft, Art, and Nature Team. Young Women in Action has also started up again. Go Girls! is for Intermediate female-identifying students. The Modern Student Society is looking fancy.

Spirit Wear came in last week!

We had compliments from another school about our jerseys at a recent event.

The Trent Environmental Science students are coming to share their presentations later this month.

EQAO results are available and may come home as early as Friday.

A mockup of a potential playground is coming.

**6:30 pm Nutrition Program Report - Marguerite** We are sitting at around \$10,000!

**Teacher's Report – Jean Ann McPhee** Teachers have been signing their classes up for Raffle Baskets for the upcoming Festive Fair, and many have signed up to volunteer for the event!

**6:45 pm Treasurer's Report – Mara Graham** See attached report. Ornaments and candles made \$611, and extras will be made available at the Festive Fair.

**6:55 pm** Fundraising Committee Update / Festive Fair Info – Sarah & Amanda All on-line fundraisers have closed. Pizza purchase will be available on School Cash Online. The Market piece has an updated vendor list, and it's projected that we will make \$1200 from vendor fees. Games/Other activities are coming together, including bake sale requests, cookie decorating, silent auction, and raffle baskets. No raffle license was obtained this year. The Leadership Team will be asked to help. Please sign up to volunteer if you can.

7:05 pm Any other business: Hot Lunch Program, Update from Regional Council, Parent Reaching Out Grant PRO Grant applications are due Dec 23/22. Refreshments can be up to 10% of the grant, which maxes out at \$1000.

Holiday Hamper: There is enough interest among Council members, and Dawn will lead that initiative.

\* typically we request AOB be shared with Co-Chairs in advance in order to plan accordingly & provide sufficient time on the Agenda)

**7:30 pm** Adjourn Adjourned at 6:55pm, with the Festive Fair committee meeting afterward

Dates for future meetings: Jan. 18 (virtual) Feb. 15 (virtual) April 19 May 17

Regional Council Meetings: December 6, January 31, and April 11.

## NORMS for Virtual Meetings on Jan. 18 and Feb. 15

- Be on time & connected to web-ex
- Mute mic and keep video turned on
- On- task yet acknowledging that we are at home and family comes first
- Use the chat box or raise your hand to comment accordingly
- Co-Chair who is not leading the meeting to monitor the chat box
- Use a thumbs up to agree or thumbs down to disagree
- Be an engaged listener
- Be an engaged participant during group discussions/welcoming all voices to be heard
- Other?