

Keewatin Public School

School Council Minutes | September 27, 2018 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Present:

Heather Mutch (Principal)

Alexis Boucha (Co-Chair)

Tara Vandall (Co-Chair)

Shayla Smith (Secretary)

Marina Makara (Member At-Large)

Fallon Cody (Member At-Large)

Jackie Chalkley (Member At-Large)

Amanda Taylor (Member At-Large)

Colleen Randell (Staff Representative)

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT 2017-18

Alexis summarized her school council report for the 2017-18 school year.

SCHOOL COUNCIL POSITIONS

Heather provided descriptions of each position available on the council and we determined school council positions for 2018-19. List of positions (above) plus Sandie Carlson as treasurer.

SCHOOL COUNCIL PURPOSE

Amanda requested information regarding the purpose and activities of the school council: where does funding come from, what is covered and not covered by the government, and what does the school council fundraise/provide funding for?

Heather summarized that the Ministry of Education pays for school operations, staff wages, supplies, all education materials, and some activities and transportation—specifically activities that are education-centric, such as a field trip to the museum. The school council is thus responsible for paying for activities (and transportation to) that fall outside of the strictly educational jurisdiction.

Alexis pointed out that the biggest such expense (and primary fundraising goal) are the swimming lessons offered to all students at Keewatin Public, and the transportation costs to the Kenora Recreation Centre.

Fallon inquired as to whether the school could purchase our own bus. The following discussion included variables such as insurance. Heather indicated that she would look into the possibility.

NEW BUSINESS

Heather announced the following new information:

- With Sandie absent, the financial reports will be presented at the next school council meeting.

- Enrolment is up this year, so a new class (a grade two-three split) will be created soon. The job posting for a new teacher will be up in early October.
- The school Open House is planned for Thursday, October 4.
- One of the teachers would like to fundraise for their classroom and sought input from the school council on whether or not a hot dog lunch would be acceptable. The general opinion of the council was that hot dogs were not the best option—both for health and safety reasons. Recommended a grilled cheese or pasta option instead.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Colleen, on behalf of the Forest School Practitioners-in-Training, is requesting a donation from school council (or a fundraising effort) for \$500 in Forest School supplies. They are looking for items such as a Kelly Kettle, hammocks, tarps, and miscellaneous kitchen items for their mud kitchens.

Council approved at least a \$250 donation, and suggested a spaghetti dinner fundraiser and donation requests from local suppliers for the additional funds and/or items.

COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN DAY

Jackie brought up a few remaining requests following the 2018 Family Fun Day:

- A new popcorn scoop for the kindergarten classroom (purchase approved)
- Thank-you cards for the sponsors (Shayla will design and print 100)
- We are eligible for a \$1,500 grant from Tbaytel for next year's event. Jackie will be creating a video submission.

RAISE THE FLAG

Fallon requested that we plan to host a "Raise the Flag" event for next April (World Autism Awareness Day is April 2), in conjunction with Autism Ontario. Council has planned to meet again on October 16 to specifically discuss and plan this event.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The following dates have been established for future school council meetings, with additional meetings to be added as required:

- **Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**
(to plan Raise the Flag event and Trunk or Treat)
- **Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**
(regular meeting plus Holiday Feast planning)
- **Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**

EVENT DATES

Council also determined the following dates for the next school events:

- **Trunk or Treat:** Thursday, October 25 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- **Holiday Feast:** Thursday, December 13 at noon