

Kanata Highlands Public School School Council Meeting

Minutes of Meeting – February 11, 2020

Location: KHPS Library

Time: 7:09 – 9:00 pm

MEETING CALLED BY	Shari Fisher and Meghan Schuler (Co-Chairs School Council)
TYPE OF MEETING	KHPS School Council Meeting
SECRETARY	Stephanie Desjardins
ATTENDEES	Parents of students attending KHPS Pauline McKenna – Principal *No Teaching Staff Representative was present due to labour action

Parent Members Present

Dorthy Vernon Thaka	Shyla Hunter	
Lyndsay Melkin	Stephanie Desjardins	
Meghan Schuler	Trina Simmonds	
Note: quorum was met; however the attendance list was misplaced before the minutes were prepared		

Regrets

Anthony Rumsey	Dana Platias	Shari Fisher
Bushra Baseem	Emilie Williams	Sreerekha Verma
Catherine Birch	Fiona Pingyin	
Celeste Partington	Orma Courtenay	

Item 1 – Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm

Meghan Schuler

Item 2 – Welcome and introductions

Item 3 - Approval of February 11, 2020 Agenda

Meghan Schuler

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Vice Principal's Report as Joelle Rudick is absent <p><i>Meghan Schuler moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Trina Simmonds</i></p>
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Item 4 – Acceptance of December 3, 2019 & January 7, 2020 Minutes

Meghan Schuler

DISCUSSION	<i>Meghan Schuler moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Trina Simmonds.</i>
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Item 5 – Principal’s Report

Pauline McKenna

DISCUSSION	<p>Cross Boundary Transfer Period - February 3 to 18th At the OCDSB, all students attend a designated school based on geographic and programming considerations. In order to attend a school other than your child's designated school an application must be made during the student transfer application period which is Monday, February 3 to Tuesday, February 18, 2019. Learn more about the transfer process on our website or in our Student Transfer Parent Guide.</p> <p>Kindergarten Registration - we had about 50 adults join us for our information event and a tour of the school. Registrations are coming in strong.</p> <p>Report Cards - as you are aware there are not formal report cards for term 1 due to the labour issues. Teachers are expected to continue to communicate with parents about their child's learning. I know our staff at KHPS do a fantastic job with keeping you informed about student learning and how they are progressing. Continue to communicate with your child's teachers if you have any questions. Teachers are not able to provide marks, they can speak about your child's learning. There will be more information shared with all parents from our District shortly about report cards.</p> <p>Movie Night - Friday Feb. 21st; looking forward to another great movie event with our families. Really appreciate the efforts of our parent volunteers to create an opportunity for families to come together at our school.</p> <p>Coronavirus The OCDSB is actively involved monitoring information on the Coronavirus and is engaged in ongoing communication with Ottawa Public Health and with the Office of the Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health. We take guidance on health matters from our federal, provincial and local health authorities, including our partner Ottawa Public Health (OPH). OPH has advised that currently, there are no confirmed or presumptive positive cases in Ottawa.</p> <p>Latest information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents are asked to check Ottawa Public Health's Novel Coronavirus web page for information on the virus, regular updates, and other tips and resources on how to best prevent the spread of germs . ● Parents wanting to stay informed can also monitor the Province of Ontario's novel coronavirus web page , which will be updated every week day at 10:30 a.m. ET. <p>The OCDSB will keep district and school websites up to date with the most current information relevant to our schools. Learn more here.</p> <p>Labour Relations Update With increasing strike action across the province, many parents are asking whether they need to worry about the school year. Although some days have been lost due to strike action, we believe parents and students should not be concerned about the status of the school year or whether students will be able to advance to the next grade.</p> <p>Under the School Boards Collective Bargaining Act, the Education Relations Commission is responsible for deciding whether a strike would put the successful completion of the school year in jeopardy. There is no exact formula when it comes to determining this.</p>
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	<p>However, we know that learning continues to happen in schools and teachers will do their best to ensure all curriculum areas are taught. Based on previous education strikes in Ontario, we do not believe the current labour situation will reach a point where parents and students should fear the loss of the school year.</p> <p>The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) has announced it intends to hold additional walkouts next week. Strike actions on both Tuesday, February 11th and Thursday, February 13th will affect the OCDSB. No OSSTF walkouts are scheduled for Ottawa next week.</p> <p>Unless an agreement is reached, all OCDSB elementary schools will be closed to students on February 11th and February 13th. This includes classes for grade 7/8 students in secondary schools with grades 7-12.</p> <p>The OCDSB will continue to send updates regarding additional labour actions . There have not been any significant changes to our School Generated Funds and I will provide a full report in April.</p> <p>Mme Joelle is wanting to offer parents a book club. Book: The Whole Brain Child Timing: 3 sessions possibly the last Monday in March, April and May at 7pm in the makerspace Mme Joelle would chunk the book into three sections and recap at the start of every session - parents are welcome to come even if they haven't read the book. This is meant to be a no-pressure book club!</p> <p>Question: Would there be childcare for the bookclub? Question to be raised with Shari.</p> <p>Bus Change - there will be an additional bus added to the end of day route for students going to the two day care centres.</p> <p>Our teachers and all educators in our school continue to be committed to student teaching and learning. Students are engaged with their learning and are thriving at KHPS.</p>
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Item 6 – Treasurer's Update

