

AGENDA for KECPS School Council Meeting January 19th, 2022



Members: **Karen Cunningham** **Sarah Pyke** **Chantelle Clarke** **Kellie Sheldon** **Matt Sheldon**
 Amanda Johnson **Scot Coons** **Karen McKnight** **Tara Levesque** **Alison Rodgers**
 Wendy Thomas **Andrea Plumley** **Dawn Bunting** **Shehreen Latif** **Becky Minten**
 Marguerite Masterson Melissa Casselman Kelly Lewis Robin Finch Jess Drummond
 Jean Ann McPhee Jess Darrington Zoe McLean Marcia Campbell

*(**bolded** means voting members)

Regrets:

Others Present / Guests:

6:30 pm Welcome and Land Acknowledgement – Karen / Sarah

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.

6:35 pm Approval of January Agenda

AJ -1st, AR 2nd, All in favor

6:40 pm Approval of Minutes from November Meeting

AP-1st, AJ 2nd, All in favor

6:45 pm Admin Report – Marguerite / Melissa

- Happy 2022, we are very pleased to be back to in person learning. We appreciate and are thankful for everyone's patience this past week with our delayed start back to school. It was a huge ask of our families, children and staff, and we truly are grateful for everything that everyone did to get through it. Kudos!
- We welcome Laura and Jaclyn in their increase in hours for their LTO, are pleased that they can spend more time with us and the children. Welcome to Jeff Forest who has also joined our team.
- In December we held a Virtual Festive Showcase which was very successful. We are very thankful for our Winter Fundraisers and to everyone who helped make this successful.
- The Family Baskets that were donated were able to support 13 families from our School. The baskets were very generous, and the families were very appreciative. Thank you to everyone for making this happen!

- Tree Donations- Although well intended, not as successful for many reasons. Some families had no space for them, did not have tree stands, live in apartments that have rules about not having real trees etc.
- Jimmy Chapman was meant to come the first planned week back and we will reschedule him to come and do some outdoor workshops. We will send communication out to families to see if they would like to donate some money to help cover the costs of these 3 sessions.
- There is lots of winter gear to be shared with children who have forgotten/lost theirs. These clothing items are available to everyone in the school (hats, mitts scarves etc).
- -26 is the temperature which warrants an indoor recess for the students.
- JK/SK currently have an Early Years Literacy focus as do our Intermediates.
- Monday the 17th was a snow day, and we apologize for such late notice in closing the schools. We are working on ways to make these decisions and communications in a more timely manner and appreciate your patience.
- Communication- Please remember to check EDSBY for information, teachers are posting work on this platform should a student be home from school.
- Bell Talk Day is coming up on January 26th, raising funds to support Mental Health programs across Canada.
- Report cards are being sent home Feb 2nd.
- January 31st is a P.A Day

A conversation was held with Council regarding COVID-19 regulations and what each day looks like for our students re: masks, nutrition breaks etc. Communications with families will be shared regarding COVID-19. If a student tests positive in your child's class, we will be transparent and inform families. Students DO NOT have to stay home and isolate. However, if your child hung out with a child who has tested positive outside of school hours (ie the weekend) then they would be considered a close contact and would have to follow protocol.

- Please remember to complete daily screening each day.

7:10 pm Nutrition Program Report – Marguerite

- We have a fair amount of funding available to us to continue to support this program. The food options are much simpler due to COVID-19 and restrictions. We appreciate educators and staff coming in early on their own time to organize this for our students as we can not have volunteers at this time.

7:15 pm Teacher's Report – Jean Ann McPhee/Zoe McLean/Marcia Campbell/Jess Darrington

- JAM- Not much to Report, most of our items were shared in the Principals report. We are happy to be back, a little scared and a little nervous but soooooo happy to back and engaged with the children and our educator teams. We all feel pretty fortunate to have such an amazing group of children, teachers, support staff and admin. Also the children have been loving the snow that fell Monday, and are having lots of fun outside.
- MC- I would like to speak to children and mask wearing. We are so very pleased with how well the students are following the protocols around mask wearing, as well as all of the

other rules. They are doing a great job! We are thankful for MM and MC for their direction and support in helping everyone feel safe and for reassuring our families.

7:20 pm Treasurer's Report- Chantelle Clarke (Attached)

- Winter fundraising: \$895.95 was raised by the Trees and Wreaths fundraiser.
- A deposit will be made this week for the ornaments, approx. \$990.00
- Dominoes Family night made \$225.00
- \$1880.95 plus the pizza fundraising means we are looking good in our efforts to raise funds!
- We are on track for fundraising this year and next year, but we do have a lot of work ahead of us still.
- Our Parent Reaching out Grant was approved for Mental Health Resources. \$1,000.00
- We have purchased some Sport Jerseys and are looking at possibly having the TRAKX Program come into the classrooms.

Some conversation within council regarding purchasing Snowshoes and looking into different outdoor learning opportunities (ie. Nature Nancy) , was tabled to a future meeting due to time restraints.

7:30 pm Regional Council Update- Tara Levesque

- Jeffrey Stewart was a presenter at the November Regional Council meeting. He presented 8-10 different playground structures which are approved by the School Board. There is a pamphlet with these options that is in the process of being created. I will share it once it is completed and available. He was very informative about the rules and regulations regarding playgrounds. The play structures are extremely expensive- for example a shade structure that is for 10-15 children is about \$40,000.00. All equipment that is to go on school properties MUST be approved by the School Board, you can not just add things on your own.
- Next Regional mtg is Feb 15th at 6:30

Some conversation within council regarding possible grants etc for playground work, perhaps a survey out to families asking what their dream playground consists of.

7:40 pm Fundraising Committee Update and update on winter fundraisers completed- Andrea Plumley

- Financials are in the Treasurers Report.
- For the Dominoes Pizza night, we had over 50 orders.
- We had over 200 ornaments ordered.
- Amazing efforts by everyone, great work and let's keep it up!

From Council- Andrea you did so much work organizing making sure that this fundraiser went smoothly- thank you so much!

7:50 pm Parent Reaching Out Grant discussion and update

- MM- We will offer 3 sessions of a Mental Health Series for families virtually. Some paper resources as well as on-line resources will be included in these sessions. Jamie Armstrong RP

will teach families how to be present and clear, and how they can teach their children to be present and clear, how to access resources and supports and different stress relieving strategies they can use and help their children to use.

- Amanda, Sherheen and Andrea will help to Organize this.

7:55 pm Any other business/additions to agenda

- CC- Can we move our meetings to the 2nd Wednesday of each month after March? (ALL agreed)
- KC- I would like to put a motion forward to approve teachers receiving \$150.00 their classrooms to support the resources and materials needed to teach each day.
BM- 2nd 11 votes yes, passed.

8:00 pm Adjourn

Dates for future meetings: Feb. 16 April 13 May 11

NORMS

- 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?