

École Père Kenneth Kearns Catholic School

School Council Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE	
Natalie Wallace - Chair	Barb Crowley –Treasurer
Karen Bohaychuk– Vice Chair	Heather Weiss - Secretary
Tammy Start – Fundraising Chair	Dora Berry
Aimee Banack	Carla Weyland
Scott Endres	Stephen Karpala
Caroline Fray	
SCHOOL STAFF	
Mme. Gravelle - Principal	Carmen Emery – 2E

I. Call to Order

- Natalie Wallace called the meeting to Order at 7:41 pm
- Opening Prayer – Mme. Gravelle
- Approval of Agenda: 1st –Carla Weyland; 2nd – Caroline Fray
- Approval of March 21/17 Minutes: tabled

II. Old Business

- None to discuss at this time.

III. Reports from Council

a. Administrative Report -Mme Gravelle

- i. Merci's and thank-you's, and prayers for:
 - To Ryley Speers for work with Intramural program
 - To all parents who volunteer, and to School Council members
 - To Mme Hayden (who has recovered from a recent hip surgery) for helping students present their Green Routine at the Climate Leaders Symposium
 - Mme Lucille is away for some time on medical leave, due to a ruptured appendix; please keep her in your prayers
 - Also pray for Declan, a grade 2 student at EPK; he is very ill and will be having surgery shortly at the Stollery
- ii. House system:
 - kids have all been placed into a "house" (team), and have been voting on various choices pertinent to their house..

- The Jump Rope for Heart campaign was the “kick-off” activity for the Houses to do together
 - The reward given out will all be about spending time together as a House
 - Handing out coins
- iii. Pre-kindergarten: EPK will be offering this beginning next year (2017-18). It will be somewhat more academically focused than the preschool was, with more exposure to concepts but still founded in a play-based concept. Will be funded partially by the PUF program.
- iv. School Supplies: Government has mandated that all children are entitled to a free basic education. To this end, they have provided \$75 per child towards school supplies and related expenses, and schools must now provide all basic school supplies; parents will no longer be paying for same. However, after calculating what is actually spent per child, the school faces a shortfall in next year’s budget.
- v. Sport Day (aka track meet): to be held on Monday June 26
- vi. Meet the staff night in September: Wednesday September 6
- vii. Budget Survey: as mentioned above, for various reasons the school faces a shortfall for the upcoming year in the budget. Part of the issue is the numbers of students registered in each grade at present; there is a skew in how they are distributed versus how government will fund each class. Mme Gravelle thus invited attendees to participate in an activity in groups to help brainstorm ideas to resolve this upcoming shortfall.
- viii. EICS Nutrition administrative procedure (AP):
 - this is being introduced for next school year.
 - There will be three parts to this AP: 1) Nutrition; 2) Mental Health; 3) Physical Health
 - This will apply to the Hot Lunch program as well.
 - Potential vendors for Hot Lunch and Hot lunch Coordinators will be informed about this new AP at an information event on May 31 from 9:00-11:00.

b. Executive Report – Natalie Wallace

- i. Next month’s AGM; executive roles: Will be electing next year’s council. This meeting needs to have higher attendance, as we need to have for enough for quorum (minimum of 7 people voters, not including the person running for the position in question). If anyone knows someone who would be interested in one of the council positions, please refer to Natalie as she has put together a write-up of each role.
- ii. Family Fun Night: this will not be held this year. Will re-examine possibility later of having it next year.
- iii. Volunteer appreciation day: being held on May 5th, from 9:00 – 10:30. Everyone who has volunteered this year is welcome; please RSVP to the evite that was sent out.

- iv. Hot lunch: Cassandra Grahn has agreed to be the coordinator for the coming year, but is unable to be at the school during the actual serving of hot lunch, so another volunteer is needed for this portion. Aimee Banack volunteered for same.

c. Report of Upcoming Events and Celebrations – Karen Bohaychuk

- April 27 – Jump rope for Heart happening all day
- April 28 – No school
- May 3 – Early dismissal/Spirit Day (Hat day)
- May 5 – Volunteer appreciation: 9:00-10:30
- May 10-11 – Camp Francophone
- May 12 – French mass at OLPH at 9:30
- May 17 – Grade 4: Mayor's Walk/Run (12:00)
- May 19 -22 – no school
- May 23 – School Council meeting: AGM, and learning session on Mental Health

IV. New business

- a. Movie night for next year: inquired about interest in repeating this event in September; Most agreed it went well and should happen again. Will likely still popcorn for cost recovery, but will not have the same selection of treats for sale. Cost of this event is approx. \$3000-\$4000. A group of volunteers will be needed to organize same. Heather Weiss volunteered; will need more volunteers. To be discussed further at next meeting.

V. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm by Aimee Banack and Heather Weiss.