

## Minutes for KEC School Council Meeting Sept. 28, 2022



**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** see attached
- **Nominations of Positions:**
  1. **Council Co-Chair positions** Sarah Pyke and Amanda Johnstone by acclimation
  2. **Secretary** Karen McKnight by acclimation
  3. **Treasurer** Mara Graham by acclimation
- **Other Roles:**
  4. **Voting Members** Alison Rodgers Caitlyn Brady Chantel Coyle Dawn Bunting Kate Alton Kellie Sheldon Matt Sheldon Meggie Pound Robin Koshurba Shontelle O'Connor
  5. **Staff Teacher (non-voting)** Jean Ann McPhee and Dera-Lynn Oram
  6. **Community Member (appointed by council & non-voting)** Robin Finch
  7. **Student(s) – as determined/volunteers (non-voting)**
  8. **Regional Council Rep** Shontelle O'Connor

**6:45 pm**      **Approval of September Agenda** Amended to add 7:45pm Any Other Business; Moved by Kellie, seconded by Mara

**6:50 pm**      **Administration Report – Marguerite & Melissa**

September is off to a great start. Students have transitioned back into school mode well (with no cohorts, constant changes being made with Nutrition Break supervisions surrounding the portables, etc.).

There are 32 homerooms this year, 755 students currently enrolled, which is up by 100 from last year. Of those students, 534 are in the English stream, and 221 in the French Immersion stream. We have three

brand new portables. Our French Immersion program is Year 2- Grade 5, and will continue to grow until it reaches Grade 8. Four of our students are in Virtual Elementary School.

We have 43 teaching staff, 31.5 support staff (15 EAs, 2 CYWs, 7 ECEs, 2.5 Clerical, and 4 custodians). We are attached to Trent Childcare, which currently has 148 of our students enrolled in Before and/or After Care.

The Open House went smoothly. Teachers continue to get to know their students (backgrounds preferred pronouns, proper name pronunciation).

Outside, we now have basketball nets, shade sails in the Kindergarten yard as well as a new sandbox! Efforts are also being made to keep students engaged at recess with soccer and basketballs, skipping ropes, bubbles, and chalk. Intramurals are also up and running.

We need to complete 3 Fire Drills each term and 2 Lock Down Drills. One Fire Drill has been completed. Our Community Officer, Dan Mundell, was in attendance.

We have two Crossing Guards this year, one at the Hunter/Armour intersection, and the second at the MacFarlane/Armour intersection.

Spirit Wear orders close soon.

Communication between school and families is key for success. Stay in touch by registering for Edsby, and by reading the Parent Peek at the Week. Parents are encouraged to return their child's/children's Verification Forms asap.

Last year, Council reaped the rewards of the Lunch Box program. Discussion about the equity for our students occurred and we acknowledged we cannot purchase a slice of pizza for every student. Is it possible to add the option of purchasing an extra slice for a student (recipient to be at principals' discretion)? Can we host two school-wide pizza parties this year, where one slice of cheese pizza is provided for every student? No decisions were made, and we will revisit this at our October meeting. In school clubs will now be announced in the Peek at the Week. Rugby, Minecraft, and Art Club are up and running.

Our Terry Fox Run is coming up. Thanks to Marcia Campbell and Jess Drummond for organizing!

This Friday marks Truth and Reconciliation Day. We have three lead teachers for Indigenous learning at our school.

Picture Day is coming Oct 12, and retakes will be offered November 18.

Mandatory Bus Safety training is coming up in October.

Nature Nancy will be visiting several of our classes in October. She offers a curriculum-related program chosen by individual educators.

**7:20 pm Nutrition Program Report – Marguerite** We are in good stead, as there was some rollover from last year.

**7:25 pm Teacher's Report – Jean Ann McPhee** Nature Nancy is coming this Fall. Jean Ann will get a quote for all classes to have the opportunity to go snowshoeing and report back next meeting.

**7:35 pm Treasurer's Report** see attached. We have \$22,741.94 in total. Usually, Council would spend funds earned within the school year, but the Board makes exceptions for large-scale projects (like our playground, which our community/stakeholders have indicated zero interest in a plastic climber type structure). The kind of playground that would foster safe gross motor enhancement while allowing for creative use will cost upwards of \$100,000. Question: can we add a line in School Cash Online to donate to the playground, or a Round Up for Playground option? Council pays for all playground repairs. There will be a \$370 bill coming for the climber repair. Next month, Council should discuss and vote on setting

a standard amount of each fundraiser to filter directly to our New Playground fund. The Lunch Box revenue of \$2,003.73 arrived in July after the accounts had already been zeroed out.

**7:40 pm      Goals and Objectives for 22/23 School Year (including the long-term Playground Fund)  
Fundraising Sub-Committee – seeking possible interested members**

The sub-committee will be expected to meet at the beginning of the year (virtually is perfectly acceptable), and bring ideas to Council for approval. Decisions will need to be made quickly about trees/wreaths and Winter Fair. Interested members were asked to stay for discussion following Council. On-going fundraisers currently include Mabel’s Labels and Tru Earth. Little Caesar’s Pizza Kits and Fresh from the Farm fundraisers are just about to wrap up. Pizza Kit sales are going well. Fresh from the Farm prices were quite a bit higher this year.

**7:45 pm      Any Other Business**

There is an upcoming parent conference featuring Dr Colin King at Adam Scott. Be sure to register if interested.

Robin F requested help to the Trent staff stay involved in fundraisers, and or order items as needed..

Dera will ensure any Trent staff requiring assistance to order have the opportunity to do so.

Kitchen Kitbags is looking for a new coordinator. Kitchen Kitbags is a food program that sends a bag of food home with students who need help bridging the gap from Friday to Monday (when students are back in school and have the Nutrition Program to rely on!). Thanks to the generosity of the Council, this program has run for 8 years at Armour Heights, King George, and now Kaawaate, serving as many as 22 students at a time. Meggie Pound will touch base to get specifics about leading this program.

**7:55 pm      Dates / Time for future meetings:** third Wednesday monthly from 6pm to 8pm. Attend virtually or in-person except for the January and February meetings, which will be virtual only.

**Oct 19      Nov 16      Jan 18      Feb 15      April 19      May 17**

**8:00 pm      Adjourn**