



## Keewatin Public School - Parent Council

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Minutes for November 26, 2019

*Present: Heather Mutch, Shayla Smith, Alexis Boucha, Tara Vandall, Tekla Rundle, Fallon Cody-Brown, Alex Gordon*

*Note that the main business for this Parent Council meeting is a discussion about the planned move of the KPDSB into the second floor of KPS. Parents raised significant concerns regarding this plan and the agenda for this meeting was adjusted accordingly.*

### **KPDSB MOVE INTO KPS**

What do we know?

- That an ad hoc committee was recently formed within the KPDSB to overview the planned move into KPS.
- The original proposal for the move was supposed to include 'community discussion' and consultation with KPS families; as far as we are aware neither of those have occurred.
- Heather was informed by Sean Monteith (form Director of Education for KPDSB) in May that the school would see a full rebuild/renovation to accommodate the move.

Parents initial concerns include:

- Children/students being forced into portables as our school population increases and/if the first floor cannot accommodate all our classrooms.
- Strangers coming in/out of our building in relation to our student body (Board members or KPDSB visitors)
- How the Board's presence on the second floor would/could affect student body during a school-wide lockdown.
- Construction of the school (that doesn't benefit our students) during the school year that may be disruptive.
- Whether or not our school will still receive the renovations it needs (windows, elevators, etc.) if the Board does NOT move into our school.

Steering committee:

Group discussed the formation of a steering committee should the plan to move the KPDSB into our school move forward. Determined that we should send home a survey to parents before the steering committee is formed, and plan an initial discussion with key Board personnel.

### **TURKEY FEAST**

Council discussed plans for the upcoming Turkey Feast, including home notes, volunteers, advertising and possible volunteer servers. Shayla will send a request to the Kenora City Council for volunteer servers.

### **SPAGHETTI DINNER REVIEW**

Determined to be a success overall—a \$600 profit and a fairly easy event to coordinate. The only revision would be to run from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. if the event occurs again on parent-teacher interview night.

**NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 28 AT 6:30 P.M.**