



KPS COUNCIL MINUTES

Date:	Thursday January 20, 2022
Chair:	Christine
Secretary:	Melanie
Community Engagement:	
Council Members:	Christine, Melanie
Observers:	Jenn, Tanya, Lori, Elena, Stacy
Principal:	Tonya Vokey-Young
Vice-Principal:	Shelly Hewitt
Teacher Representatives:	Emily Stapleton, Mark Vojnic
Google Drive:	kpsmemberatlarge@gmail.com - Password KeswickPS
In Attendance:	Tonya, Shelly, Emily, Christine, Melanie, Jenn, Tanya, Lori, Elena, Stacy
Regrets:	Mark Vojnic
Student Representative:	Not Present



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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"> • Approval of last minutes - Dec. 2, 2021 	N/A
3. Financials (Christine)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$16 519 is still current balance 	N/A
4. Hot Chocolate fundraiser recap (Melanie)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised \$116 • Company needed to cut off orders early due to the fact that they were booked all the way to Dec. 23 • Feedback - Quality of product was good; there was some disappointment that fundraiser ended early and some did not get a chance to order; some people not aware of fundraiser 	N/A
5. Discussion about Fundraiser Money Allocation (Everyone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to decide what money will be put towards for each fundraiser • Tonya surveyed staff to assess needs/wants; options were sports equipment, musical instruments, classroom supports, tree planting; top choice was musical instruments • There would be an extensive and lengthy process involved with tree planting (e.g. board staff need to come to property to determine appropriate planting location, etc.) • Musical instruments won't be used this year due to COVID; parents may have concern that students would not benefit from this spending during this school year, and students who are in grades 7/8 may not benefit at all • Students start playing in grades 4-6 depending on staffing; there are currently 2 staff at KPS who can teach instrumental music • The hope is that instruments can be repaired and used in the near future • Classroom supplies such as Lego, games, etc. could be beneficial for indoor recess; these cannot be used right now • Many teachers access Teacherspayteachers.com for resources; funds for these resources likely would not be approved • In the past teachers were given \$100 each for class supplies <p>• Decision to use money from fundraisers for musical instruments</p>	<p>Tonya will ask music teachers to make a list of instruments and prices, and provide them to the school council for review.</p>
6. Motivational Speaker (Emily)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KPS would like to invite a motivational speaker to do presentation for the students - Duane Gibson - Canadian speaker/rapper • He came to KPS 2 years ago for a Black Canadian History presentation; he is willing to come again this year; has some availability from now until March • Topics could be cyberbullying/social media • One presentation is \$750 + HST; two presentations are \$1100 (two presentations needed in order to split grades) 	<p>Emily will contact Duane to determine if he can do student and parent presentations.</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Suggestion was made that Pink Shirt Day could be fundraiser for this event ● See notes below re: PROGrant 	
7. PROGrant (Tonya)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * PROGrant money needs to go towards parent presentation, but if there were a student AND parent presentation then that would be approved ● Sarah Westbrook - presented virtually to parents about emotional self-regulation in the past; does presentation called You Power ● Duane Gibson could be an option if he can do presentation for students during the day and presentation for parents in evening 	Tonya will contact Sarah Westbrook if Duane Gibson is not able to do a day/evening presentation.
8. Macgregor's Meat fundraiser (Christine)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lori has contact for Macgregor's Meat ● Deal for Feb. - Over 200 boxes sold, add \$300 onto our profits ● Could we get people to order by Feb. 28, and pick-up on March 5? Need to check on this. ● Could send information about fundraiser to parents on Monday Jan. 24 	Lori will be responsible for this fundraiser. She will ask about dates.
9. First Aid Kit fundraiser (Christine)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Will discuss this at a future meeting so that there are not too many fundraisers at the same time 	N/A
10. Boxed Holiday Cards fundraiser (Christine)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Need to prepay for the cards ● Will discuss this at a future meeting so that there are not too many fundraisers at the same time 	N/A
11. Pink Shirt Day (Everyone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pink Shirt Day is Wednesday Feb. 23 ● Lori has made design; worked with Mme. Pollard to do English to French translation ● Would be good to deliver shirts to students by Friday Feb. 18 ● Need order by Thursday Feb. 10; get report from Brenda on Feb. 11 	Lori will be responsible for this fundraiser. She will email Brenda tomorrow to discuss.
12. Virtual activities for families (Everyone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Suggestion of using escape rooms as they are fun for families ● We could reach out to Inclusive Schools to ask about resources for activities 	Jenn will look into escape rooms. Shelly will contact Inclusive Schools to see if they have any resources.
13. Parent engagement questionnaire (Everyone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussion - How do we engage parents to be involved in the Parent Council? ● Could create information/questionnaire ● Could list fundraising initiatives and other programs that we've had in the past and ask if they would like to be involved ● Could ask parents how they want to be engaged. E.g. Do they want minutes from meetings in email? ● Could let parents know that they can drop into meetings 	Christine, Stacy, Samantha and Melanie will work on making a questionnaire. Tonya will include the meeting link in



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Could have meeting link in the email that is sent to parents a few days before council meeting	the email to parents about the council meeting.
14. Tonya's Corner (Tonya)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mme. Hebb has resigned● Mme. Wong was a prep-coverage/English teacher; she has moved into Mme. Hebb's grade 3 class● Ms. Otto is now doing prep coverage in English● Ms. Willard (office) has moved; Ms. Boscombe is there part-time● Mme. Laporte left before the holidays; Mme Katzmier is temporarily covering for Mme. Laporte● Mme. Hamilton is returning in early February ● N95 masks have been delivered● RAT tests were sent home prior to the winter break (box of 5)● Today 2 RAT tests were sent home, as well as 2 cloth masks● PCR tests are available for students who become symptomatic while at the school● School pictures were sent home today● Graduation photos scheduled for Feb. 16 for grade 8s● Report cards will be sent electronically from Feb. 23 - 25● Mme. Ryan and Mme. Stapleton have created school webpage which will go live soon ● Next meeting we should discuss the school council constitution	Tonya will send the school council constitution prior to the next meeting.
15. Spirit Wear (Jenn)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Could we look at getting more students to wear spirit wear and not use it as a fundraiser?● Discussion - perhaps items could be available on SchoolCash Online all year; Lori could look at the report each month; could be seasonal - 4x per year	Lori will inquire with Brenda about profits made from selling spirit wear. She will talk to Brenda about how spirit wear can be posted on SchoolCash Online.

Future Meeting Dates: March 3, April 7, May 19, June TBD