

Keewatin Public School

School Council Minutes | March 20, 2018 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Present:

Heather Mutch (Principal)

Alexis Doucette Boucha (Chair)

Shayla Smith (Secretary)

Colleen Randell (Staff Representative)

Jackie Chalkley

Tara Vandall

Mike Dean

COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN DAY

Mike suggested the date of Sunday, September 9, 2018 for the next Community Family Fun Day. The date was approved by council and a time was tentatively set for 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. Council discussed ideas on activities to carry forward, and to change, from previous year. These included:

- A weather shelter for the band and face painters.
- A live 'cover' band for entertainment.
- A few more free games than last year.
- A second (or third) barbecue, warming trays, and that burgers and dogs be prepared in advance and kept warm.
- Repeat the 'touch-a-truck' event, possibly add some construction vehicles.
- Repeat the water balloon toss.
- Increase the number of costumed drama students and the number of face painters. Posh & Pixie was suggested for face painting, as well as art students.
- Repeat the bouncy castles. Possibility to setup inside the gym if weather is inclement.

Council also discussed the need to canvas for more financial donors and to get more parents involved. Suggested that parents have the option to volunteer in time slots (1 hour, 1.5 hour) so they don't miss out on enjoying the event with their own kids.

Alexis suggested we may qualify for the Parent Involvement Grant and proposed doing the research to determine if we do.

Council would like to send out a survey to KPS families regarding their participation and suggestions for the next Community Family Fun Day. Some potential questions were discussed and Shayla was elected to build the digital survey. It was noted that we should remind parents that this fundraiser pays for swimming lessons at KPS.

The next Community Family Fun Day planning meeting was schedule for Thursday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m.

The follow-up planning meeting will occur in conjunction with the next Parent Council meeting, on Tuesday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m.

SKATING DAYS

Council reviewed the success of the two school-wide skating days that have taken place. Overall they were considered a success, with the suggestion that we have more on-ice skating aids for students who cannot skate yet.

- Ho-Ho sells clean buckets for \$3, which can be used as skating aids.
- It was suggested we ask parents on the KPS Facebook page if they have skating aids they're willing to donate.

Jackie suggested that the primary hockey academy is an essential, positive feature of KPS and that, while skating day is fun and should be continued, we should consider re-instating the primary hockey academy next year.

Alexis raised the concern about ice time, and that without enough volunteers the kids spend too much time gearing up and not enough time on the ice. She suggested this frustration is what has contributed to the declining number of students participating in primary hockey academy.

Jackie proposed we address this issue by bringing in a third party to sponsor and run the primary hockey academy, such as the police force supporting it as a 'Cops for Kids' event. Council agreed this was a good idea, and Jackie was elected to work on a proposal for discussion at the next council meeting.

50/50 DRAW

Heather reported that the 50/50 Draw was successful in fundraising \$1,915.

Alexis suggested that this event may have run its course and that we consider a new (or several smaller) fundraiser for next school year. Some of the suggestions included:

- Spaghetti dinner(s)
- KPS-hosted garage sale(s)
- Bake sales, especially during the spring months

Council decided to discuss this further at the next meeting.

FOREST SCHOOL

Heather reviewed the Forest School media release with council. Council focused on the possibility to have a bussing program for KPS (based on the Forest School special programming) and the required 15 parent signatures to bring this to KPDSB attention. Ideas for how to promote this special program at KPS included a video (KPDSB buddysystem.ca budget), improved information on buddysystem.ca (Shayla, with approval from Sheena), and Facebook graphics.

FIREFLY

FIREFLY would like to host a family night for positive mental health, featuring board games or movies, for KPS families. Council agreed; Heather will ask FIREFLY for potential dates.

MISCELLANEOUS

- KPDSB Symposium is on April 15 from 11AM – 2PM, featuring activities for kids.
- New equipment is being purchased for the KPS kitchen, costing a couple hundred dollars, from the kitchen budget.
- Lions EyeSight is happening next Tuesday, March 27.
- PIC Conference is being held in Toronto on April 21 & 22. Anyone interested in attending should contact Alexis.

The date for the next Community Family Fun Day planning session was set for April 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

The date for the next school council meeting was confirmed for May 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.