

**École Père Kenneth Kearns Catholic School**  
**School Council Meeting Minutes: September 28, 2021**

Location: Google Meet online

IN ATTENDANCE	
Monique Gagnon – Chair (3 <sup>rd</sup> Term)	Robert DeMedieros (M/W Kinder)
Krystal Gaudet – Vice Chair (3 <sup>rd</sup> term)	Carrie Tessarolo (2/3A)
Heather Bonokoski – Fundraising Chair	Colleen Kniaz (M/W Kinder)
Candice Fawcus – Co-Fundraising Chair	Nicole Siegel (1M / 4E)
Alli Sywenky – Secretary (1B)	Charles Ward (4AR)
Jania Balog (2A)	Karla Ishida (2/3A)
Melissa Storey (2D)	Candice Berger (T/Th Kinder)
Jason Maloney (2A)	Brittney Mulligan (T/Th Kinder)
Nicole Doherty	
SCHOOL STAFF	
Mme. Jacqueline Dargis-Boucher	Mme. Janelle Tremblay

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

**I. Call to Order**

- Monique Gagnon called the meeting to order at 7:06pm
- Opening prayer (Mme Dargis-Boucher)
- Approval of Minutes from May 2021 : 1<sup>st</sup> – Jania Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Charles Ward
- Approval of Agenda: 1<sup>st</sup> – Candice Fawcus, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Heather Bonokoski

**II. Old Business**

Introduction of our School Council Executives:

- Monique Gagnon Swan – Chair, 3<sup>rd</sup> term
- Krystal Gaudet- Vice Chair (3<sup>rd</sup> term)
- Leanne Starko – Treasurer (3<sup>rd</sup> term)
- Heather Bonokoski – Fundraising Chair (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- Candice Fawcus – Fundraising Co-Chair (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- Alli Sywenky – Secretary (1<sup>st</sup> term)

**III. Reports from Council**

**a. Administrative Report (J. Dargis-Boucher)**

- Happy to report that all construction is complete.
- It has been a great start to the year, given the circumstances yet again, but with the same protocol as last year, it has been a smooth transition. Parents have done a wonderful job of helping their kids get adjusted to the new school year.

- Enrollment is up this year.
- We are working on being more diligent with washroom schedules.
- We have to limit the number of parents and walk ins coming into the school again this year. 4 volunteers per event and must complete screening. Field trips and hot lunch are a go, with covid procedures in place. Our first field trip is a kindergarten adventure to Prairie Gardens, more information to follow.
- Art Exhibition will be coming in October. For one month, 20 artists will display their art in various formats, with the theme being Creatures.

**b. Executive Report (M. Gagnon / K. Gaudet)**

- Council does more than most people realize. It allows votes on large decisions, especially decisions involving money. If you want to participate in these votes, you need to sign a membership. Watch your inbox for more information on this.
- Our mission is to support the school, and to communicate issues that arise with the parents. We have a big say in how things look in the school.
- Council is fundraising constantly, and we always have a goal in mind. One goal this year is to help fund an artist in residence. An artist of any kind will spend a week or 2 in the school, with each class getting time to spend with that artist.
- Class Reps. Their job is to coordinate with the teacher for any volunteering or class parties (organizing snacks, etc). They will come to meetings (if they can) and will then send out the minutes to all the parents in that class. This role can be shared between 2 parents as well if that makes it easier.
- Looming (Ceinture Flechee). All students should have a loomed belt of the school colours that they wear to various events. If you are new to the school, we have graciously had a parent volunteer to organize a looming event, adhering with covid protocols, where a parent can make a belt for their child. More information to come.
- Munchalunch (Hot Lunch) is a go this year, and ordering was a great success! It is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We were particular this year in our vendors and made less choices available in order to make sure hot lunch can continue all year.
- Club Moo will not happen this session.
- No hot dog lunches this year.

**c. Fundraising Report (H. Bonokoski)**

- Apples from Davison Orchards, ON NOW. Orders due October 8<sup>th</sup> through Munchalunch.
- Art Cards for Kids around Christmas.
- Prairie Gourmet in February
- Ongoing Fundraisers:
  - Mabels Labels is open year round for personal labels.  
[https://mabelslabls.ca/en\\_CA/fundraising/support/](https://mabelslabls.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/)
- Cobs on Wye Road
  - Mention EPK when you make a purchase, and 5% goes back to the school.
- Save-On Foods - Summerwood

- Hang on to your receipts from here and send them to school with your child. They will be collected and a portion of the sales goes back to the school.
- Need a parent to help lead fundraising for Grade 4 camp – Bottle Drives. Since no hot dog lunches this year, a portion of Munchalunch will be donated.
  - Nicole Siegel has volunteered – thank you!

d. Upcoming Celebrations and Events (M. Gagnon)

- Oct 6<sup>th</sup> – Spirit day ( Crazy hair day), L’eppluchette, Early Dismissal.
- Oct 8<sup>th</sup> – First day of Munchalunch Hot lunch. Rotation for parent volunteers to come.
- Oct 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> -Thanksgiving, No School.
- Oct 18<sup>th</sup> – PD day, school closed to students.
- Oct 26<sup>th</sup> – School Council Meeting and Societies AGM
- Oct 28<sup>th</sup> – Photo Retakes
- Oct 29<sup>th</sup> – Hallowe’en Parties.

IV. **New Business**

- L’Epluchette. We will be contacting our volunteers to help out with our l’eppluchette event this year, which will take place October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Just a friendly reminder that during drop off and pick up times, it can get chaotic with kids running around. Kindly remember to slow down and be patient while waiting for kids to cross. We will all get to where we’re going if we don’t rush.

V. **Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm by: 1<sup>st</sup> – Jania Balog, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Charles Ward

**The next School Council Meeting is Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, via Google Meet**

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