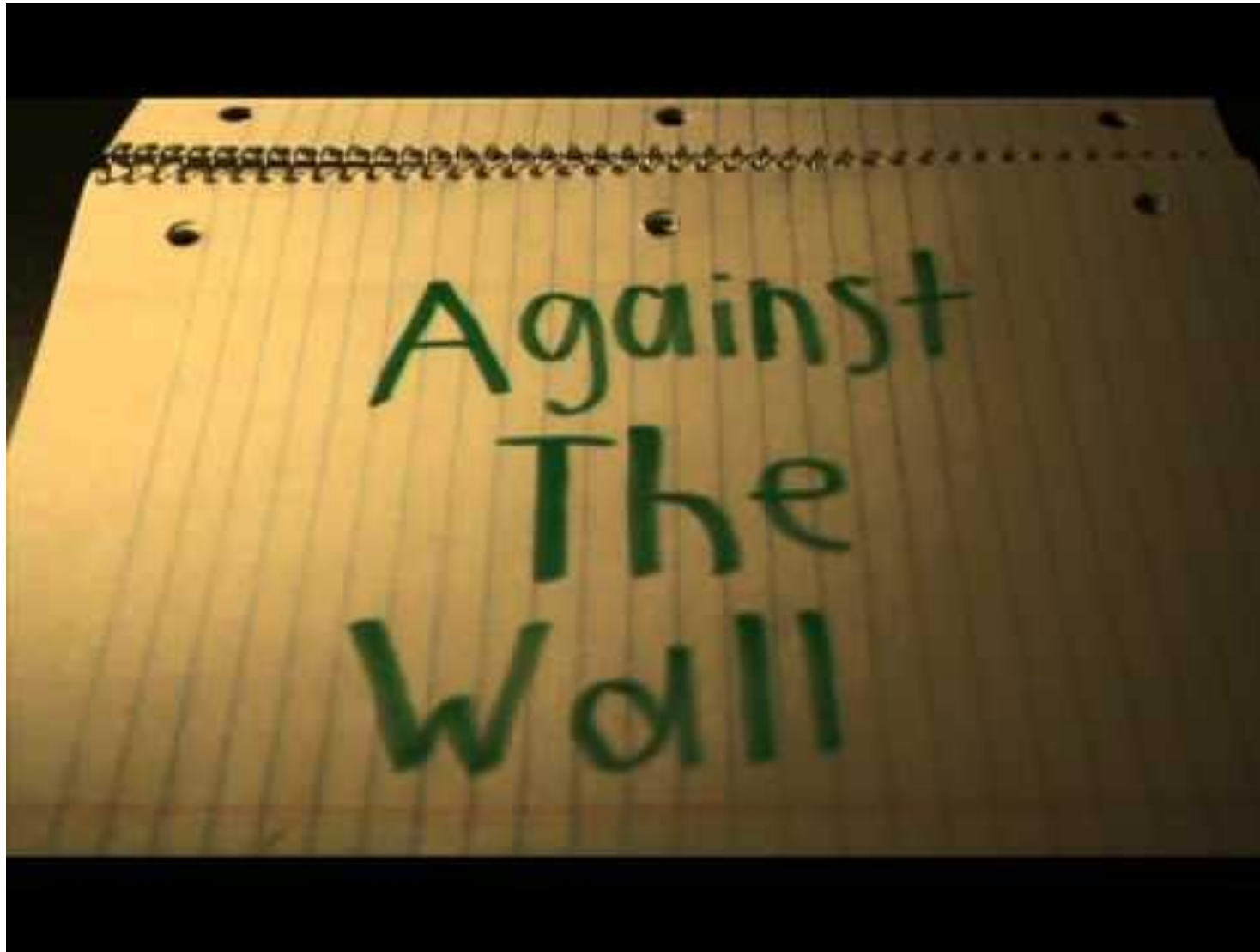




2021-2022 School Council





SCHOOL COUNCIL

7:00 PM

September 27, 2021

Land Acknowledgement



We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties have been signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island who is our closest neighbour and partner in education.

