

Kanata Highlands Public School School Council Meeting

Minutes

May 4, 2021 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Virtually via Google Meet

Attendance

Pauline McKenna - Principal
Shannon Jorgensen – Teacher Representative

Council Members Present

Shari Fisher	Lindsay Seunghee Lee
Stephanie Desjardins	Emilie Williams
Taylor Hutter	Dorothy Vernon Thaka
Anthony Rumsey	Catherine Birch

Regrets

Sally Bidal	Trina Simmonds
Shyla Hunter	

Non-Members Present

C.Y.
Adam Cockburn

1. **Call to order** (Stephanie Desjardins)

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Stephanie Desjardins.

2. **Approval of May 4, 2021 Agenda** (Stephanie Desjardins)

Stephanie Desjardins moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Shari Fisher

3. **Approval of March 2, 2021 & April 6, 2021 Minutes** (Stephanie Desjardins)

Stephanie Desjardins moved to approve the March 2, 2021 and April 6, 2021 minutes as presented, seconded by Lindsay.

4. **Principal's Report** (Pauline McKenna)

Learning Virtually

- Surprised to find ourselves here again this May :(
- Grateful for the support and contributions of the parents; we recognize the strange these places on you and your family
- Encourage families to reach out to classroom teacher or school if we can help in any way
- Do what you can! Have your child participate in learning when they are able to learn
- Huge gratitude to the staff for making this switch to remote learning; so lucky to be surrounded by this group of professionals
- Virtual learning is tough! Be kind to yourselves, do what you can; take breaks when needed; it is different from January

Administrators for 2021- 2022

- Happy to report that I (Pauline McKenna) will be back for year 6 with the Highlands community! Yahoo! - We are welcoming back the role of vice Principal and would like to introduce Shawn Hocking to you all! - He has a wealth of experience in the OCDSB as a VP and has worked internationally as a Principal/VP and teacher. Perhaps he will be able to join our google meet in June to say hi!
- Thrilled to be working with Shawn!
- More on school organization at the June meeting

Class List - an email went out to all families asking them for input on class placements for their child. The focus of the request is about letting us know the optimal learning environment for their child rather than requesting particular teachers, etc. Deadline for the class placement letter was May 3rd.

School Council Dates for 2021-2022 - Please send along to Leanne for bookings you will need in the school for the school year 2021-2022. We would need this in early June.

Grade 6 Celebration - Tuesday June 22nd - virtual celebration for both students in school and our OCV students. More information will be emailed directly to parents of grade 6 students.

Organization for September 2021 - beginning now!

- Class list
- Staffing - hiring of staff, staff moving schools, staff coming back from OCV
- Registrations are ongoing; more houses going up in our boundary

5. **Teacher's Report** (Shannon Jorgensen)

Shannon shared how teachers are engaging students in online learning

- Ms. Jo Pulley – Kindergarten: Chick Hatching, reading and teachers dressing up
- Mme McCurry – Kindergarten: Paralleling with Ms. Jo Pully in French

- French Vocab bingo game
- Ms Bennet – Kindergarten: The Enormous Turnip
- Mme Smith – Gr. 1: Yoga
- Ms MacDonald – Gr. 2/3: Math Rotations
- Ms Parmalee – Gr. 2: Centers – conferencing with teacher; student choice; specific tasks – students rotate through
- Mme Rodney – Gr. 2/3: Ramadan art, writing, connection to peers
- Mme Sue – Gr 5: Social Study Unit – flip grid on social issue and solution in French; Science experiments in her kitchen!
- Mme Kristine - Grade 4 and 6 participated in a virtual event:
 - The WE Global Classroom: Promoting Gratitude, Resilience and Optimal Mental Well-Being
 - Grade 6s participated in a virtual discussion with an Indigenous elder Elaine Kicksnoway. Elaine discussed with us what biodiversity means. Set up a Jamboard making connections to their learning
- Mrs J – Gr 5 & 6: Financial Literacy
 - Debt, credit, budgets, ways to transfer money, calculating Tax
 - Goal: Learn how to calculate the cost of an item with sales tax

