



Parent Council Meeting
October 2, 2023 – 6:30pm
Edmison Heights Library

Attendance:

Lorena Haley-Twiss
Mary Heenan
Kim Docherty
Lyndele Gauci
Tonya Cowle
Noni Chowdhury
Samantha Dennis
Becky Mills
Lauren Fitzsimmons
Keith Munro
Cat Munro
Kate Dunford
Trista Rutledge

Amy Moore
Martha Hunter
Katie Jones
Beth Morgan
Ashley Graham
Jordan Lyall
Matt Maloney
Amber Trude
Mary Coulas
Sarah Harvey
Emma Wright
Kelli Sri
Arunan Sri

Agenda:

- Welcome – Kim Docherty
- Land Acknowledgement – Kim Docherty
- Playground Update– Kim Docherty
- Student Nutrition Update – Samantha Dennis
- Principal’s Report – Lorena Haley-Twiss
- Teacher’s Report – Martha Hunter
- Review of School Council Positions – Kim Docherty
- Election - All
- Set Next Meeting Date
- Adjournment

Start Time: 6:30pm

- **Welcome** - Past Chairperson Kim Docherty welcomed everyone in person and online to the first school council meeting of the 2023-2024 school year.
- **Land Acknowledgement (Read by Kim Docherty)** – *We would like to 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 teachings about, the land, the water, and all 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.

- **Previous Minutes** – Kim asked the group if there is any questions or concerns from the previous meeting that requires discussion (June 5, 2023). None were brought up. Jordan motioned for the past minutes to be passed, Lyndele seconded motion. Group voted all in favour. Passed.
- **Playground Update (Kim)** – As you can see there is no playground in the yard yet. Over the summer it went out to tender and the amounts came back more then the board wanted to approve. Also over the summer Kim has been constantly speaking to them about this. It is now currently out to tender again. If it comes back approved, then we can set a date. If it comes back declined, we will need to investigate why and if there is a cost difference is. There should be a bulletin sent out to our school community for transparency on this situation. Let them know what has occurred and what is being done now and why etc. as the parent and student put a lot of time and money into this playground that was supposed to be in by the start of this school year.
- **Introductions Round Table** completed.
- **Nutrition Report**
 - Samantha is very excited that the new accommodations and equipment are up and running. The only thing she could really use now is a sink.
 - Mary has acquired some great funding this year. It costs around \$22,000 a year for healthy food. The government gives around \$5,000 and we were able to get \$15,000 from PC. We still have some gift cards left, so we can just make it through with this amount. There may be a need for fundraising near the end of the year.
 - Muffin making is coming back at Adam Scott in November.
 - Fresh From The Farm Fundraiser will be up and running on Wednesday. Options for your own home or to donate to Kawartha Food Share. These will be in sometime in November. We will need volunteers to sort and handout. Samantha will let everyone know once we have an arrival date.

- **Principals Report – See attached.**
 - Discussions about fire drills and lockdown practice. There are 6 fire drills and 2 lockdown drills every year. The first ones are scheduled but the rest are surprises.
 - Discussion about the school improvement plan and the board action plan https://www.kprschoools.ca/en/our-board/board_action_plan.aspx (see attached documents). These were discussed and decided in June 2023 by teachers and admin.
 - Discussion about a used sports equipment drive. The school is desperate for sports equipment to play outside. Teachers have asked for bins/bags for each classroom.
 - Discussion about Rick Fines – speaker from the local art scene to address 6 classes for \$1700. Consensus was that our school tries to be inclusive and it doesn't seem fair to only address 6 classes.
 - Discussion on starting pizza lunches in November. Bi-weekly vs weekly and if the Grade 6s can take it on, or if Parent Council wants to help. Weekly hot lunches are preferred by the group. Lyndele brought up East Side Marios. She will meet with Ashley Graham about allergens and report back with results.

- **Teachers Report – See attached.**

- **School Council Election Positions Review – positions to be filled include:**
 - **Chair**
 - **Secretary**
 - **Treasurer**
 - **Regional Representative**
 - **Members at Large**

See attached school council board policies. You can also go to <https://www.kprschoools.ca/en/student-and-family-support/school-councils.aspx> for more information.

- **Election – This election was completed by acclamation as a group. The following have been elected:**
 - **Chair – Kim Docherty**
 - **Secretary – Tonya Cowle**
 - **Treasurer – Matt Maloney**
 - **Regional Representative – Becky Mills**
 - **Members at Large (Voting Members)**
 - Ashley Graham
 - Lyndele Gauci
 - Lauren Fitzsimmons
 - Jordan Lyall

- Noni Chowdhury
 - Keith Munro
 - Kate Dunford
 - Beth Morgan
 - Sarah Harvey
 - Amy Campbell
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- **Next meeting set for Monday October 16th, 2023 – EHPS Library & Online.**

 - **Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn – 1st - Beth Morgan 2nd – Jordan Lyall

Meeting Adjourned at 8:23pm.