To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.



Agenda

Topic	Facilitator	Estimated Time
Standing Items - Introductions Student Council's Report Teacher's Report Principal's Report	Kitana Walsh Kelley Demers Candice Mott	
Guidance and Student Success Introductions	Nicole Wallace Kristy Smith	
Introduction to School Councils: What is School Council? What is the role of School Council? Who Sits on School Council? Roles and Responsibilities How are Councils Governed? Meeting Requirements Making Decisions	KHS Admin Team	
Elections, Proposed Dates, and Goals	Candice Mott	



Introductions



Mr. Todd
Vice Principal
Students A-K



Ms. Mott
Principal



Mrs. Daleman
Vice Principal
Students L-Z



Ms. Demers
HPE & Student
Success



Ms. Smith
Math & Student
Success



Ms. Wallace
Guidance & Student
Success



KHS Student Council 2021-2022





COUNCIL INFORMATION

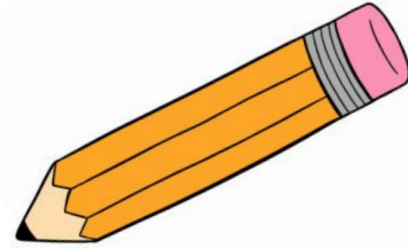
Information- Student council is held online via Google Meet from 3:45 to approximately 4:30 every Wednesday after school. The teacher supervision consists of Mr. and Mrs. Lewington and Mr. Cluff. Any student is welcome and encouraged to pop in whenever they can! If meetings are held in person, (for the future)

What goes on- Student council consists of students grade 9-12 discussing ideas for holidays, activities, spirit weeks and just about everything that goes on around the school! We strive to develop leadership skills in all members and discuss school related topics. You get to have an input!

After our two meetings we have 12 members from all grades on council! Goal is to develop an executive council (of a president, vice-president and secretary) and have spirit, communication and grade representation.



GETTING STUDENTS INVOLVED!



Many students don't know when council is, what it is or where it is! Some don't even know it exists.

A few great ways we can promote our team is:

- **Morning Announcements-** Have a student leader or supervisor promote council, and give all needed details.
- **Posters-** In the cafeteria and around the halls, infographics or posters are also a great way to communicate who we are
- **Social Media-** Twitter, and Instagram are great ways to reach out to parents and students, could connect to the main KHS twitter/instagram (@YRDSB_KeswickHS) to post about events.
- **Yearbook Picture/Page-** Like always, in the club section of the yearbook we are pictured. It is always a great way to promote ourselves and the events that we have helped run!
- **Classroom visits-** Some students have morning/afternoon spares, and can go class to class promoting our club and events!



STUDENT COUNCIL GOALS

Each year we aim to be a better team than ever before. Here are some of our ideal goals for 2021-2022:

- **Recruit and Keep as many members as possible-** Each year we lose more members as the year goes by. We will be more inclusive and supportive of others needs!
- **2-6 Spirit weeks-** Spirit weeks are fun and simple to plan, our goal is to have as many as possible, but aim for 2-6
- **Create new COVID friendly activities-** By coming up with safe new activities we could do, it will help make the whole school feel involved and less isolated.
- **Events-** Events are tricky to plan with Covid, but we are hoping to get in as many as we can!



