

École Père Kenneth Kearns Catholic School

School Council Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE	
Jania Balog - Chair	Charles Ward - Vice Chair
Heather Bonokoski -Secretary	Nathalie Wallace -Past Chair - 3T
Beatriz Alentejam - 4R	Kyle Chuka - Fundraiser
Monique Gagnon - Gr. 1	Candice Fawcus - PreK
Leanne Starko - 1D	Cheyenne Brown - PreK and Gr. 1
SCHOOL STAFF	
Mme. L. Macpherson	Mme. Jacqueline Dragis-Bouche
Mme. Janelle Tremblay 1J	Mme. Carmen Emery 2E

Check out the EPK Website for information and updates on EPK School Council:

<https://epk.eics.ab.ca/parents/school-council>

I. Call to Order

- a. Opening Prayer (Mme L. Macpherson)
- b. Jania Balog called the meeting to Order at 7:01 pm
- c. Approval of Minutes from November 2018: 1<sup>st</sup> - Charles Ward; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Monique Gagnon
- d. Approval of Agenda: 1<sup>st</sup> -Charles Ward; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Candice Fawcus

II. Old Business

N/A

III. Reports from Council

- a. Administrative Report (L. MacPherson)
  - Modernization
    - No new updates
  - Staffing Changes
    - New EA - Mme Amy-Emmanuelle Jutras -New grad with education degree. Working in all classes.
    - Mme Lafrance has been away on medical leave. Mme MacPherson has been filling in as acting Principal. Mme

Pankewich has taken over Mme MacPherson's teaching assignment and is now full time in that classroom.

- Mme MacPherson is retiring and her last day is Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. The new Vice Principal is Mme Jacqueline Dragis-Bouche, formally from St. Albert Catholic.
- Events
  - Artist in Residency program was a big hit. Students learned cultural dances provided by Tradansa (French dance group).
  - Indigenous Author (M. Boucher) in school last week
  - Open House scheduled for Feb 21. Similar structure to last year - 7PM start. Looking for parents to help promote event.
  - Read for Valeda House
    - ÉPK Student Leadership Team is planning a Social Justice Project to support Valeda House.
    - The students will be hosting a Read-a-thon to be held at the beginning of Lent from February 11th to March 12th.
  - Carnival
    - Celebration will be on March 4
  - Mardi Gras
    - Pancake breakfast on March 5
  - Ash Wednesday Mass will be on March 6
- Alternate Activities for Phys Ed being planned
  - Register all classes for swimming - confirmed
  - Going on half-day field trips
  - Snowshoeing - Suggested
  - Looking for suggestions
  - Need to confirm funding
- Review school calendar for 19/20 school year
- Kindergarten Registration numbers to date:
  - 22 registered for Tues/Thurs
  - 13 registered for morning class
  - 4 for preK
  - Keep sharing information on Facebook

b. Executive Report (J.Balog)

- Hot Lunch Session 2
  - In need of volunteers for hot lunch and club moo
  - Same parents every month - please let us know if you can volunteer at least once a month
  - Check out the volunteer call out on Facebook and please share on Facebook [ÉPK School Council](#)
- Playground Committee (N. Wallace) update
  - Playground on schedule

- Strathcona County will be holding a presentation proposal. It will be scheduled soon and we are invited to attend.
- Tax return update will be issued next year for 2019 as opposed to 2018.

c. Society report

- Francophone Camp (C. Ward)
  - May be going forward this year. To be confirmed.
  - Hot dog lunch and bottle drive fundraising is to support the grade 4 Camp
- Fundraiser report (K. Chuka)
  - Purdy's chocolates - catalogues will be out soon
  - Looking for volunteers
- Country Nuts Photography (D. Tufty)
  - Looking for feedback
  - If parents have issues please let us know
  - Can also offer "Kindergrads" - Please let us know
  - Class photo's will be sent out soon

d. Upcoming Events and Celebrations (C.Ward)

See the EPK Website for the calendar of events:

<https://epk.eics.ab.ca/calendar>

- Jan 31<sup>st</sup> - Professional Development (no school)
- Feb 5<sup>th</sup> - ATB Bank Open
- Feb 6<sup>th</sup> - Early Dismissal, Spirit day (favourite hero or favourite sport).
- Feb 7<sup>th</sup> - Teacher's convention (no school)
- Feb 8<sup>th</sup> - Teacher's convention (no school)
- Feb 13<sup>th</sup> - Hot dog lunch
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Day
- Feb 15<sup>th</sup> - PD Day (no school)
- Feb 18<sup>th</sup> - Family day (no school)
- Feb 19<sup>th</sup> - ATB Bank Open
- Feb 21<sup>st</sup> - Open House from 5:00pm to 7:00pm
- Feb 25<sup>th</sup> - Readathon
- Feb 26<sup>th</sup> - School Council meeting
- Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - Pink shirt day and Peer Partners

IV. New business

- Information - OLPH Information Night being held on March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Question: How can parents get access to an annual school calendar to better plan for volunteer activities. Reach out to teacher.

V. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm by Jania Balog, 1st - Kyle Chuka; 2nd - Candice Fawcus

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