

Kettle Lakes Public School
School Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday October 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Attendees:

Danay Brown	Gloria Cairns	Tanya DeMarinis
Yolanda De Lio	Sarah Evans	Janine Franklin
Jennel Mohammed	Andrea Philp	Chris Reeves
Arlene Resnick	Johana Vigneswaran	Sophie Webster

Guests:

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Danay; 7:08

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome Back and Introductions; Chris/Janine

- a) Chris welcomes everyone and each attendee introduces themselves to the group
- b) Chris gave us some background on the Indigenous land that Kettle Lakes is situated on
- c) Chris review the items addressed at each meeting; approval of the meeting minutes and the agenda and the treasurer's report
- d) At the beginning of each year, we have an election

2. Approval of the Agenda

- a) Motion to approve the Agenda for tonight's meeting; Sophie
- b) Second; Gloria/Jennel
- c) All in Favour

3. Treasurer's Report; Gloria

- a) Review of Financial Summary; Gloria provided and reviewed the current financial statements.
- b) Opening balance is \$10365.36
- c) The \$2500.00 that was allocated for Fun Fair was not used; to be confirmed with Johana
- d) Gloria states that there has been no activity in or out of our account as of late
- e) See attached Statement

4. Elections; Chris/Janine

- a) Chris reviews Election Protocol
 - I. Review role of School Council
 - II. Refer to both YRDSB School Council Handbook and KLPS School Council Constitution
 - III. Commitment: monthly meetings, if you miss more than two meetings, you lose your vote
- b) A teacher representative will be sought out after our meeting tonight

- c) Reading of nomination forms by Chris/agreement that each person wants to be on Council;
 - I. Arlene Resnick
 - II. Danay Brown
 - III. Jennel Mohammed
 - IV. Tanya DeMarinis
 - V. Sophie Webster
 - VI. Johana Vigneswaran
 - VII. Andrea Philp
 - VIII. Gloria Cairns
 - IX. Sarah Evans
 - X. Yolanda De Lio
- d) Nominations/Elections for Council Executive Positions (Chris Reeves)
 - I. Chris provides a brief description of each Executive Position; Chair, Treasurer and Secretary
 - II. Gloria nominates Sophie for secretary
 - a. Sophie accepts the nomination
 - b. Jennel and Arlene second
 - c. All approve
 - III. Sophie nominates Johana and Gloria as co-treasurers
 - a. Gloria and Johana accept the nomination
 - b. Danay and Andrea second
 - c. All approve
 - IV. Arlene and Sarah offer to co-chair
 - a. The position is accepted by both
 - b. Sophie seconds
 - c. All Approve
 - V. Arlene and Sarah are co-chairs, Gloria and Johana are co-treasurers, Sophie is Secretary
 - VI. Chris thanks Danay for her role as chair for years past and for doing such a wonderful job

5. Principal's Report; Chris

- a) After the October 5th reorganization, we currently have 354 students in face to face learning and 181 on-line
- b) With our new reorganization we now have 19 homerooms and 2 Community Classes
- c) New staff for this school year: Mr. Innis (Gr. 1/2); Mr. Chan (Gr. 7); Ms. Di Venosa (Gr. 5 and prep coverage); Ms. Fantin (SERT and Gr. 5 Literacy) who is in for Ms. Gabrielli who is currently on leave; Mr. Kligerman (French) who is in for Ms. Lipkus who is currently on leave; Ms. Caruso (Gr. 8) who is in for Ms. Gallant who is currently on leave; Mr. Russo (CYW); Ms. Facchetti (ISW-CC); and Ms. Sidhom (ISW – CC)
- d) This definitely has been a very different start up this year, but our students and staff are settling in and starting to get use to the new safety rules and routines

- e) Our Meet the Staff Night will be held virtually this year and will be on Thursday October 22nd, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., with two identical sessions for families with more than one child. We will be providing images and information related to staff, safety protocols and teachers will be sharing classroom routines and expectations.
- f) Our Gr. 8 Graduation for our 2020 graduates will be held virtually this fall due to COVID-19 restrictions. We will be sharing more information regarding the dates, and diploma pick up in the next few weeks
- g) COVID Screening and Protocols – We continue to follow the direction from Public Health regarding COVID screening and protocols. We ask that families screen their child each day prior to sending them to school to ensure they do not have any symptoms, and if they do to keep them home until they are symptom free. Information regarding COVID protocols will continue to be shared with families through email and our weekly E-bulletin
- h) Communication – Most communications from the office will be done electronically via email including a weekly E- bulletin (sent out on Friday afternoons) and e-mail blasts. We are also on Twitter @KettleLakesPS, and we will also be using EDSBY to communicate information
- i) Virtual Parent Teacher Interviews will take place Thursday November 12th after-school and Friday November 13th in the morning. Families will be able to sign up for an interview through Edsby and teachers will share a link to families that week.
- j) Progress Reports will be sent home electronically on November 19th and 20th
- k) Parent-teacher interviews will be virtual and will take place on November 12th and 13th; parents can go to EDSBY to sign up. November 13th is a PA day

6. Other Items

- a) Subcommittees:
 - I. Communication, Education, Eco and Fun Fair
 - II. Members will be able to sign up once Council gets going
- b) Fundraising:
 - I. We brainstormed many fundraising ideas; World Class Chocolate, Gift Cards, Cash
 - II. Ultimately we decided as a group that we would not be organizing a fundraiser at this time. This was based on our current balance, the situation with the Covid-19 pandemic and the potential effects on a family's financial situation as well as the difficulty with handling and distributing items.
- c) The Angel Fund and other ways to help our community
 - I. Angel Fund; usually we allocate \$500.00 but we are willing to do more if needed as Tanya suggested
 - II. Extra-curricular activities; in the gym or in the classrooms if permission is granted
 - III. Online speaker presentations to support families; mental health, cyber security (Paul Davies, X-Movement Australia)
 - IV. Adopt a family for the holidays; Council Members willing to contribute as we have done in that past to help a family or families in need at our school. Chris will look into this for us
 - V. Food Drive for the Food bank; Chris will see if it is allowed

d) Lunch Programs

- I. Danay inquired
- II. We collectively decided that with the current situation the logistics of this would be impossible and that parent interest would be low
- III. The milk program is allowed and will be organized by the teachers

7. Adjourn; Arlene/Sarah

- a) Tonight's meeting was adjourned at 8:25!

NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

November 23, 2020

January 18, 2021

*Please note: Although council does not meet monthly, subcommittees may meet in between council meeting dates!

Sophie Webster, Secretary