Dorothy Vernon Thaka & Shyla Hunter

DISCUSSION	<p>Dorothy raised an issue with amount allocated to operating costs and whether we should allocate more – we received 2 receipts for the webhosting (one was provided late for last year). It was decided to move this issue to the April meeting.</p> <p>Account Balances</p> <p>1) TD Account: Major transactions (past 60 days)</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Jan 8, 2020 - Cheque 92 -\$ 14</td> <td>Gloves – pizza</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan 13, 2020 - Cheque 91 -\$ 18</td> <td>Napkins – pizza</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan 22, 2020 - Deposit \$ 500</td> <td>McDonalds Night</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan 22, 2020 - Deposit \$ 55</td> <td>Mabels Labels</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan 22, 2020 – Deposit \$ 85</td> <td>Pizza day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan 22, 2020 – Deposit \$ 320</td> <td>Playground donations</td> </tr> </table> <p>TD Account Balance: \$ 59,858</p> <p>2) School Cash Online Balance: Pizza day account: 32,316</p>	Jan 8, 2020 - Cheque 92 -\$ 14	Gloves – pizza	Jan 13, 2020 - Cheque 91 -\$ 18	Napkins – pizza	Jan 22, 2020 - Deposit \$ 500	McDonalds Night	Jan 22, 2020 - Deposit \$ 55	Mabels Labels	Jan 22, 2020 – Deposit \$ 85	Pizza day	Jan 22, 2020 – Deposit \$ 320	Playground donations
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	<p>Movie Night account: 1,390</p> <p>Total Accounts Balance: \$ 93,564</p> <p>Commitments/Allocations: Remaining Pizza days (20) estimate 11,500 Playground Allocations 50,000 Paul Davis (Internet safety) 750</p> <p>Total Commitments/Allocations: \$ 62,250</p> <p>Total Funds available (Acct. Balances - Comm./Allocs.): \$ 31,314</p> <p>Operating Expenses \$ 294</p> <p>KHPSFINANCE@GMAIL.COM</p>
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Item 7 - Hot Lunch Update

Lyndsay Melkin & Anna Cole

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Propose introducing Subway and Pita Pit ● Will give capacity to raise more money for Council fundraising ● Many healthy options ● Cost \$6/sandwich for 6 weeks ● Would need napkins <p><i>Meghan called a vote on allocating \$100 for napkins - all in favour</i></p>
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Item 8 – Fundraising Update

Stephanie Desjardins

DISCUSSION	<p>Movie Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Send a reminder email Tuesday AM ● Do a Frozen promo on FB – encourage dress up ● Need \$1000 to cover costs and float <p><i>Meghan called a vote on allocating \$1000 for movie night - all in favour</i></p> <p>Bingo Night (Trina Simmonds)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Last Saturday of April – April 25th ● \$27 to play – can buy extra cards ● French fries, maybe hotdogs and popcorn ● Drink sales: sell drink tickets: \$20 for 3 drinks ● 110 tickets to sell – 90 for us to sell by the end of March ● Raffles prizes – 10-12 minimum; \$30/prize
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	<p>Dance-a-thon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancel <p>Year End BBQ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merry Dairy confirmed, Big D's and JoJo's • Anthony: Cosplay • Linzi: help • Email the rest of the group to ask for help • Entertainer, vendors – Meghan to send <p>Events for next year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance night – instructor for Zumba night – fun event for net year • Or fitness activity
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Item 9 – Online Safety Workshop

Meghan Schuler

DISCUSSION	<p>Due to labour disruption the online safety workshop will be moved to October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We will reallocate the money on the balance sheet
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Item 10 – New Business

Meghan Schuler

DISCUSSION	<p>Resource Library “Librarian”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book library for parents not being used – how do we get the word out? There are great resources for all parents to check out books • Announce it at movie night – bring books out with the binder and have them in the hallway • Shari could say a few words before the movie <p>Staff Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would be nice to recognize and show support for our staff in light of the ongoing labour disputes • Proposed to provide a letter expressing support from the Council which could be placed in each staff member's mailbox; Council members agreed this was a good idea.
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Item 11 - Adjournment and next meeting

Meghan Schuler

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting April 7, 2020 <p><i>Meghan moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by</i></p>
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