

Minutes
Keewatin Public School Parent Council Meeting
September 14, 2021 at 6:00pm
Virtual Meeting via GoogleMeet

Members in Attendance:

Shayla Smith, Jill Hager, Colleen Randell, Heather Mutch, Jacyln Rankin, Jordan Rankin, Fallon Cody-Brown, Sam Wilson, Vonda Fletcher, Cathy Debney

Regrets:

Sam Carlson

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm. No formal agenda was presented for this meeting.

Shayla presented briefly on the purpose of KPS Parent Council along with the roles and responsibilities of the executive. Typically, KPS Parent Council will meet 1x/month throughout the school year (more or less at times depending on need). Parent Council also uses the online platform “Slack” to discuss fundraising, etc. between scheduled meetings.

KPS 2021/2022 Parent Council executive as follows:

- Secretary – Jill Hager to continue – no others expressed interest/acclaimed.
- Treasurer – Sandie Carlson (has to be a staff member)
- Principal – Heather Mutch
- Staff Rep – Colleen Randall
- Chair – Shayla Smith to continue – no other expressed interest/acclaimed
- Co-Chair – Sam Carlson to continue – no others expressed interest/acclaimed

Parent council also requires members at large, a student rep (preferably from Grades 5/6) and a member from the greater community. It has been difficult to get student or greater community reps in recent years.

Fundraising plans discussed. Plans need to be in place by October 25, 2021 which details what is being fundraised for and what fundraising initiatives will be occurring and when. KPS Parent Council needs to determine what money is needed for this year, how much is needed and what ideas do we have to raise money?

Heather provided a quick update of financial report. There were no school swimming lessons again last year due to COVID restrictions so the balance of funds for swimming lessons was carried over. The swim fund account has a balance of \$ 4,185.93. We will need about double (if not more) that amount to offset the costs of attending for the lessons (transportation is the largest part of the cost). If funds cannot be raised may look to charging families a small amount of money per child. Tentatively November 2021 for start of school swim lessons.

Fundraising ideas discussed:

- 50/50 draws (concern with other groups also fundraising in similar fashion)
- Christmas basket raffles
- White elephant sale (will that be allowed this year within COVID climate)
- Hot lunch sales (allowable? Food likely has to be brought in from local restaurant/no home cooked good similar to last year-NWHU will have guidelines)
- It was noted that Gropp's did the food for summer school and there is currently 155 students at the school so hot lunch could result in a small but steady stream of funds coming in
- Fall photo shoot – completed in time for parents to order photos for Christmas
- Calendar draws with monthly chance to win. Colouring contest for student art to be added to the calendar

Discussion of what has been requested that Parent Council purchase. There is need for new mud suits in the younger grades – replace the older ones and get new smaller ones for the younger kids. Parent Council needs to determine the anticipated cost of this.

JK class needs more snowshoes, and smaller ones. Last year KPS one the Tbaytel for Good grant money and was able to purchase a set of 15 snowshoes. Would like to purchase a few more sets so there is enough for the whole class to participate at the same time.

Sunshade for the Kindergarten outdoor play area was discussed. May have to wait until playground renovation is completed. There was also discussion of adding trees instead. Sunshade to be revisited in the new year – will also need a cost.

Fallon inquired why most fundraising was to purchase items for the younger/junior Grades. It was learned that it is up to teaching staff to make requests to parent council if they need and/or wish for an item for their class. Colleen agreed to send out correspondence to staff reminding them that Parent Council fundraising efforts might be able to assist them in purchasing items for their classes.

Shayla still has the list of grants and will send out again for those interested in trying to apply on behalf of the school. The Lego Robotics project was discussed and noted that likely that project would not be feasible without a grant to financially support. Discussed various places that typically offer grants (ie: Canada Post, Weyerhaeuser, Tbaytel, etc).

Spirit wear will be available to order in advance of Christmas. Discussed the “throwback” spirit wear as a fundraiser opportunity – will have to locate the various older/historic school logos.

Meeting dates scheduled:

- October 13, 2021 at 6:30pm
- November 18, 2021 at 6:30pm
- December TBD (if needed)

Meeting adjourned at 7pm. Minutes prepared by Jill Hager.