

MINUTES for KECPS School Council Meeting Sept. 19, 2023



Members: Heather Adey, Clara Blakelock, Caitlin Brady, Jessica Copeland, Chantel Coyle, Camilla Elston, Mara Graham, Danielle Howson, Amanda Johnstone, Robin Koshurba, Shehreen Latif, Katelin Lubbock, Karen McKnight, Reanna Montopoli, Evan Phillips, Sarah Pyke, Connor Reinhart, Grace Reinhart, Kellie Sheldon, Emiline Wilson, Jessica Yates, Inas Alsamour, Erin Burrell, Jessica Darrington, Beth Elston, Robin Finch, Eric Howson, Kelly Lewis, Amanda Nyboer, Elizabeth Palemo, Dawn Spiney, Mike Williams **(24 voting members)**

Regrets:

Others Present/ Guests

6:00 pm Welcome to our Kaawaate East City School Council and Elections Meeting!

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT -

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.

6:10 pm Introductions – please share your name, the grades your children are in and something you are grateful for related to being part of the KECPS community

6:25 pm Elections and Establishment of voting Council

- **Description of positions and responsibilities**
- **Nominations of Positions:**
 1. **Council Chair and/or Co-Chair positions: Sarah Pyke,**
 2. **Secretary: Grace Reinhart & Danielle Howson**
 3. **Treasurer:**
- **Other Roles:**
 4. **Voting Members - 24 voting members**
 5. **Staff Teacher – Jessica Darrington (non-voting)**
 6. **Regional Representative - Robin Koshurba & Caitlin Brady**
 7. **Student(s) – as determined/volunteers (non-voting)**

6:45 pm Approval of September Agenda

6:50 pm Administration Report – Marguerite & Melissa

The school comprises of 44 teachers, 7 ECEs, Principal, Vice Principal and 793 students. A 4th portable was added over the summer to to accommodate and was placed to reserve the playground equipment. All playground equipment is paid for by fundraising.

The school openhouse will be held on Thursday September 21st. Kaawaate means Shinig waters and was named for it's proximity to the liftlocks.

Kiss and ride pick-up must be at 3pm to accommodate for the bus schedule.

KEPS values student mental health and regulation activities are posted. Additionally, KEPS adheres to the Safe Schools Policy and practices 3 fire drills and 2 mock lockdowns during the school year, a designated police officer also visits the school to familiarize students with his presence.

Announcements are held daily and on Monday's virtual announcements are held in classrooms on a rotational schedule so that students can participate. Edsby is the primary source of communication for parents and summaries and insights are provided through the Patents Peek of the Week.

Letters for Police Record Check are being sent out for school volunteers.

The school is split into three levels; earth, tree and sky and the first Friday of each month is Kaawaate spirit day. Orange Shirt day is September 28th and reflective practices are planned to be delivered in age appropriate ways. Terry fox is this Friday.

School fundraising plan is due by the end of October

7:20 pm Nutrition Program Report - Marguerite

Things are under way with the nutrition program, nutrition packs are sent out through the school to families in need of nutritious meal items and a bin of snack food items are accessible in the classrooms when needed. Additionally, weekend kit bags are sent home for families experiencing food insecurity.

Kawartha food share donations help towards this every 2 weeks

7:25 pm Teacher's Report – Jessica Darrington

The purpose for having teachers on council is to offer the teachers perspective on issues and to answer questions that parents might have.

7:35 pm Treasurer's Report

Final report will be brought forward at the next meeting.

**7:40 pm Goals and Objectives for 23/24 School Year (including the long-term Playground Fund)
Fundraising Sub-Committee – seeking possible interested members
Drinkware Presentation – Amanda**

Those interested in joining the fundraising subcommittee should come up with ideas for fundraising and bring those ideas to council for a vote.

Disposable recess items were approved for the year at \$7,500.00 and 10 lice kits to be paid for out of fundraising dollars left over from last year.

Poinsettia sales brought in approximately \$1,480 last year, sales approved by voting members for this year.

Karen presented for the playground committee, the goal is for play-based, natural equipment and funds are at \$25,216.92 of \$100,000.00 or more goal. An update will be provided on the specifics of this at the November meeting. Contact Robin K to join the playground subcommittee.

Drinkwear fundraiser was discussed. Proceeds would directly contribute to the playground fund. It will be launched on spiritware with a 2-item rollout for one water bottle and one coffee tumbler. Accessibility options will be discussed if the initial rollout goes well.

Dates for the festive fair will be discussed at a later meeting, this is a fundraiser with activities, vendors, donations and a bake sale.

7:55 pm **Dates / Time for future meetings:**
Oct 17 **Nov 21** **Jan 16** **Feb 20** **April 16** **May 21**

8:00 pm **Adjourn**