

Kanata Highlands Public School School Council Meeting

Minutes

December 3, 2021 7:00 – 8:45 pm

Virtually via Google Meet

Attendance

Pauline McKenna - Principal
Ms. Bennett – Teacher Representative

Shawn Hocking – Vice Principal

Council Members Present

Anthony Rumsey
Dorothy Vernon Thaka
Emilie Williams
Lindsay Lee
Shivani Kaushik

Stephanie Desjardins
Suyog Motghare
Tayler Hutter
Zehra Haid

Regrets

Trina Simmonds
Gemma Forsyth
Sally Bidal
Bushra Fazal

Non-Members Present

Aleisha Knight
Amine Maaref
Chris Y
Laila Foud

Peng Zeshan
Roula Osman
Shahbaz Syed

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

Meeting called to order at 7:04 by Stephanie Desjardins.

2. **Welcome and Introductions** (Stephanie Desjardins)

Stephanie welcomed everyone.

3. **Approval of December 6, 2021 Agenda** (Stephanie Desjardins)

Stephanie Desjardins moved to approve the agenda as presented: Stephanie Desjardins, seconded by Emilie Williams.

4. **Approval of November 2, 2021 Minutes** (Stephanie Desjardins)
Stephanie Desjardins moved to approve the October minutes as amended, seconded by Taylor Mullineux.

5. **December social - breakout rooms** (Stephanie Desjardins)
This is the first time we chose to try this out. In small groups of 4, introduce yourself, where did you grow up/where have you lived, share a favourite memory of your childhood - perhaps an outdoor experience that you had.

6. **Principal's Update and Q & A** (Pauline McKenna)
Pauline presented the schoolyard project update. The plans were presented with the estimated costs of the project. Through discussions, the Council proposed to approve an amended plan with phase 1 commencing in Spring 2022 and phase 2 commencing upon the remainder of the funds raised. This will allow the project to begin in 2022 - with the potential of including pieces of phase 2 as funds are raised.

■ Kanata Highlands - Concept Plan_21.12.03.pdf

■ Play Yard Development Project.pdf

The funds that we have allocated are \$83,000, plus \$2,958.44 that has been raised on-line.

The grant from OCDSB will be \$25,000, The grant from the City of Ottawa will be \$7,500 (money received when project is confirmed)

	\$85,958.44 (currently allocated and raised online)
+	\$32,500 (approved grants)
=	\$118,458.44 - committed to the project


\$112,200 - estimate with the adjusted plan approved in December (phase 1)
\$29,700 - items that can be held off until more funds come in (potential phase 2)
\$141,900 - total project cost with all items
\$23,441.56 still to raise to complete phase 1 and 2.

Stephanie Desjardins called a vote to approve the plan as amended with a total allocation of \$83,000 towards the schoolyard development plan. All in favour.

7. **Teacher's Update and Q & A** (Laura Bennett and Aleasha Knight)
Aleasha is a student teacher candidate from uOttawa and is paired up with a class. She provided us with a presentation about how these placements are so beneficial

- The program pairs the candidates with classes.
- Benefits of working in small groups
- Different adult perspectives
- New innovative ideas
- Children connect in different ways and with different people
- Reflect on own practices
- Communications skills are improved and shared among the teachers
- New technology skills are a benefit to having these students join the classrooms

8. **Vote on 2021-2022 School Council Priorities** (Stephanie Desjardins)

 KHPS Council Priorities - 2021-2022.docx

Stephanie Desjardins called a vote to approve the Council Priorities as presented. All in favour.

9. **Fundraising Update** (Emilie Williams)

- We will be hosting a McDonalds fundraiser - Date to be confirmed
- Purdy's was a success

10. **Treasurer's Report** (Dorothy Vernon Thaka)

KHPS School Council Account Balance
December 2021

Account Balances		
1) TD Account: Major transactions (past 30 days)		
Dec 2, 2021	Deposit	\$ 255.55
TD Account Balance:		\$ 84,216.01

2) School Cash Online Balance:		
Pizza day account:		\$ -.00
Movie Night account:		\$ -.00
Online donation account:		\$ 2,954.88
Total Accounts Balance:		\$ 87,170.89
Commitments/Allocations:		
Playground Allocations		\$ 83,000.00
Total Commitments/Allocations:		\$ 83,000.00

11. New Business and Round Table (All)

This is for overall concerns questions and comments or things to look forward to.

12. Adjournment and next meeting (Stephanie Desjardins)

Stephanie thanked everyone for joining and asked that all the members as well as anyone else who would like to be included in Council emails to send their email address to: khpschoolcouncil@gmail.com

Stephanie moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45, seconded by Emilie Williams.

Next meeting: February 1, 2022

ACTION ITEMS

	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE	STATUS
1	Parent Involvement funds	Council	in progress
2	PRO Grant - speaker series	Council	Not started
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