STUDENT VOICE

Even if some students aren't comfortable with joining a club, we want to encourage everyone to be involved one way or another:

- **Student suggestions-** Obtaining feedback or suggestions is a great way to hear from everyone!
- **Morning music-** Developing a list of songs to play in the morning from a student perspective would also be a fun!
- **Student Surveys-** Going around with surveys for certain activities or events would be amazing! That way planning goes a lot better with the info we have gathered. (could be done through google forms/Q-R codes)

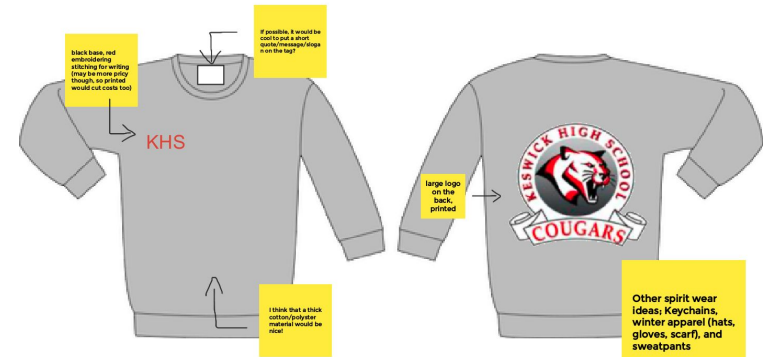
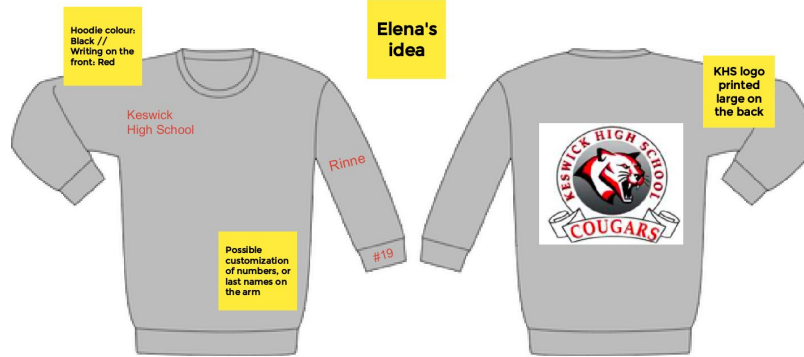
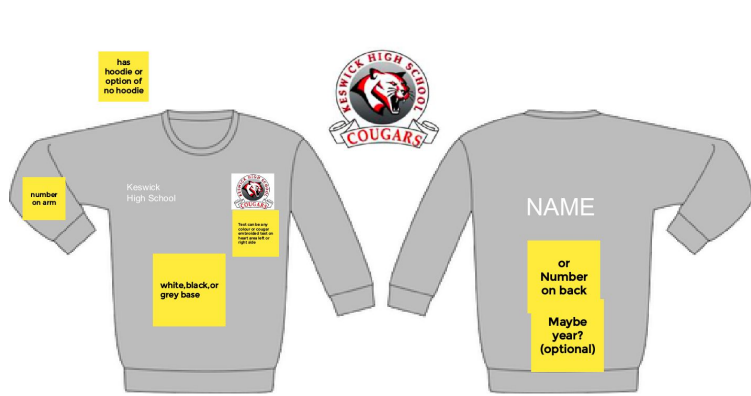


Some of our initial ideas: Fall Spirit Week & KHS Spirit Wear





KHS Spirit Wear



Sana





Teachers' Report - Kelley Demers

Terry Fox- This year, KHS will be participating in the Terry Fox run/walk on Friday, Oct 1 during the morning block (Week one, Period 1). COVID protocols and safety regulations will apply. Students and staff will be walking/running around our track in support of cancer research. Any students, staff or community member wishing to make a donation may do so here:

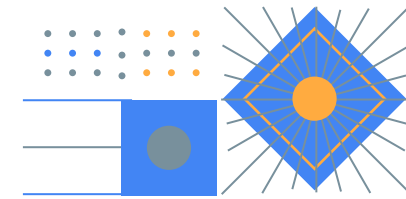
<https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

Let's Play: Sports are up and running at KHS (boys soccer, golf, cross country running) Students interested can come to the Phys .ed office for more details or check their email for more information.

