



## MINUTES for KECPS School Council Meeting April 19, 2023

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<b>Members:</b>	<b>Amanda Johnstone</b>	<b>Sarah Pyke</b>	<b>Kellie Sheldon</b>	<b>Matt Sheldon</b>	<b>Caitlin Brady</b>
	<b>Karen McKnight</b>	<b>Mara Graham</b>	<b>Alison Rodgers</b>	<b>Meggie Pound</b>	<b>Kate Alton</b>
	<b>Shontelle O'Connor</b>	<b>Dawn Bunting</b>	<b>Chantelle Coyle</b>	<b>Robin Koshurba</b>	<b>(14 voters)</b>
	Marguerite Masterson	Jean Ann McPhee	Kelly Lewis	Robin Finch	
	Melissa Casselman	Dera Oram	Wendy Thomas		

**Regrets:** Chantelle Coyle, Dawn Bunting, Meggie Pound, Kellie Sheldon, Caitlin Brady, Dera Oram, Wendy Thomas

### **Others Present / Guests:**

6:00 pm Welcome and Land Acknowledgement – Amanda

*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 April Agenda** With additions of Pizza Kits and Learning Studio to the Agenda, it was moved by Amanda and seconded by Sarah. Motion carried.

**6:10 pm Approval of Minutes from February Meeting** Moved by Sarah seconded by Alison, motion carried

**6:15 pm Admin Report – Marguerite / Melissa** Happy Volunteer Week! Many thanks from many community and family members!

Staffing updates: Ann Marie Sullivan is on a short leave. Laura Manning is in that portable for now. We will be moving to 34 classes for next year; one new portable, and other class? Still working out some options! There are no other spaces in the building. Music Room will likely be used, and the students will still receive music programming.

During April and May, requests are considered from parents for September placements. Kindergarten registration at 69 of a predicted 80. Kindergarten Night is coming up in May.

Last Tuesday, we had Aubrey Noronha in. He spoke to our students about anti-racism. He also hosted a Parent Night. One message we carry forward is how we are all kin in some way. There is a part 2, and we will keep him in mind. Thanks to the PRO grant money for this! Students report that it felt natural and safe. Our school endeavors to have all students feel safe and represented.

EQAO will be the week of May 22 for Juniors, gr 6 will be the week of May 29. We ask that parents of the affected students please avoid appointments during these testing weeks.

Health Exemptions are available for families who wish to have their child removed from class during upcoming sexual health class.

Trustee School Council Dialogue: See attached flyer! There is an opportunity for conversation on May 4 in Kirby. They are looking for 2 reps from each school to attend.

The Milk Program has started up now. Ms D runs this for our students. Ordering is two weeks in advance.

There is a PA day coming a week from Friday. The focus will be health and safety, Islamophobia, and other topics as selected by the principals.

Coming up: we have Earth day cleanup and Spring Fling this Friday! Next week, our Jk and SK students will have a reptile assembly!

Education week is the first week of May: we will have a book Fair run by Ms Shine, our teacher/librarian. If anyone can volunteer for the Book Fair, let Ms Casselman or Ms Masterson know. We also have some lacrosse opportunities for grades 2 and up and immunization week for our Intermediates. Track and Field is coming up, and students will be transported to TAS.

Welcome To Kindergarten is May 16 5:30-7. Parent council usually has a table/booth.

Grad is June 27 at 6:30. The Grad committee asks for \$400-\$500 for balloon arrangements.

Can we look at booking snowshoeing with Nature Nancy, Jimmy the Breakdancer, WOW Yoga (\$2800). Should we book? General consensus is yes, please book!

**6:30 pm Nutrition Program Report - Marguerite** Thanks to Amanda for picking up and dropping off food!!! Applications are in the works for future grants! Thanks to Meggie for dropping off weekend Food Bags! Marguerite will find out if we need to contribute money to the fund!

**6:35 pm Teacher's Report – Jean Ann McPhee** Early morning band practices, badminton tournaments, gymnastics, comic club, and Spelling Bee with the Rotary are among the highlights this month! Our school just won the positive school award through ETFO, and our very own Erika Mark, Andrea Shine and Jean Ann won awards!

**6:50 pm Treasurer's Report – Mara Graham** see attached **Motion: Council spend up to \$500 for Grad balloons by Amanda. Sarah seconded. Carried.**

**7:05 pm Fundraising Committee Update -Sarah/Amanda** (final fundraiser of the year and pizza family night) Pizza Kits: Made \$1218 last time: commit to Nov 14 delivery is booked. **Karen moved we go ahead with the booked November date. Sarah seconded. Motion carried.** Dawn has been in contact with Papa's Pizzaland and we have the opportunity to host another pizza night in late May or early June. Perhaps June 8, prior to the PA day? Robin K will reach out Dawn to connect.

Final fundraiser: Freezie Friday? Two Fridays? Amanda will lead this June 2, June 16? **Motion : to have by \$1 freezies made by Amanda, Seconded by Sarah. Motion carried.** On SCO, sell for both weeks: contribute \$2, \$5, or \$10.

Bingo: M and M will check if it's above-board, Karen will ask for more info.

Parking lot boot sale to line up with East City Yard Sale next year?

Yeti fundraiser with school logo on it? Melissa will check with Marks about using our logo.

Krispy Kreme. Lets book a date. Karen to check with Dawn.

**7:15 pm Regional Council Update Shontelle:** We recently had a “thought exchange” via an on line platform. The Parent Involvement Committee recommended a board-wide strategy which has led to our upcoming PA day training. Playground info was shared. We have a School bus driver shortage. Virtual schools are not going to be running in September, so mental health support is being considered for next year’s students.

**7:25 pm Playground Committee Update-** members of the committee Kelly Lewis: Playground Updates:

- We met with Robin, Marguerite, Karen to discuss the playground and the process of making it happen.
- Marguerite had reached out to Jonathan Thorn, who is a KPR Consultant who is willing to come to a council meeting and present the process for the Playgrounds being implemented, once we are closer to the end stages. ( Possible Fall?)
- Our subcommittee will look at the following sites for gathering ideas of what we believe would best suit the needs of our student community.

Biernenstocks “ Nature’s Instrument”, “Active Playgrounds” and “Trophic Design”

- Once we have chosen some items, we will contact Jonathan who will connect with the architect and get the “ball rolling”
- Before we can move forward with solid next steps, we have to have a minimum of \$30,000.00 in trust, and closer to beginning stages of development, will have to double that and put approx.. \$60,000.00 in trust.
- Marguerite shared the “Project Based Approach” that POW used to share with families the process for creating playground spaces, using “Phase 1,2,3,4,5” with clear and concise steps in each phase.
- We are investigating sending out a survey to families, students and teachers to enquire what their vision/hopes/dreams are for their outdoor learning and exploring spaces are.
- TD Canada Trust Friends of the Environment Grant: Kelly is looking into the application process.

**7:35 pm Any other business:** Shared Learning Studios: how they came to be, how’s it working

There are intentionally many different learning spaces available, in corners, hallways, breakout rooms. Shared learning studios have a foldable barrier that separates two classrooms, or joins two classrooms. Co-teachers have the entire room (two teachers, 45 kids for example) and they co plan, teach, assess all students. This allows for small-group time. Educators who choose to do that have support from T&L and extra PD/talk time. They have FM systems to help with audio. There is no concrete support about how well this works, but there is support showing that opportunities for a variety of collaborations is beneficial. The teacher really makes the difference.

*\* 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**

**Dates for future meetings:    May 17**

**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?