6. **Treasurer’s Report** (Dorothy Vernon Thaka)

Account Balances		
1) TD Account: Major transactions (past 30 days)		
TD Account Balance:		\$ 82,380
2) School Cash Online Balance:		
Pizza day account:		-
Movie Night account:		-
Online donation account:		2,540
Total Accounts Balance:		\$ 84,920
Commitments/Allocations:		
Playground Allocations		75,000
Total Commitments/Allocations:		\$ 75,000
Total Funds available (Acct. Balances - Comm./Allocs.):		\$ 9,920
Operating Expenses		\$ 195
KHPSFINANCE@GMAIL.COM		

7. Fundraising (Emilie Williams)

- Fundraising Update
- April Fundraisers in review
 - o Spring Break Ideas with KHPS Council
 - o Vote for Cover of the Family Recipe Book
 - o Article regarding the recipe book for Ottawa Voice
- Spotlight on May
 - o May 4th – Virtual Council Meeting
 - o May 5th – last chance to purchase from www.deluxebathshop.com
 - o May 7th – Virtual Yoga with Tatianna (register at TGPhysiotherapy@outlook.com)
 - o May 11th – Domino’s Pizza Night
 - o May 17th – KHPS Recipe E-Book for sale
- SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!
 - o We are going to give away this amazing Starbucks Prize Pack to one lucky Virtual Mother’s Day Yoga Attendee!

Send fundraising ideas to:

emiliedwilliams@gmail.com

8. PRO Grant virtual speaker night – Parents for Diversity (Stephanie Desjardins)

Confirmed the event.

Fri May 21st – they were not able to change the date

Equity and Education, what and why does it matter to families

Poster will be shared on FB, Twitter and via email

9. Principal Profile (Shari Fisher)

The Principal Profile is a list of our wishes for a new principal should Pauline leave us. While we don’t have a choice, the board will take our wishes into account.

Shari had circulated the principal profile from a previous year. No one proposed any amendments.

Shari called a vote on adopting the Principal Profile as presented for the 2020/2021 school year – all in favour

10. New Business

1. Constitution review was completed by Shyla – there were no suggested changes
2. Suggestion for another teacher appreciation
 - Previous years we have done potlucks for the teachers, but may not be able to this year
 - Kudo board could be nice way to show appreciation (Stephanie)

<https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/i1ZxzHpR> (example)

Moderator feature is available

3. No response for Drive-In Movie (Stephanie)
 - Online Trivia night game for families could be an option (Stephanie)
 - It could be General Trivia, Highlands Trivia, Teacher Trivia (Shannon)
4. Anything being done for Grade 6 grads?
 - Graduate Jars will be done for graduating students including Virtual School (Shannon)

11. **Adjournment and next meeting** (Stephanie Desjardins)

Stephanie moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05, seconded by Dorothy

Next meeting: June 1, 2021

ACTION ITEMS

	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE	STATUS
1	Volunteer for Lunch Program Coordinator	Shari Fisher	Done
2	Information re: accounting software	Dorthy Vernon Thaka	Done
3	School Yard Development – seek help on FB coordinating the project	Shari Fisher	Done
4	School Yard Development - reach out to Board	Pauline McKenna	Done
5	City Tree Grant Application	Stephanie Desjardins	Active - Spring
6	Fundraising ideas for 2020-21	Ana Popescu Emilie Williams	Ongoing
7	Share information regarding School Yard Development Project	Shari Fisher Anthony Rumsey	Ongoing
8	PRO Grant virtual speaker night - Inform the organizer to check the date if they are missing the fact May 21st is the Friday before the long weekend	Stephanie Desjardins	May
9	Constitution review	Shyla Hunter	Done