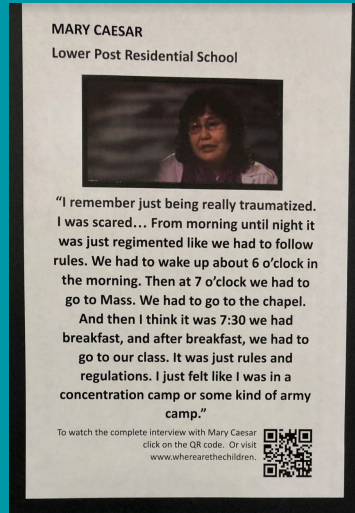
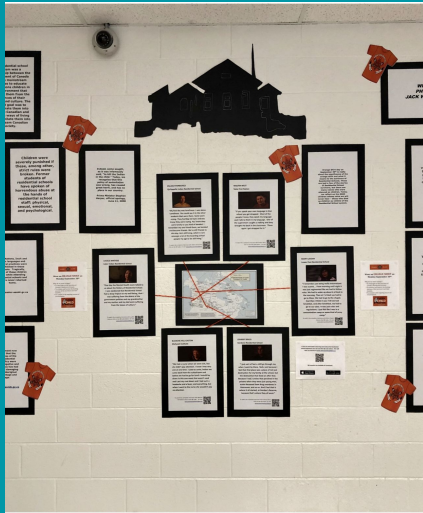
Spirit Wear - KHS is looking into offering spirit wear for students, staff and community members (Hoodies, T-shirts). We are currently researching local vendors and pricing. More details to come:)



Orange Shirt Day @ KHS



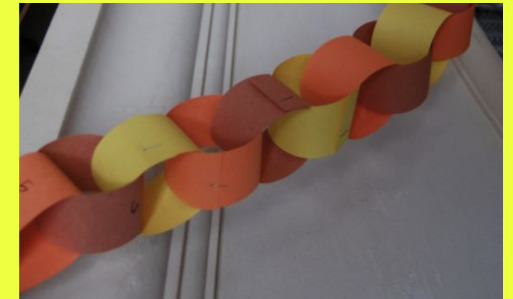
Front Wall Interactive Display



Daily P.A & T.V Announcements



Evolving display to honour the lives lost for Residential School Children



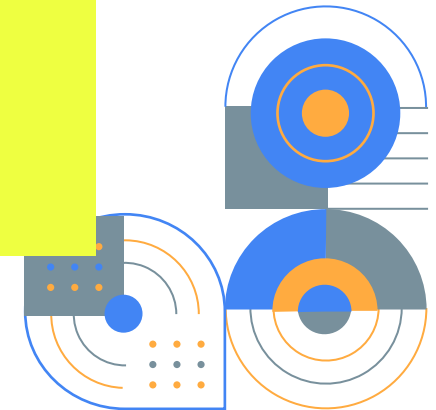
Wear Orange on Sept. 30th - Orange Shirt Day (buttons and stickers will be offered in the main hall as well).



***Potential* Closing Ceremony with Elder Charles from Georgina Island (either in-person or virtual) and presentation of tobacco**

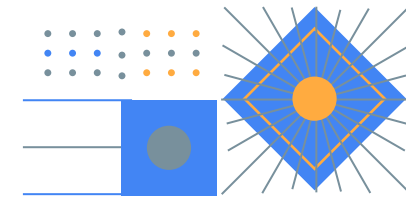


The KHS Library will also be hosting several educational displays.





Resources and Learning Opportunities



OrangeShirtDay.org

A fantastic resource to learn about the origins of Orange Shirt Day and the impact of Residential Schools on survivors and their families.

Teaching Resources:

[Grade 10 Teacher Resource Guide](#)

[Grade 11 & 12 Teacher Resource Guide](#)



[National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)

A full week of (free) Truth and Reconciliation programming.

