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# SCHOOL COUNCIL

7:00 PM

September 19, 2022

# 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	Candice Mott	
Guidance Introductions	Spencer Ward	
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

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Ms. Demers  
Vice Principal  
Students A-K



Ms. Mott  
Principal



Mrs. Daleman  
Vice Principal  
Students L-Z

Teacher Representative

Mr. Ward  
Head of Guidance

# Keswick High School Student Council



School Council Meeting - September 19, 2022

# **Welcome Back to Student/School Council!**

Our first Keswick High School Student Council meeting of the 2022-2023 school year will be held after school on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 3:15 PM in the student success classroom.

The teacher supervisors for this years Student Council are Ms. A. Simpson and Ms. Reinert.

# **Positions and Duties in Student Council**

Student Council roles for the 2022-2023 school year will be returning! (President, VP, secretary, communications, etc). More information in regard to this process will be shared later in the year after further discussion and consideration by both administration and the Student Council team.

# What are we Planning?

- We plan to have around 10 different roles assigned to different people in hopes of structure
- Now that covid is almost over, we have much more freedom in planning activities and events
- We are hoping to truly represent student voice through our future plans and ideas
- Actually events and idea will be further planned as we start to build a council



# What Do We Hope to Accomplish?

Student council hopes to accomplish more in person events this year as the majority of COVID-19 restrictions for schools have been lifted.

A possibility of in person events this year could include:

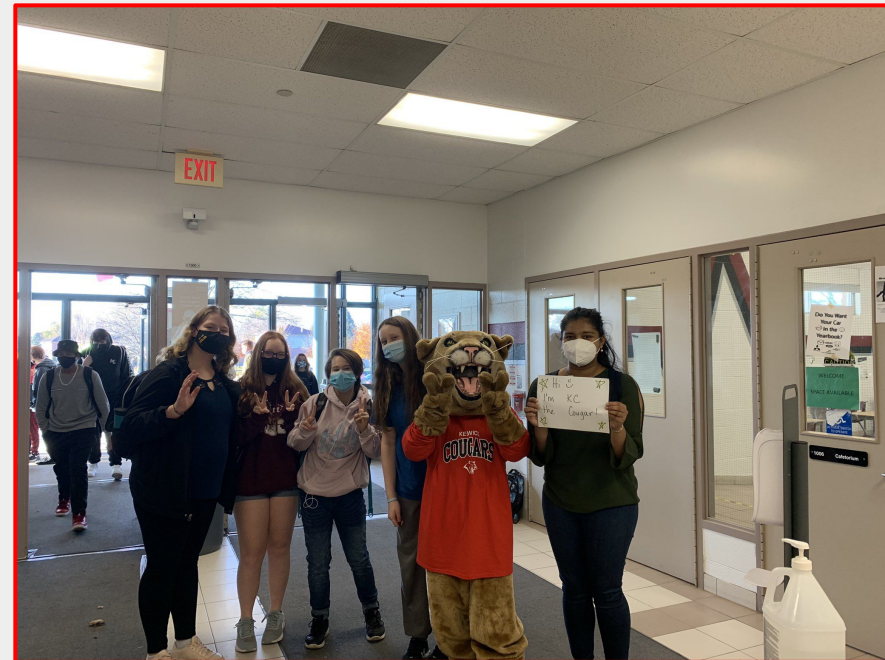
- Dances (prom, semi-formal)
- Fundraisers
- Concerts
- 2nd Annual Perfect Picnic Palooza

We also hope to accomplish more student engagement and hopefully revamp the KHS Student Council room!.



Every Friday is KHS Spirit Day!. Please encourage students to show off their school pride by wearing red, black or their KHS merchandise #khsproud. Link to buy merch can be found here:

[www.prepsportswear.com/keswick-high-school-cougars](http://www.prepsportswear.com/keswick-high-school-cougars) or on School Cash Online when offered.





# Teachers' Report - Spencer Ward

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**Terry Fox-** Athletic Council is organizing a Terry Fox Run for period 2 on Wednesday, September 28th. First half of period is for Grades 9 and 10 and second half of period is for Grades 11 and 12. 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/> Goal set - \$1,500.

