



Kensal Park School Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday November 5, 2018

Attendance: Kristi Hall, Vince Londini, Karen Gingrich, Ann Sujak, Fred Chagnon, Isaac Bartlett, Tanya Nam, Becky Myers, Hilary Montgomery, Jane Hanbuch, Jennifer Mackinlay, Tammy Buchanan, Eduardo Krupnik, Teresa Stracuzzi, Alissa Post, Andrea Viana

Regrets: Kristina Stankevich

Call to Order – 6:30 pm

- 1) **Review and Approval of Oct 1 Minutes** – Fred motioned to approve, Alissa seconded.
- 2) **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest** (new conflicts only) – None
- 3) **Reports**
 - Chair's Agenda
 - **KP Values Statement.** Collaborative development of our Values to share with an incoming Principal to help them set their strategy.
 - Whiteboard some ideas for what we value for our students, Vince took notes
 - Listed our values and also things we don't value as a parent community for our students, Vince took a photo of the whiteboard for reference
 - Mme Hanbuch noted that our biggest issue is communication with parent community, both internal and externally and that will be a challenge for the new principal
 - **Robotics Funding/Chromebooks/School Dance.** Becky brought up a great idea. Jane has experience. We have some related funding needs. Let's review the idea and identify a team to plan and execute.
 - We are at \$860 now, long way to go
 - Need to change our communication strategy and create urgency. Campaign will be limited to November/December
 - Becky talked about the school dance idea, she did some research and would like to get things organized for younger grades
 - Use it as a fundraiser with door fee plus snacks and donations
 - Mme Hanbuch has done it several ways – Family Dance Night (near Family Day) or vendor who does fundraising all day
 - Becky to recruit more volunteers for a committee (Karen, Alissa, Ann, Nicole, Theresa, Fred), come back to us at December meeting with a proposal for a Jan/Feb dance

- **Council Education.** Question for consideration (discussion at later date): Where would education enable you to better perform your council role? Send Vince a note if you have ideas
- **Principal's Report**
 - Introduced Nicole Spowart - our new student representative
 - Monthly assemblies are now with character traits, kids awarded and photo taken
 - New policy from school board re smoking on school property, prohibited on property and within 20 metres, Mme Hanbuch has not seen any issues but if you do see someone, please come in and report to the principal immediately
 - Nicole reported on Grade 7/8 dance in third block, \$2 entry fee plus food and drinks, they made \$320, she thought it went well and students enjoyed it. They would be in favour of more dances at KP
 - Students did 80s day, asked for toonie donation, raised \$230 from that, money from those two events are going to sports uniforms and more sports equipment
 - We Scare Hunger event, 57 boxes of food collected
 - Book fair money has not been totaled, will report next month
 - Grade 7/8 went to Western Mustangs basketball game, each student paid \$4, successful event
 - Sports teams have started, tryouts being held for some teams. Vince asked for a list of all the sports teams with ages, administration will follow up with us
 - Cell phone policy change was a bit rough but people are adjusting now to it
 - EQAO results presented by Mme Hanbuch, she gave us a handout with results and you can also access the full report online
 - Main concern is the continued drop in mathematics over time for not only our school but provincewide
 - What are we doing about this? Focused discussion on this aspect and students at KP had a lot more difficulty with open ended questions on the test. Staff will be focused on this in the future. Mme Aspden and Mme Buchanan will continue to focus on this with new principal. Three math leads amongst staff at our school are conducting numerous initiatives with staff members, continued PD
- **Treasurer's Business**
 - \$860 for Chromebooks
 - We started to spend some of the money towards new instruments
 - A lot of money coming through Paypal for hot lunches
 - At the end of last year we talked about supporting Me to We day, total this year is \$1155. Alissa motioned to support it, seconded by Tanya. Voted in favour.
- **Fundraising Business**
 - Donation drive for Chromebooks, continuing to work on communication channels. Challenge is that we cannot accept online payments, must be a cheque or cash.
 - We should do a donation drive at holiday concerts (suggested by Mme Hanbuch), Deanna will take that away
 - Marble Slab and Boston Pizza have celebrity nights where you have to serve, an idea to promote in 2019

- Former QSP seller had some ideas she brought to Ann Sujak, Ann will email details to Deanna but we are trying to stay away from smaller fundraisers this year, will consider it for next year
- Isaac will send out final version of Chromebook email through the hot lunch email system
- Deanna will also come back with Buffalo Wild Wings total and more days
- Hot Lunch/Spirit Wear Business
 - Hot lunch going smoothly, orders are as per usual other than challenge last Friday with field trips, Mme Aspden has stepped in to help out a lot on those days
 - Lock on Pizza Vera fridge was tampered with about three weeks ago, inventory was missing (milk, yogurt, juice) so we don't have any backup inventory left and Isaac will get a new lock. Bit of a mystery.
 - First Subway day, had about 150 orders, parents want more variety of condiments
 - Isaac looking into Booster Juice as next option
 - Spiritwear went well, hats and new colours were popular. Items will be sent home in early December

4) **Unfinished business - None**

4) **New Business – Growing Chefs**

- Andrea brought up this idea, they were previously at KP two years ago
- They will do a family activity night, they can work with up to 150 people in different age categories, 3 hr event to prepare a meal.
- They only have 1 evening left – May 2nd. There is a cost \$1500 but we can apply for a grant to cover it. Could maybe use the PRO grant but the government has cancelled that or we could charge to attend.
- They bring everything with them, could fit well with our community building ideas.
- Needs logistical support (space needed to store and prepare and deliver the program)
- Andrea will follow up with them and figure things out for us, she will be the lead on this, Tanya will work with her, Alissa will work on the grant/funding piece – International Order of the Daughters of the Empire (IODE)

6) **Next Meeting – December 3, 2018 at 6:30pm in a Grade 7/8 classroom**

7) **Adjournment** – Deanna motioned to adjourn, Tanya seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.