



MINUTES for KECPS School Council Meeting February 15, 2023

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	Chantel Coyle	Robin Koshurba	(14 voters)
	Marguerite Masterson	Jean Ann McPhee	Kelly Lewis	Robin Finch	
	Melissa Casselman	Dera Oram	Wendy Thomas		

Regrets: Mara Graham, Dera Oram, Wendy Thomas, Kate Alton, Shontelle O'Connor

Others Present / Guests:

6:00 pm Welcome and Land Acknowledgement – Alison Rodgers

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.

6:00 pm Approval of February Agenda approved

6:05 pm Approval of Minutes from January Meeting approved

6:10 pm Admin Report – Marguerite / Melissa

Chantelle Watts is on a leave. Emily McIlmoyle filling in.

Valentines Parties occurred this week!

The Petes came by yesterday for an assembly regarding ball hockey intramurals for Gr 4, 5, 6. Every participant received a shirt, and a code for 2 tickets to an upcoming game. The message was to encourage students to try something new, and to take advantage of opportunities.

The Grade 8 grad trip is June 1 in Toronto, CN tower, blue jays game, Ripley's aquarium. The costs are much higher this year, and fundraising is occurring to keep costs low for students and families.

Kindness at Kaawaate this past week had staff and students engaging in conversations about love and acceptance.

The devastating earthquake in Turkey had some of our students upset and concerned for loved ones. There is a fundraiser on School Cash online to support relief efforts.

We have had Trent students in for Social Justice presentations through our Equity and Diversity department.

The milk program is on hold for a bit longer, likely till the middle of April.

Kindergarten registration is underway.

Next Tuesday, Report Cards and IEPs are going home.

Pizza Kits fundraiser delivery date is March 7 from 2-6pm.

The Family and Friend Pizza Night is tomorrow! Thanks to Dawn for organizing!

Flyer for Long Term Playground: While being careful about publishing ideas, the flyer is a drawing with a flexible explanation about the natural playground we are striving for. Is there a certain amount of money we are aiming for? Nature's Instruments is the website of ideas and products that have been explored. Just a reminder that School Council is responsible for repairs for future equipment. Discussion: how do we make parents aware that school boards do not provide any playground equipment? Many do not know. Do we put a goal out there? \$100,000? \$60,000? Many people are expecting swings, slide, typical playground fixtures. We had a guest attend past council meetings about natural/loose parts playgrounds. Ideas and costs: might be beneficial to provide a range of options. Vandalism has been minimal at nearby schools in the past. How much do the weather conditions impact the equipment? What age group would we cater to? Sub-committee? Survey to the school community? We are likely looking at over \$100,000. We must be careful of the images and ideas we use. Our funds for Playground total \$11,783 at this point. Meggie, Robin K, Karen are interested in learning more!

PRO grant: Aubrey Noronha has been contacted by Marguerite about coming to speak to our students and staff in April, a presentation for primary, junior, and intermediate divisions. The educators will also have a staff presentation on April 11. He will attend in-person for the day, and in the evening he can be either virtual or in-person. He recommends virtual 7pm-8:15pm. The PRO money would cover the costs. If it's virtual, can we reach out to local feeder schools to join in and share costs a bit (TAS, Lakefield, etc).

6 :30 pm Nutrition Program Report - Marguerite We are in good shape! We have \$8800 for the rest of the school year (\$1400/month is typical). Because the Health Unit has been in and sees that we are serving three food groups and offer it all day, they are willing to increase our status as a Breakfast Program.

6:40 pm Teacher's Report – Jean Ann McPhee Thank for contributing to having Jimmy and Nature Nancy this month! A survey went out and the majority would like to have both back again next year. Jean Ann shared a poster and letter from students in appreciation.

6:50 pm Treasurer's Report – Marguerite (for Mara) Some amounts have been zeroed out; some categories have had the 10% filtered to the Playground Fund.

7:10 pm Fundraising Committee Update and Financial Motions- spring discussion, vote on any requests/motions Meeting dates are still in the works for a spring event, but maybe we want to do some smaller events instead. Krispy Kreme information from Dawn: booking dates are very limited/unavailable for the remainder of the school year. If we would like to do this in the fall, we should consider booking soon. Sarah: seeds went over well last year. Ideas: Chantel: movie night outside at Kaawaate, take donations, book popcorn vendors, etc. The Fundraising Committee will meet and come back to the group. Discussion: The Grade 8 grad trip might be a barrier for some students; are we able to set aside some money for students who need it to have a fabulous grad experience? Marguerite will put out some feelers to see what a reasonable amount might be, or what the need might be. Let's discuss at the next meeting.

7:20 pm. Parent Reaching Out Grant update (Amanda) The idea of students during the day, parents during the night is a good idea. It's around \$300 more for in-person over virtual. We have \$1000 to spend. He can do a second part for our students (maybe in the fall?). We voted to proceed with hiring Aubrey Noronha. "Stick with the Truth, Heart of the Matter" are messages he promotes to various age groups.

7:30 pm Any other business:

Update from Regional Council: Shontelle was absent and no report was forwarded.

Pizza Kits sales went well, and 203 kits were sold!

Chantel asked about some work around our NeuroDiverse population and available supports for parents.

Perhaps organizing a meeting for impacted families about supports? Marguerite will connect with the school's mental health clinician to explore some options to provide to parents.

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

7:20 pm Adjourn

Dates for future meetings: April 19 May 17

Regional Council Meetings: 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?