



# KPS COUNCIL MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Thursday February 9, 2023</b>
<b>Co-Chairs:</b>	Christine, Mallory
<b>Secretary:</b>	Melanie
<b>Council Members:</b>	Christine, Mallory, Melanie, Lori, Stacy, Lindsay, Amanda, Yvonne, Erin, Melissa, Kim, Tara, David, Rochelle, Linda, Amy, Michelle, Sarah, Kealy, Tammy
<b>Observers:</b>	
<b>Principal:</b>	Jessica Beatty
<b>Vice-Principal:</b>	Bryana Lloyd
<b>Teacher Representatives:</b>	Emily Stapleton, Mark Vojnic
<b>Google Drive:</b>	<a href="mailto:kpsmemberatlarge@gmail.com">kpsmemberatlarge@gmail.com</a> - Password KeswickPS
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Jessica, Emily, Christine, Mallory, Melanie, Lori, Stacy, Lindsay, Amanda, Yvonne, David, Linda, Erin, Tara, Amy, Sarah, Kealy, Jennifer
<b>Regrets:</b>	Bryana Lloyd, Mark Vojnic
<b>Student Representative:</b>	



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Topic (Presenter)	Discussion Notes	Next Steps
1. Welcome (Christine)		N/A
2. Approval of last minutes (Everyone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes from Dec. 8 meeting approved</li> </ul>	N/A
3. Financials (Jenn)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balances - General - \$1320.92; Lunch program - \$7707.99</li> <li>Halloween Dance bake sale - profit \$644.10</li> <li>Fresh From Farm - sold \$1566, paid \$939.60; profit \$626.40</li> <li>Poinsettias - sold \$2090.35, cost \$1563.13; profit \$527.22</li> <li>Childrens' Market - sold \$1718.95; profit \$859.47 (half of earnings transferred to Nutrition Program as per previous agreement)</li> </ul> <p><u>Childrens' Market Feedback</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good idea to keep it the week before the holidays as profits were very good</li> <li>Students missed class because they were waiting to get presents wrapped; in the future could have classes sign up for time slots</li> <li>There were no items left over; Lori had to go to dollar store to get more items</li> <li>Yvonne - 2 boxes went to stretch and 1 box went to Optimist Club</li> </ul>	N/A
4. Hot lunches review (JennEveryone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Difficult to calculate total as vendors are paid at different times in the month</li> <li>January lunch orders: Booster Juice - 131; Milk - 112; Pizza - 242; Subs - 97 (includes both Tuesday and Thursday); Yummy Souvlaki - 52</li> <li>Student asked if they could souvlaki meal without sauce, but it is difficult to do this for one child; instead they put minimal sauce to the side</li> <li>Currently we are not making profit on hot lunches; most schools make a lot of money on pizza</li> <li>Jessica suggested that perhaps we could cut back to one day of subs and make pizza lunch a fundraiser (could be fundraiser for grade 8s - e.g. trip); also proposed doing a lunch special once a month</li> <li>Parents would need to be informed if pizza lunch is a fundraiser</li> <li>Amy suggested pizza lunch could be twice per week</li> <li>Jessica pointed out that it is a lot of work to have pizza for</li> </ul>	School will begin offering subs once per week, and pizza lunch once per week (fundraiser), beginning the next round of lunch orders.



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	<p>lunch because the slices need to be separated and there needs to be supervision of grade 8 volunteers; pizza also needs to be distributed in class; subs are a lot easier to distribute as they are pre-packaged</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mallory also pointed out that if students eat something too often then they won't want to eat it as much at home</li> <li>● Council in agreement that we will move to once a week for subs and pizza, with pizza lunch being a fundraiser; will also have different monthly specials</li> <li>● We will make pizza lunch a fundraiser otherwise parents will be paying too much</li> <li>● Note - Quick pizza offers kick-back at the end of the year</li> <li>● Suggestion was made that we change payments to bi-weekly rather than monthly so that if people miss a payment they will not have missed the whole month; but Lori said it takes 4 hours every time they enter the order forms</li> </ul>	
<p>5. Macgregors meat fundraiser update (Lori)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Macgregors meat fundraiser just started</li> <li>● Need to sell 100 boxes to get \$150 kick-back</li> <li>● Orders due Monday February 20</li> <li>● Pick-up on Monday February 27 at 4 p.m.</li> <li>● Although some parents may have difficulty picking up by 4 p.m., this time is the latest possible; no freezer space is available at the school because the freezer is full with cookies</li> </ul>	<p>Lori will oversee the fundraiser.</p>
<p>6. Family Dance (Christine)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Family Dance is February 23 from 6 - 8 p.m.</li> <li>● Bake sale, pizza, and candy will be sold</li> <li>● We will use ticket system, rather than having people purchase items directly, so that there will be only one place where people are handling money</li> <li>● DJ will be the same one that has been used before; Jessica has asked grade 6s for song list request which will be passed along to DJ</li> <li>● We have done a glow dance theme in the past; council agreed to do this theme again</li> <li>● We need to request baked good donations</li> <li>● Location was good for baked goods but need more space; could put out an extra table</li> <li>● Candy sale proceeds will go to grade 8 grad; could request donations of candy from parents</li> </ul>	<p>School will send a request to families for baked goods and candy donations.</p>
<p>7. Fun Fair - create committee - share ideas - vendors (Everyone)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No vendors are allowed at a fun fair; could be conflict of interest if you promote one business in the community when there are multiple business that provide same goods/services</li> <li>● Could businesses donate a gift basket that people win through raffle? - Jessica will look into this</li> </ul>	<p>Christine, Mallory, Lori, Lindsay, Melanie, Kealy, Yvonne, and Stacy</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Silent auction - each class could have basket</li> <li>● Can we have a bouncy castle? - Jessica will look into this</li> <li>● We could have more carnival games; possibly could loan them from Georgina Pioneer Village</li> <li>● Could have face painters who are volunteering, but not from a business that is being promoted</li> <li>● Students really enjoyed the henna station</li> <li>● Could have photobooth or selfie stations</li> <li>● Book Fair will also be running during Fun Fair</li>   <li>● A subcommittee will be formed to plan fair</li>   <li>● Parking situation at special events is a concern as emergency vehicles may have a difficult time getting through; need to promote areas to park (e.g. dance studio that borders on grounds, post office)</li> </ul>	<p>volunteered to plan Fun Fair; anyone else interested should contact the council.</p> <p>The first meeting will be held in March.</p> <p>Someone on the committee will contact local establishments to request use of their parking area.</p>
<p>8. Principal / Vice Principal Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- School Improvement Goal Setting</li> <li>- EQAO</li> <li>- Recess Changes</li> <li>- Electives</li> <li>- Grade 8 Graduation updates</li> <li>- Nutrition program</li> </ul>	<p><u>School Improvement and Goal Setting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Survey was done for junior/intermediates - 217 responses</li> <li>● Also surveyed parents/guardians and staff</li> </ul> <p><b>STAFF</b> Strengths - Building collaborative relationships Areas of improvement - Mental health and wellbeing supports for students ; Assessment and instruction supports; literacy and math supports</p> <p><b>STUDENTS</b> Strengths - Friendships, teachers Areas of improvement - More quiet, calm learning environments to help students feel more successful; more opportunities to play games and have fun; less rules during recess</p> <p><b>FAMILY INPUT SURVEY</b> Strengths - Supportive staff Areas of improvement - More extracurriculars and fun opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Could have opportunity at Family Dance for parents/guardians to complete survey; Kealy volunteered to promote this at dance</li> <li>● We will discuss goals and action plan in the future once we receive more survey data</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">&lt; Family Input Survey &gt;</a></p>	<p>School will send another email with a link to the Family Input Survey.</p> <p><b>Kealy</b> will promote the survey at the Family Dance.</p> <p>Staff will try to plan electives for juniors and intermediates, and a fun day for primaries, in the spring.</p> <p>Fundraising plan will be discussed at a future meeting.</p>



