



Keewatin Public School - Parent Council

Minutes for January 28, 2020

Present: Heather Mutch, Shayla Smith, Tara Vandall, Tekla Rundle

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Heather initiated a group discussion on the upcoming PIC meeting and any questions or comments we wanted to present. Tekla volunteered to be our council's representative, but indicated she's had difficulties reaching the group and receiving information. Heather indicated that PIC information/meetings may only be open to Council executive members.

KPDSB BOARD AT KPS

Further to concerns raised at the previous Council meeting Tekla presented a draft survey/questionnaire to be distributed to KPS families and community. Tekla to send final/edited version to Shayla, who will format for a home note and an online survey, to be available on the KPS Family Community Facebook group. Plan to send home note on February 3rd with requested completion by February 7th.

Council will plan (via email) for a consultation with the KPDSB regarding the move into KPS and any concerns raised from the survey results to occur sometime this spring.

FUN FRIDAYS

Discussed the success and community comments from January's "Fun Fridays at KPS" events. With overall positive feedback Council decided to carry on with Fun Fridays at least until March Break, with another review and planning session during the next Council meeting.

Planning was outlined for the next Fun Friday (Fireside Sliding) and an outline created for February's Fun Fridays as follows, with Shayla to continue with advertising directive.

February 7 - Family Night

February 14 - Valentine's Dance Party (moved from original plan of February 13)

February 21 - Family Night

February 28 - Movie Night (Lion King)

As the "open gym" concept is very popular with children, but the seating and tables are popular with parents, future Family Nights will feature 4-5 tables and chairs with activities (games, arts & crafts, etc.) at the back of the gym and the larger portion of the gym open for free play.

IN-SCHOOL ADVERTISING

Council discussed methods for promoting KPS during Kindergarten registration season and while the community is visiting our school during Fun Fridays and open house events. Two initial strategies were determined:

- Posters & Facebook posts outlining special programming and Forest School at KPS. Shayla will design posters to display in the stairwell at the school and save .jpg versions to post on the public facing KPS Facebook page.
- Paper handout that promotes KPS on one side and highlights Forest School on the other. To feature the message that "This is not recess" in order to showcase how Forest School is more than just 'playing outside.'



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REVIEW OF TURKEY FEAST

Comments included:

- Will need to discuss whether or not to order stuffing from the caterer again (don't need to, but some parents commented on how much they liked the home made version versus StoveTop)
- Possibly need to stagger seating times more, in order to reduce congestion—especially if our student population increases again in 2020-2021.

VOLUNTEERS & RECRUITMENT

Council discussed the lack of parent involvement and low turn out at meetings, and considered possible methods for improvement. Tekla to create advertisements for KPS parents; Shayla to begin a volunteer drive and to focus on further parent involvement when new students begin in September.

NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 AT 6:30 P.M.