

École Père Kenneth Kearns Catholic School
June 2, 2020 (location: Google Meets)

IN ATTENDANCE	
Monique Gagnon - Chair	Krystal Gaudet - Vice Chair
Heather Bonokoski - Secretary	Leanne Starko - Treasurer
Natalie Wallace 4 PR	Jania Balog - Past Chair and AM
Charles Ward 1/2A	Candice Fawcus
Renee Melanson	Josephine Aljecera
Tessa Fowler	
SCHOOL STAFF	
Mme. Julie Lafrance	

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

I. Call to Order

- Monique Gagnon called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm
- Opening Prayer (Mme LaFrance)
- Approval of Minutes from April 2020: 1st - Jania Balog; 2nd - Candice Fawcus
- Approval of Agenda: 1st - Natalie Wallace; 2nd - Candice Fawcus

II. Old Business
N/A

III. Reports from Council

a. Administrative Report (J. LaFrance)

- Modernization
 - School construction is progressing quickly.
 - Contractors trying to get as much work done as possible and ahead of schedule.
 - Gym walls are up and ceiling done.
 - Working on new heating system installation.
 - Everything has been packed and is ready to move to storage.
 - The administrative team will be relocated to OLPH by next week and working out of library.
- On-Line Learning
 - Last teaching day will be June 19.
 - In the coming weeks, teachers will be focusing on getting ready for next year and looking at options and approaches. For example, learning could be online, half days, every other day. District is planning with safety and cleanliness of the school in mind.

- Mme. Lafrance working with teachers to focus on French language learning in an on-line environment if required.
- Recognises challenges for parents of children in a second language immersion program.
- Interested in more live online “classes” to reinforce French learning.
- Meeting with EICS to discuss challenges and solutions to help students and parents in French immersion program.
- Looking for techniques for better experiences for children.
- Superintendents looking at successes and challenges from other Provinces. Watching what is happening and learning to make the best decisions possible.
- Discussion - Review Alberta School Councils’ Association School Re-Entry Survey results: <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/the-parent-voice/school-re-entry-survey>

b. Executive Report (M. Gagnon)

- Survey Monkey Result
 - Overview of School Council Survey
 - Results of survey show Social Media posts effective. It was suggested we post reminders earlier to social media which we will try to do, but as always we recommend not completely relying on us as your sole method of remembering events and activities
 - 32% of respondents found the newsletter useful.
 - 83% of respondents are reading the Council minutes.
 - 94% of respondents feel they receive consistent communication
 - When asked what people would like to see at future meetings, a number of respondents (65%) indicated they would like to see Virtual Meetings. We may look to hold Virtual Meetings in the colder months. Small presentations are of interested to people and we will look to hold these in the New Year.
 - 41% of respondents were satisfied with Council.
 - We received good feedback on the fundraisers and we will use this information, along with our revenue report, to inform future year fundraising plans.
 - All respondents were satisfied with the Welcome Back Event.
 - We noticed that only 27% of respondents are aware of how we spend Council funds. We will better communicate this information going forward.
- Grade 4 Gifts
 - After reviewing the funds available for the grade 4 event we have decided that we may not have enough funding available to plan anything significant later when the kids are in Grade 5.
 - We also want to celebrate kids today and not wait until the new school year.
 - We will be preparing a Grade 5 survival kit. We received a nice donation from Staples and we will be able to make a great parting gift for the kids.

- Year in Review
 - Despite the challenges with construction and lack of gym we managed to hold a successful Welcome Back event, as well we were able to arrange for the kids to get some gym time.
 - Thank you to OLPH for the gym for the Welcome event and phys ed classes, and the staff room for the Council meetings.
 - Loose parts was a great addition. We were also able to raise funds for a storage shed to support the program.
 - Thanks to Northern Bear Golf Course for their donation of pancakes and chafing dishes for Shrove Tuesday.
 - We had to adjust our plans after Covid-19, however we did manage to provide the teachers with a token of our appreciation and we will arrange for a gift for the Grade 4 students leaving EPK this year.
 - Thank You
 - Thanks to the Executive team.
 - Thank you to our administration, Julie, Jaqueline and all of our Teachers. We appreciated the open and honest communication and relationship.
 - Thank you Janelle for continuing to attend our meetings and liaise with Teachers.
 - And a huge Thank You to Sarah
 - Thank you to past council, Nathalie Wallace, Jania Balog, Charles Ward and Carla Wayland.
 - Thank you to all the Class Rep
 - Thank you to our volunteers
 - Looking ahead
 - We will know more about what the new school year after Aug 1.
 - Executive will come together after decisions are made.
- c. Upcoming Events and Celebrations (M. Gagnon)
- June TBC - Distribution of Grade 4 gifts
 - June 15 to 19 - Drop off box available for Teacher's gifts (please package well, attach cards securely, and label clearly). You will need to drop them off at OLPH.
 - June 19 - Last day of instruction.
 - June 26 - Report Cards

IV. New Business

- Introductions of 2020-2021 Executive Positions
- Nominations for council next year:
 - Secretary
 - Motion: Krystal Gaudet and Nahalie Wallace nominated Heather Bonokoski
 - PASSED
 - Fundraising Chair

- We will be making a few adjustments to how we run the Society Committee to be in line with the Alberta School Council Association bylaws. This change will result in establishing a Fundraising or Society Associated
- School-based Fundraising Associations or Societies are distinct groups in the school, often working closely with their school council.
- The Association will be established in October.
- In the interim, we are putting forward a motion to appoint Lam Le as Acting Fundraising Chair and removing Kyle Chuka.
 - Motion: Krystal Gaudet motioned to remove Kyle Chuka
 - PASSED
- Clarify the Treasurer and Fundraising Chair roles will be moved to officially fall under EPK School Association (Societies AGM will take place in October)

V. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm
- 1st - Jania Balog; 2nd -Renee Melanson

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ÉPK School Society Meeting Minutes

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I. Call to Order

- a. Monique Gagnon called the meeting to order at 7:52 pm
- b. Approval of Agenda: 1st - Jania Balog; 2nd - Candice Fawcus

II. October AGM

- a. Establishment of Fundraising / Society Association will occur in October.
- b. Membership & Bylaw adjustment to be followed through in October.

III. Treasurer’s Report (L. Starko)

- a. 2019-2020 Budget
- b. Year End Report
 - Despite not holding 3 fundraisers we raised more money that we forecasted.
 - Generated \$12,407 in revenue and \$6,162 in expenses resulting in a surplus this year of approximately \$6,000. Finally accounting for the year is not complete.
- c. Munchalunch refund cheques will be in the mail by Monday, June 8th.

IV. Fundraising Chair (K. Gaudet)

- a. Final report on Fundraising
 - Ohana’s Donuts raised \$884
 - Booster Juice raised \$1,333
 - Christmas Card Minis - Didn’t rate as high on the survey however, this was the first time and we will work with photographer to add more time slots. We raised \$1,130
 - Munchalunch - This is our biggest fundraiser. We anticipate some challenges with the ability to organize the fundraiser next year. We will look at options and even branch out to other suppliers. We raised \$5,397

- We got on Mable's labels and Cobs late in the year. We will do again next year and promote more on Social Media. We only raised \$110
- Other events resulted in \$4,682.

b. Next year

- Do not want to overwhelm people next year. We want to be sensitive to the situation. Focus on a few different suppliers and options.
- Want to Looking at Jacek
- Fundscrip: <https://www.fundscrip.com/>

V. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm
- 1st - Jania Balog; 2nd -Nathalie Wallace