

# MINUTES for KECPS School Council Meeting November 17th, 2021

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**Members:**      **Karen Cunningham**      **Sarah Pyke**      **Chantelle Clark**      **Kellie Sheldon**      **Matt Sheldon**  
                         **Amanda Johnson**      **Scoot Coons**      **Karen McKnight**      **Tara Levesque**      **Alison Rodgers**  
                         **Wendy Thomas**      **Dawn Bunting**      **Sherheen Latif**      **Becky Minten**  
                         **Andrea Plumley**  
                         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

*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 November Agenda

Andrea's name was added to voting members and a spelling correction was made on Sherheen's name.

Approved by Heather and seconded by Karen McKnight

6:40 pm      Approval of Minutes from October Meeting

Approved by Heather and Seconded by Karen McKnight

6:45 pm      Admin Report – Marguerite / Melissa

-Discussion about survey sent to council members last year, wanted to hear from both schools, wanted to hear everyone's voice, a way to get ideas for new school council. Many comments were similar to one another, a lot tied back into school motto. Highlights from this survey were shared.

Melissa Casselman provided staffing updates. Support positions currently posted with start date unknown. Zoe McLean will be leaving as Ms. Newberry is returning from maternity leave.

-Marguerite- with colder temperatures now arriving, a reminder for all students to dress for the weather, warm clothing, indoor shoes, change of socks/clothes is helpful.

-school has compiled a donation of coats and boots which will be shared with families as needed.

-Families have been doing a good job staying on top of COVID screening tool, this tool is so important. There are weekly COVID related goals developed in each classroom- may be hand washing related, masking, etc.

-Progress Reports released on Friday. Will be available via Edsby. Parent/Teacher interviews will be scheduled November 29-December 3. Teachers will reach out with families to set this up.

-working on holiday planning. More info to come soon about holiday events and celebrations.

-Flag Rugby- many intermediate students participated in this last week, had first opportunity to represent Kaawaate East City Public School, the team wore their white school shirts as jersey's not yet available.

-Hot Lunch program discussed. Twice per week- Subway and Pizza option. Would be ordered online the week before. Discussion about this and being unable to provide pizza for all students which was done in one of the previous schools. Worry about the message this sends, food inequalities. Others felt hot lunch was a nice option, families can participate as they choose. Lengthy discussion with many different points for and against. Ultimately went to vote and majority vote was to proceed with hot lunch. Will set it up as a trial to see how it goes for this year.

7:00 pm Nutrition Program Report – Marguerite

- There was a generous donation of kitchen carts to our Nutrition Program. This enables our Nutrition Program to have a cart for each floor which can be easily accessible.

7:05 pm Teacher's Report – Jean Ann McPhee/Zoe McLean/Marcia Campbell/Jess Darrington

- Our teaching teams have been working hard on their Progress Reports.
- Trent teacher candidates have been supporting Reading Programs.
- Soon we will be hosting Trent teacher candidates for their Placements.

7:15 pm Treasurer's Report- Chantelle Clarke

- Attached.
- There have not been very many changes and will update the report to reflect recent fundraising. We made approx.\$726.00 from Fresh from the Farm, \$1,456.00 from Little Caesars.
- Approx. \$21,581.68 is in the account currently.

7:20 pm Goals and Objectives for 2021/2022 School Year for council- Karen Cunningham

- This year our Council will focus on raising funds for Experiential Learning, Playground, Inclusivity and Community Events.

7:30 pm Fundraising Update- Andrea Plumley

- Thank you to Karen McKnight for organizing the Little Caesar's Pizza fundraiser.
- Thank you to Andrea Plumley for organizing the Fresh from the Farm fundraiser.
- Thank you to Karen Cunningham and Sarah Pyke for organizing the tree's and wreaths.
- Thank you to Tara Levesque for organizing the Under One Sun fundraiser.
- A survey has been created for Council in order to determine which specific Fundraising events we will be doing this year. This survey is due next week.
- World's Finest Chocolates update: Because of the pandemic, we cannot return any unsold, opened chocolates so we can not currently offer variety boxes. We will look at variety boxes in the future when it is possible.
- Andrea will reach out to Cassie and Tyler to see about organizing hot meals for families over the holidays.
- Karen McKnight - teachers typically contribute to organizing and making hampers for our families in need for the holidays. Currently we have 7 families who are using Kitchen Kit bags, which includes 16 of our students.
- Marguerite- We can set up Cash on line for those who would like to give financial donations for hampers and put that information out in our Parent Peek of the Week. I will look at Covid regulations about physically accepting donations and get back to Council.
- Melissa - Wondering if members of Council would be interested in making one hamper?
- Andrea - Vote for Council to organize one hamper  
1<sup>st</sup>-Chantelle 2<sup>nd</sup> -Karen All in favor.
- Deadline for donation drop offs will be December 13<sup>th</sup>. Gift Cards will be accepted instead of any meat so families can choose their own for the holidays.
- Looking into pricing and organizing a cookbook of recipes collected from students as a fundraiser. Will get back to Council with more details and how it will be organized.

7:40 pm Scholastic book funds- Tara

7:45 pm. Parent Reaching Our Grant discussion

7:55 pm. Regional Council Update and playground questions to bring forward

8:00 pm Adjourn and completion of Leadership Survey

**Dates for future meetings:** Jan. 19                  Feb. 16                  April 16                  May 18

## **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?