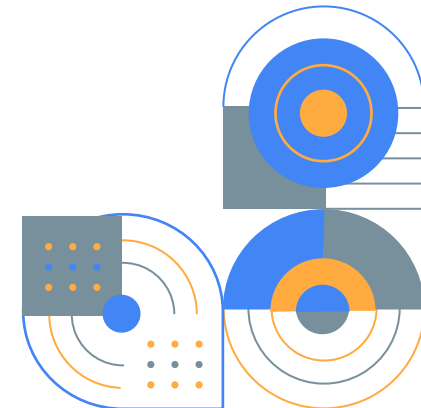
What can I expect?

The programming will feature short videos created by Indigenous storytellers, followed by conversations with Elders, Knowledge Keepers, Survivors, and the children of Survivors of residential schools. The videos will be supported with classroom activities for students. Throughout the week we'll share artistic and cultural performances by First Nations, Métis, and Inuit artists. There will also be a moving tribute to the Missing Children that never returned home from the residential schools.

Tentative Program:

- Day 1 - Land and Treaties
- Day 2 - Languages and Culture
- Day 3 - Truth and Reconciliation
- Day 4 - Orange Shirt Day
- Day 5 - Elder-Youth Knowledge Transfer

Some of our program contributors include APTN, the National Film Board, Canada's History, CBC Manitoba, Wapikoni Mobile, and the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba.





Principal's Report

Safety Week Sept 27 – Oct 1 - 3 type of drills: Fire Drill; Lockdown Drill; Hold and Secure Drill

Spirit Wear - going to be offering hoodies, track pants, toques and t-shirts

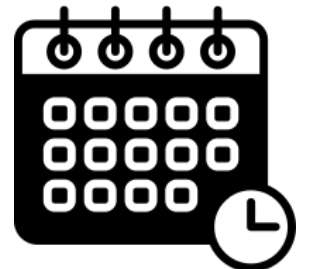
Interim Reports October 14

Virtual Family Night Oct 21

Awards - Honours (80% or higher in all courses last year); Principal's List (90%), Community Involvement Certificate (40 hours by end of Grade 9 - 49ers) Distributed Oct. 21

Thanksgiving Oct 12

First Semester Break Oct 25-29





Update from Guidance

Some reasons why your child might want to talk to a Guidance Counsellor:

Community Involvement Timetable Issues Healthy Relationships Mental Health
Post-secondary Summer/Night School Study Strategies Personal Issues
SHSM/OYAP/Dual Credits - programs

AND MANY OTHERS - really anything they want to talk about

Sept. 28, 29 and Oct. 13 Class Visits by Guidance Counsellors (grade 9 - 11)

- Introduction to Guidance
- How to book a Guidance appointment
- Community Involvement Hours (grade 9: 40-niners certificate)
- Also for Grade 11's: SHSM, Dual Credit and Post Secondary
- Guidance/Student Success Google Classroom
- Graduation requirements

October 4 - 22 Individual Guidance Meetings for Grade 12's

- Guidance/Student Success Google Classroom
- Discussion about pathway after graduation
- Important dates (post-secondary applications, marks transfers...)
- Supports for: College or University research/application, Apprenticeship or Direct to work resources
- Community Involvement Hours (20 for grads)



