

École Père Kenneth Kearns Catholic School

School Council Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE	
Natalie Wallace - Chair	Barb Crowley –Treasurer
Karen Bohaychuk– Vice Chair	Heather Weiss - Secretary
Jonathan Robb	Dora Berry
Aimee Banack	Fernando Soares
Charles Ward	Melanie Thorne
Jeanine Losty	Ivan Abelar
Christine Carcoux	Lisa Ritchie
Paulette Caharel	
SCHOOL STAFF	
Mme. Gravelle - Principal	

I. Call to Order

- Natalie Wallace called the meeting to Order at 7:35 pm
- Opening Prayer – Mme. Gravelle
- Approval of Agenda: 1st –Jeanine Losty; 2nd – Paulette Caharel
- Approval of December 20/16 Minutes: 1st –Karen Bohaychuk; 2nd – Barb Crowley
- Approval of January 24/17 Minutes: 1st –Karen Bohaychuk; 2nd –Barb Crowley

II. Old Business

a. Shrove Tuesday – Barb Crowley

- Thank-you to all the volunteers, teachers, and the County for donating supplies
- Festivities went very well.

b. Learning Commons Committee- Natalie Wallace

- Council would like to form a group of parents to explore what topics to bring into the school in the library; stations, centres. Need these parents to research and set it up alongside Heather Corbin (Librarian).
- Letter will go home in the coming weeks.

III. Reports from Council

a. Administrative Report -Mme Gravelle

- i. Merci's and thank-you's:
 - to Barb Crowley for all the organizing of the looming and for Carnaval;
 - to those who helped with Club Moo and hot lunch;

- Mme Abercrombie for Faith Day;
 - To everyone who welcomed new staff members;
 - To all those who attended the Drama presentations and Open House
 - To everyone for accessing online progress reports
 - To Mr. Ryley Speers for running intramurals
 - To those who completed the accountability survey, results will be reviewed next meeting
- ii. Soiree Francais is being rescheduled for next school year due to low registration this year. A lot was accomplished with the planning process, and will be ready for next year.
 - iii. Yoga in the schools; EICS completed a write-up on Yoga in the Catholic School system. The underlying beliefs do not align with Catholic beliefs, so the schools will no longer be referring to it as “Yoga”, but rather “Christian Meditation”. The movements associated with Yoga will still be practiced, as will meditation to hear the voice of God. This was triggered by a letter from the Bishops of Alberta and in the Arch Diocese.
 - iv. Appeal Process for School grievances:
 - 1) Talk to the teacher first (if it involves the teacher)
 - 2) If no progress with teacher, then speak with school administration (Principal, etc.)
 - 3) Next level is the Board Director, Clint Moroziuk
 - 4) Deputy Superintendent
 - 5) Trustee Board
 - 6) Final level of appeal is to the Superintendent, however, not all issues may be appealed to this level.
 - Please note the reminder of the School Act: Page 33, section 27. No one may disturb or interrupt the proceedings of the school.
 - v. Three Conferences will occur again in March (date TBA), with Evidence of Learning Portfolios coming home soon. This is one of the six formal occasions of communication between parents and teachers.
 - vi. Saffron Presentations: these are great workshops for parents. CEPAC offered one and reinforced the myth that kids bedrooms are their own private spaces and that their phones are not private either. Also emphasized that it is important to know what your kids are doing online.
 - vii. CPF French class is well underway, and going very well. Thanks to CPF for facilitating this class. It will likely be offered again in the fall, as there has been lots of interest.

b. Executive Report – Natalie Wallace

- i. Three Year Plan: Have made adjustments to the Plan, as it is a living document. This is now available to view on the school web page. This plan is a great tool to assist with our vision and during member transitions.

- ii. CEPAC (Catholic Education Parent Advisory Council): Will be having a meeting: exact date TBA
- iii. EPK Open House: to Karen for manning the booth that evening with Natalie.
- iv. School Council Executive: We will be holding elections for next year at our May AGM. If you are interested in a position, please look on our website for more information or contact us in person or through our email.

c. Report of Upcoming Events and Celebrations – Karen Bohaychuk

- March 1 – NOT early dismissal; instead there is the Ash Wednesday Mass at OLPH
- March 3 – PD day; no school
- March 8 – Early Dismissal, Spirit Day – animal print
- March 11 – First Eucharist Parent/Child Retreat 1:00 PM
- March 20-24 – English Book Fair
- March 21 – School Council Meeting, 7:00 PM. Learning session: Tips from a nutritionist.
- March 20 & 22 – Three Way Conferences
- March 27-31 – Spring break, No school.

IV. New business

V. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by Heather Weiss, Dora Berry.