

Kanata Highlands Public School

School Council Meeting

Minutes

March 1, 2022 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Virtually via Google Meet

Attendance

Pauline McKenna - Principal

Shawn Hocking – Vice Principal

Melanie Rodney – Teacher Representative

Council Members Present

Anthony Rumsey

Suyog Motghare

Emilie Williams

Zehra Haider

Lindsay Lee

Roula Osman

Stephanie Desjardins

Gemma Forsyth

Trina Simmonds

Regrets

Sally Bidal

Dorothy Vernon Thaka

Taylor Mullineux

Non-Members Present

Chris Y

1. **Welcome message from Chair** (Stephanie Desjardins)

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

Stephanie welcomed everyone.

2. **Approval of agenda** (Stephanie Desjardins)

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

OACSC misspell corrected

Discussion and new business added

3. **Approval of December Minutes** (Stephanie Desjardins)

December minutes will be approved in the April meeting due to missing Council members' approval.

4. **Principal's update and Q & A** (Pauline McKenna)

Principal Report - March 1, 2022

Kindergarten Registration - please continue to register for kindergarten, the earlier we have registrations, the easier it is on developing our classes and staffing for 2022-2023

Proposed 2022-2023 School Year Calendar

For those looking to start planning for next year, the proposed calendar for the 2022-2023 school year is now available on :
https://ocdsb.ca/news/proposed_2022-2023_school_year_calendar

March Break - we hope everyone enjoys a restful, fun filled week of family time! And we will be here in person to greet you on Monday March 21st!

Playground Development - The drawings are largely completed. They are currently going through a review before they are sent to us for final review and hopefully out to tender in March.

Shawn: Update on Toonie Tuesday – The event exceeded the goal!

Voluntary Student Fees by division:

Kinder, 97 students, 22% - \$962.46 remaining

Primary, 205 students, 47% - \$2,102.74 remaining

(\$690.00 spent for Grade 3 Scientists in School workshops)

Junior, 132 students, 31% - \$1286.42 remaining

School Generated Funds:

Athletic Programs - \$131.65 (\$5/student per sports team)

HST - \$6,042.02

Milk Program - \$129.83 (makerspace items)

Mirror Netting - \$1,564.93 (account interest)

School Picture Rebate - \$1,820.60 (from photographer)

Thanks for all your efforts in driving and picking up your child for our bus cancellation days as these are days of LEARNING. Teachers continue with their instructional plans and it allows them to do some smaller group instruction.

We look forward to our celebration virtual assembly on Thursday March 10th. These assemblies are hosted by our grade 6 students in both French and English and provide students the opportunity to share their learning with each other along with playing some fun games, etc. name that tune or vocabulary bingo!

5. **Teachers' update and Q & A** (Mme Rodney)

Physical Education

Mme Rodney presented pictures and tweets from teachers regarding physical education.

Kindergarten

Let's play!

Gr. 1-3

Skills, Student-Led, Centres, Outside, and Having Fun!

Teach about concussion awareness

Gr. 4-6

Innovation, Leadership,

Ex) Leadership – students helping kindergarten kids wearing snowshoes

Daily Physical Education = 20 minutes of movement

Mindfulness before returning to learning

6. **Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging**

● **Parent Involvement Funds – how to rebuild our school community**

We have \$1,000 funds to use for parent involvement. Trying to do in-person event if we have approval from the Board. It could be a school BBQ with food trucks, entertainment and other activities.

Ideas from the breakout room were sent to Stephanie.

● **Virtual Speaker Series – what do you want to hear**

After the march break, list of the speakers will be revealed.

If we have a specific speaker that is more appropriate for us, we will have money from the Board to spend on this. \$650 fund available for spending

7. **Communications Update** (Anthony Rumsey)

No real update this time. Website will be updated as needed

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

No report this month

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

- Celebrate Success!
 - Our virtual family yoga night fundraiser raised: \$85
 - *Doubled by our anonymous donor = \$170
- Up Next!
 - Jo-Jo's Pizza Night! on Friday March 25th.
 - Order online or by phone
 - Pickup or delivery
 - 25% of sales go to donation
- Want to help out?
 - We are planning a Mother's Day Self-Care Fundraiser!
 - Handmade Soaps
 - Restorative Yoga
 - And more!
 - Have an idea or local business connection?
 - Contact Emilie @ emiliedwilliams@gmail.com

10. **OCASC and OCDSB announcements** (Stephanie Desjardins)

- Arts representative and the Arts Advisory Committee
artsadvisoryocdsb@gmail.com
If you are interested in arts and can contribute to our school by focusing on the arts and how it can have a positive affect on our school community, please show your interest and we can provide more guidance
- OCDSB is hosting a few webinars - check them out via their FB page. the next one that may be of interest to parents is Doing your taxes
Link for a zoom call on March 8 at 6pm is shared at OCDSB Facebook page shared

11. **Discussion and new business**

Concern over the literacy learning findings from the Ontario Human Rights Commission (Right to Read inquiry report). This report is calling for critical changes to Ontario's approach to early reading, in areas such as curriculum and instruction, screening, reading interventions, accommodations and professional assessments. Pauline: there will be a system meeting for Principals tomorrow and this issue will be addressed at the meeting.

Council can write to our Trustee to express concerns/suggestions to focus on this subject.

We hope to host Gr. 6. graduation in-person this year. It has been virtual for the past 2 years.

Photo retake day will be in April.

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 8:27, seconded by Lindsay Lee.

Next meeting: April 5, 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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