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## EQAO

- 84 % of grade 6 students are reading at or above grade level compared to 90% of the Board and 85% of the province
  - 84% of grade 6 students are writing at or above grade level compared to 92% of the Board and 84% of the province
  - 31% of grade 6 students are at or above grade level in math compared to 62% of the Board and 47% of the province
  - 55% of grade 3 students are at or above grade level in math compared to 71% of the Board and 59% of the province.
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- Improvement in math will be one area of focus
  - In grade 3, 79% of students reported that they like math, but by grade 6 the percentage was much lower
  - Primary math teacher will be going into classes to support

## Recess

- Recent change - everyone goes out together rather than having a split lunch; this allows for more supervision; frees up CYW Mme Hamilton to do fun activities at lunch (e.g. games, knitting club)
- Students do not like the zones, which is in place to prevent young students from getting injured or being close to older students
- Intermediates want to be able to play soccer but then nobody else gets to use soccer field; there is a small field around the corner of the school where intermediates are
- Students are now allowed to play with balls as long as there are not multiple games going on on the same field

## Electives

- Staff tried to book electives for winter but ski hills and ROC are booked; will try for spring so that the juniors/ intermediates have an elective and primaries have a fun day

## Grade 8

- Reception will be at Keswick High School
- Students are fundraising for refreshments
- Parents have organized something after the reception that is separate from the reception
- Staff are planning a grad trip; ideas are Queen's Park/Blue Jays Game, Wonderland; cookie sales profits can go towards this trip
- Diploma cost will be covered by the school

## Nutrition Program

- Costs about \$500-600 per week
- Based on feedback, students often ate a lot of the packaged items but then were not eating their lunch
- Recently changed to offering healthier options, such as more fruits (e.g. apples, grapes) and applesauce
- Jessica questioned whether we need to offer students food, as



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	<p>this is a very costly program and the majority of students bring a lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Program costs about \$21000 per year (\$500-600 per week); have received some grants, but not as many as received in the past</li> <li>● Could have food available for students who forget their lunch</li>   <li>● Question of whether there is someone who checks to see if a student has a lunch; Jessica says they are moving to more accountability and will keep an eye on who does not have lunch, and then contact home</li> <li>● Lunch monitors could ask to see student's lunch first before letting student access nutrition program food</li> <li>● Parents could be informed if their child is accessing nutrition program food; Jessica suggested putting a slip of paper in the child's lunch so that the parent will be aware and know that they need to send more food</li>   <li>● Note - Lindsay suggested that parents be informed about what extracurriculars, tryouts, etc. are running during lunch time; this would help inform parents/guardians so that they can encourage their child to participate</li>   <li>● Fundraising plan will be discussed at future meeting</li> </ul>	
<p>9. Yearbook (Lindsay)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● More pictures are needed for the yearbook</li> <li>● Staff are asked if they can create a class slide</li> <li>● Lindsay has created folders to organize pictures</li> <li>● Secretary has been working on getting permission forms back from parents from the school start-up; Jessica will check that people can access online forms</li> <li>● A reminder can be put in weekly bulletin for parents</li> <li>● Parents can send pictures directly to Lindsay Di Paulo</li> <li>● Cover contest - could be theme; to be discussed at next meeting</li> </ul>	<p>School will include reminders to send photos in weekly newsletters.</p> <p>Yearbook themes will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>

**Future Meeting Dates:** April 13, May 4, June 8