Keswick High School Student Success

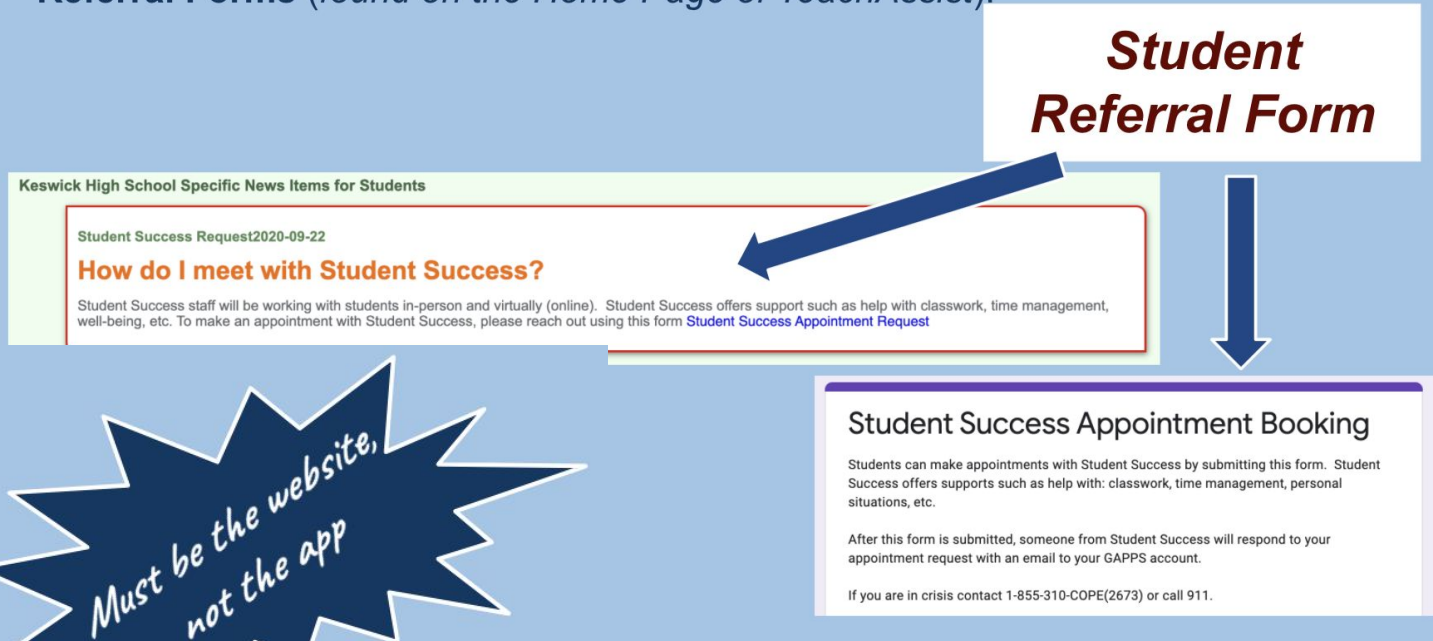
How Can Student Success Support Your Child?

Let Student Success Help Your Child:

- ★Prioritize/organize
- ★Make a plan
- ★Get back on track
- ★Stay motivated
- ★Feel confident
- ★Overcome social/emotional and academic challenges
- ★Advocate for student learning and personal needs

How Can Your Child Make a Referral to Get Assistance from Student Success?

Referral Forms (found on the Home Page of TeachAssist):