**Let's Play:** Sports are up and running at KHS (Rugby, Jr. and Sr. Volleyball, Basketball, Jr. and Sr. Soccer, Cross Country, Golf)

**Spirit Wear** - KHS will be offering spirit wear for students, staff and community members. More information to come.

**Truth and Reconciliation Week** - interactive display in front foyer and embedded lessons throughout some courses.



# Principal's Report - Important Dates

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Safety Week Sept. 12-16 - Three type of drills: Fire Drill; Lockdown Drill; Hold and Secure Drill

PA Day - September 23rd

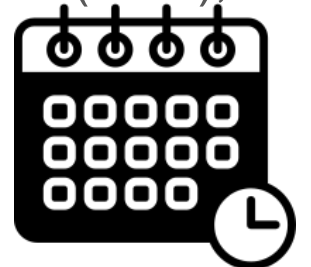
Thanksgiving October 10th

Interim Reports go home October 11-12th

Family Interview Night October 20th - Face to face

Recognition Assembly - Honours (80% or higher in all courses last year); Principal's List (90%),  
Community Involvement Certificate (40 hours by end of Grade 9 - 49ers) Oct. 20th

First Semester Break Oct 24-28







# Principal's Report - Focus Statements

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We are braver than we believe, stronger than we seem and smarter than we think.

We are critical thinkers who stand up for our rights while carrying our responsibilities.

We succeed in inclusive spaces where our voices and lived experiences are valued and leveraged.



# Principal's Report - Updates to Our Building

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204 Simcoe site was painted over the summer

Second floor being painted - hallways

Major construction project - two instructional spaces for community classes (Autism and Complex Needs programs)



# Update from Guidance - Spencer Ward

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## **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. 3, 4**

## **Class Visits by Guidance Counsellors (Grade 9 and 12)**

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

## **October-November**

## **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 (40 for grads)



# #1 - WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL?

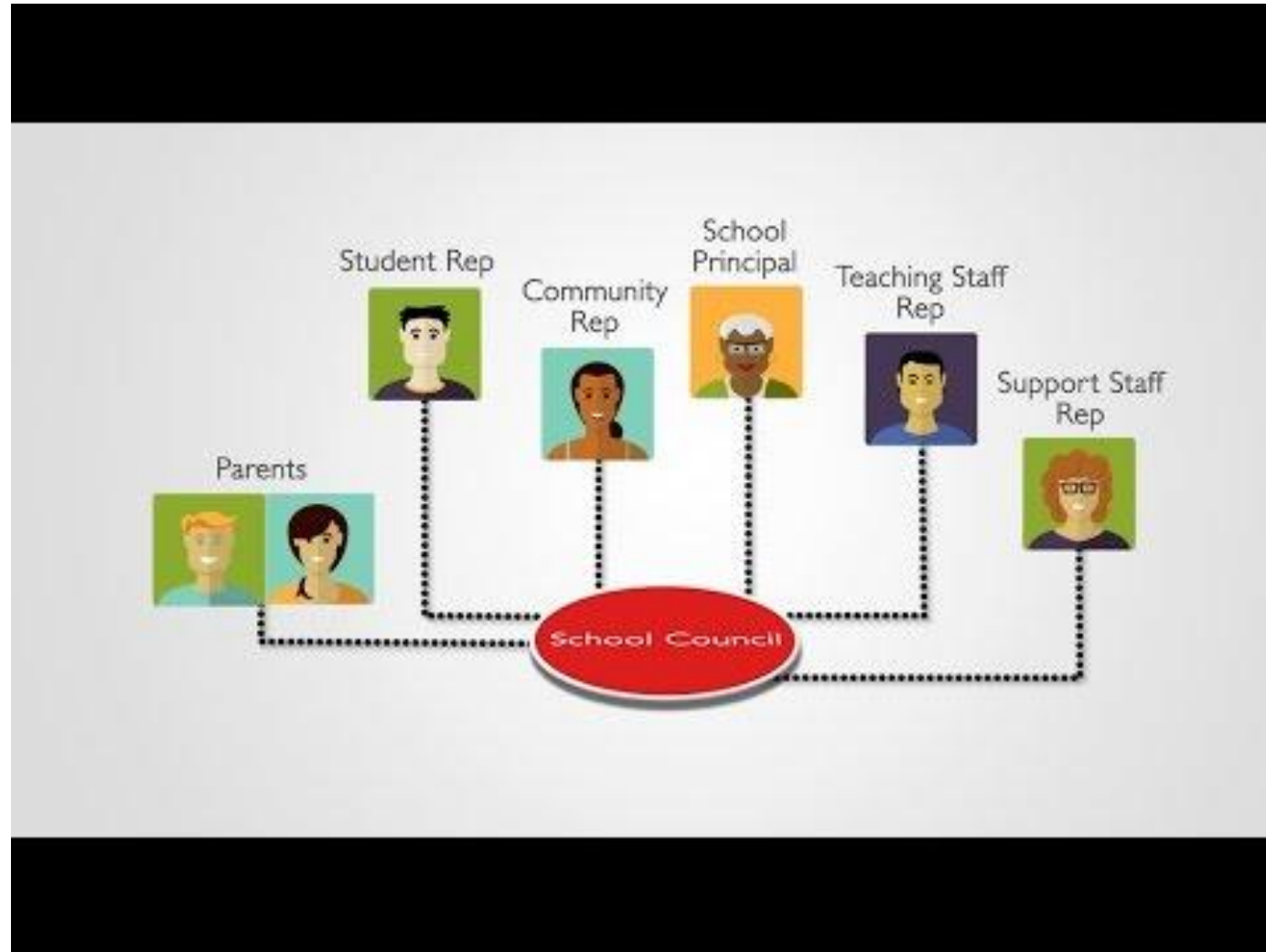
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- A school council is an advisory body to the Principal and where appropriate, the Board.