★ **student Success is Located in Room #1040**

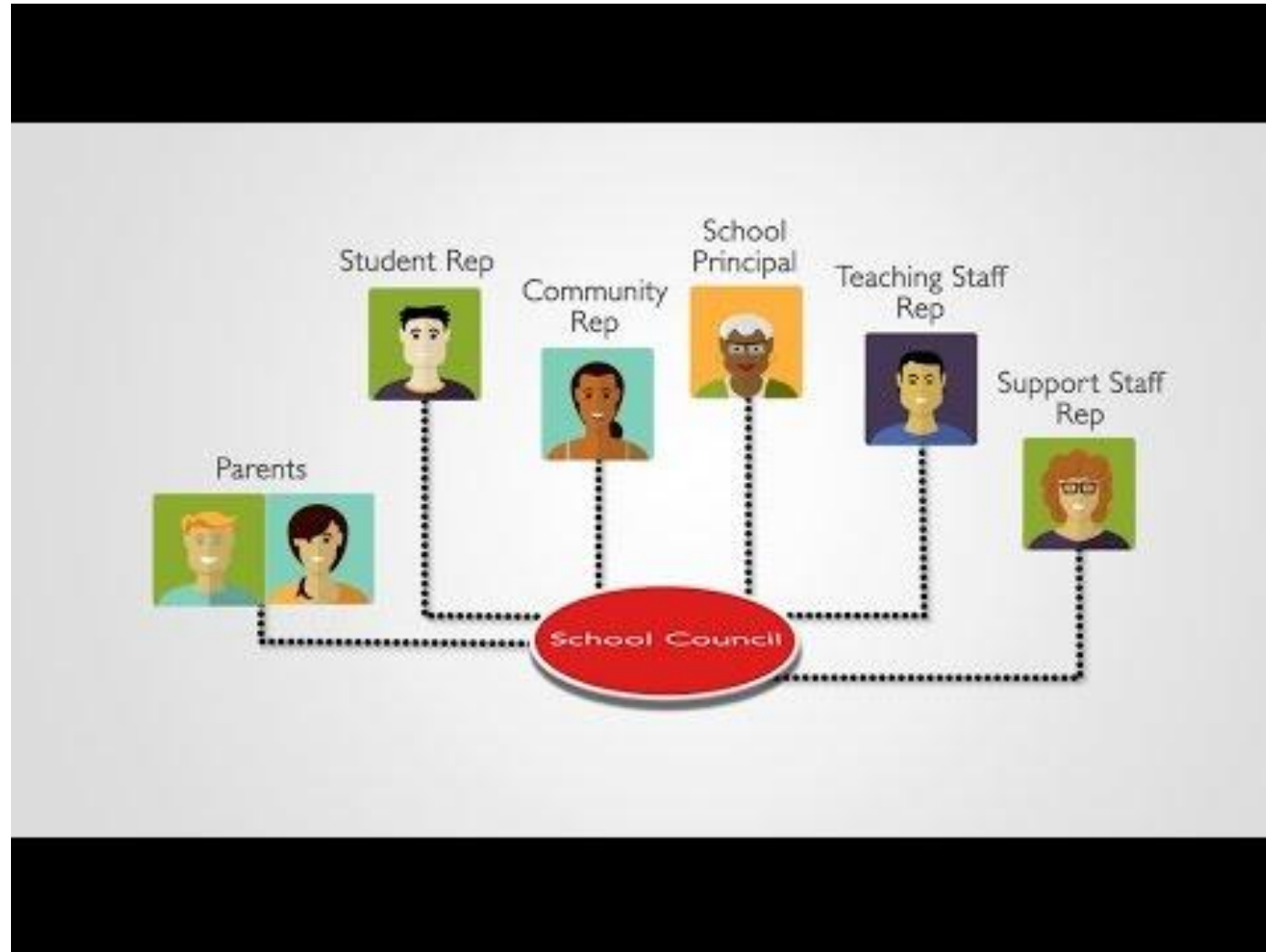


#1 - WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL?

- A school council is an advisory body to the Principal and where appropriate, the Board.



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Q Hi, what are we looking for today?

I'd like to...

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School Councils

Education is a partnership involving parents, students, teachers, principals, community and school boards.

School councils provide advice on school matters and help to strengthen the important relationship between schools, parents/guardians and their communities.

All members of the school community are welcome to attend council meetings. Parents/guardians and community members are key to a successful school



For more information - Ministry Website

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ADMINISTRATORS

School Councils

Welcome to your school council!

As a school council member, you can help your council discover new and exciting ways to contribute to the education of students in your school. Education is a partnership involving parents, students, teachers, principals, school boards, government, and the community. Your involvement in the council gives you the opportunity to strengthen that partnership, and to be part of a dedicated team working to support a high quality of education and an accountable education system for the children of Ontario. Your participation can make a difference!

- [School Councils: A Guide for Members 2001](#). (Revised 2002)
- [Tips for School Councils](#)



#2 - WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE COUNCIL?

- The Council provides advice on the following areas:
- Advisory
 - School improvement planning, school-based services and community partnerships, budget priorities, principal profile, local school calendar, use of school facilities, etc.
- Outreach Activities
 - Developing a sense of community, communication strategies, workshops/seminars, planning/fundraising for extra-curriculars, etc.



#3 - WHO SITS ON THE COUNCIL?

- Councils are comprised of parents, the principal, one teacher, one admin/support staff , at least one community rep and a student (where appropriate).
- Members are elected annually in September.



#4 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Chair/Co-Chair:** Calls & chairs meetings; sets agendas; works collaboratively with members to assign duties
- **Vice-Chair:** Supports and assists the Chair
- **Treasurer:** Manages finances, reports monthly on accounts
- **Secretary:** Prepares agendas and takes minutes
- **Members:** Participate and encourage participation



#5 HOW ARE COUNCILS GOVERNED?

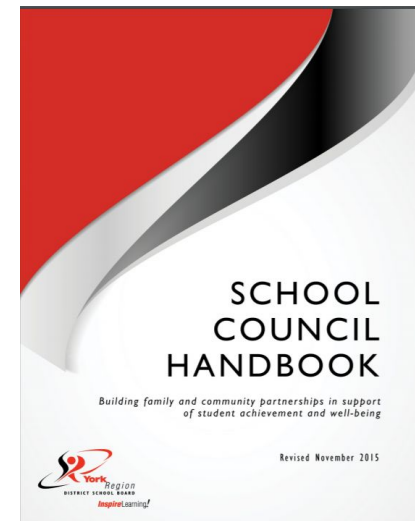
- Ministry Regulation 612/00

- School Council Handbook

<https://bww.yrdsb.ca/boarddocs/Documents/SD-schoolcouncilhandbook.pdf>

- Board Procedure PR.262

- School Council Constitution





#6 MEETING REQUIREMENTS

- **Meetings**
- Meet at **least 4x** per year
- Quorum – a majority of council present; parent majority of members present
- Meetings are public and written notice provided
- Meetings follow rules established by council
- Minutes of meeting recorded



#7 HOW TO MAKE DECISIONS

- School councils should work collaboratively and make decisions by consensus or voting.
- Voting done in accordance with constitution.
- In the event that a resolution cannot be reached, the school council chair or principal shall ask the school superintendent to mediate the disagreement.
- If you need help – contact your Principal, your Superintendent, School Council Liaison, OCASC



COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Call for members

- **Chair/Co-Chair:** Pamela Tuininga and Erin Terveld
- **Vice-Chair:** Stephanie Grant
- **Treasurer:** Corrine D'Angelo
- **Secretary:** Shelly Grieve
- **Members:** Lesley Smith , Robert Baynit

Send me your contact information candice.mott@yrdsb.ca





Priorities for the School Year

In June there is an annual report that we complete together outlining our joint work. We share how we attempt to do the following:

- support parent, family and community involvement and engagement;
- work towards building a positive school environment and an equitable and inclusive school community;
- celebrate achievements of students, schools and the community;
- provide additional support and training; or
- raise funds for the school



Goals articulated in May 2021

Goals for Next Year:

- Collaborate and interact more with our Student Council
- Encourage participation from other parents
- Spread the word using Social Media (Twitter and Instagram)

What might our priorities be for students at KHS this school year?

Top

Support their interests / activities / mental health / academics





FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Date	Topic
Monday October 18th - 7:00 p.m.	Post-Secondary, College/University Fair, Applying for Scholarships
Monday December 13th - 7:00 p.m.	Mental Health Support for Teens
Monday, February 28th - 7:00 p.m.	TBA
Monday, April 25th - 7:00 p.m.	TBA
Monday May 16th - 7:00 p.m.	TBA

School Council Forum - Wednesday, November 3, 2021 5:30-8:30



Questions & Suggested Topics for Future Meetings