# #1 - WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL?





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Q Hi, what are we looking for today?

I'd like to... ▼

Select Language ▼

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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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## Learning in Ontario

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## Publications

## Frequently Asked Questions



## 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?

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- 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?

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- 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

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- **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?

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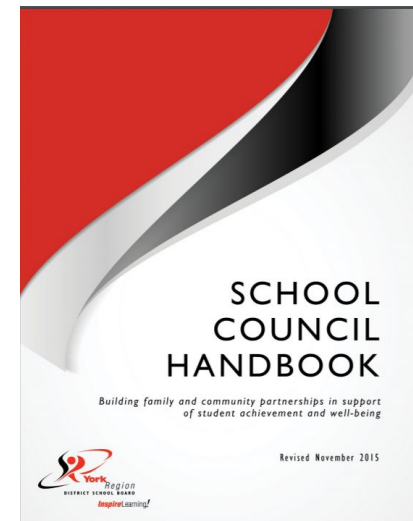
- Ministry Regulation 612/00

- School Council Handbook

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

- Board Procedure PR.262

- School Council Constitution





# #6 MEETING REQUIREMENTS

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- **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

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- 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

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Call for members

- **Chair/Co-Chair:**
- **Vice-Chair:**
- **Treasurer:** Robyn Caldwell
- **Secretary:** Corinne D'Angelo
- **Members:**

Send me your contact information [candice.mott@yrdsb.ca](mailto:candice.mott@yrdsb.ca)





# Priorities for the School Year

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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

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## 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)



# FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Suggested Topics/Focus</b>
Monday November 21 - 7:00 p.m.	Student Success/ Fundraising Plan Special Education (Learning Lounge)
Monday January 23 - 7:00 p.m.	Course Selections/SHSM/OYAP/ Co-operative Education
Monday, March 20- 7:00 p.m.	Graduation, Prom
Monday, May 15 - 7:00 p.m.	OSAP + Financing Post Secondary

\* School Council Forum - TBA



# Questions & Suggested Topics for Future Meetings

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