



# Kingswood Elementary

## School Advisory Council

Agenda/Minutes September 17 2024

Present: Andrea Briand, Martha Walsh, Alexis Lister, Rhonda Izzard, Sarah Reid, Peter Pushkarna, Nicole Strum, Keely Hollis, Glenna-Rae Gallant

Regrets:

#	Topic	Discussion	Decision /Action
1	<b>Call to Order/Approval of Agenda</b>		
2	<b>Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes</b>		
3	<b>Business Arising from the Minutes</b>		
4	<b>Reports</b>	<p><b>Principal's News</b> <b>School update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have 407 students with 33 Pre-Primaries.</li> <li>• We have 2 PP classes.</li> <li>• We have 17 classes from P-5, 10 English classes and 7 French Immersion Classes. One more than last year.</li> <li>• We have 2 LC classrooms available for our LC students.</li> </ul> <p>Since we have space with 7 unused classrooms, we have repurposed many of the rooms. For example, Core French, School Counsellor, EAL, and Relief Teacher classrooms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Someone asked about class caps. Hard caps are at 22 for P-2 and 27 for 3-5.</li> </ul> <p><b>What's Happened</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great start to school. Lots of work done on getting to know our students.</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lots of PD for staff focused on School Safety.</li> <li>• First Fire Drill</li> <li>• Pink Shirt Day</li> <li>• Soft start – we continue to welcome the children into the school upon their arrival.</li> <li>• Breakfast Program – still very popular.</li> </ul> <p><b>What’s Coming Up</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lockdown Drill</li> <li>• Hold and Secure</li> <li>• Fire Drill</li> <li>• Curriculum Night/Open House Sept 25th</li> <li>• Orange Shirt Day Sept 27<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Truth and Reconciliation Day Holiday</li> <li>• Thanksgiving</li> <li>• Picture Days – October 7 and 8</li> <li>• School Lunch Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This will be starting in mid-October. There will be 3 fee options (full, partial and no pay).</li> <li>○ Students will be able to buy snacks at recess at the cafeteria.</li> <li>○ Chartwell has not yet updated the system with classroom teachers for this year, delay likely related to getting new lunch program up and running.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>SSP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At this point we are focused on getting to know our students, making sure that everyone has adjusted to coming back to school, their new classes and teachers. This falls under our Well-Being goal. We also have Math and Literacy goals that we will have more to report on later in the term.</li> </ul>	
<b>5</b>	<b>New Business</b>	Executive: Nicole Strum Chair (Parent) Alexis Lister – Past Chair (Parent)	

		<p>Keely Hollis – Secretary (Parent)</p> <p>Other Members:</p> <p>Peter Pushkarna – Parent</p> <p>Sarah Reid – Teacher</p> <p>Glenna-Rae Gallant – Teacher</p> <p>Rhonda Izzard - Community Member</p> <p>Sarah Reid and Peter Pushkarna will be attending the SAC Regional Conference on September 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Halifax Convention Center. They will have information to share at our next meeting.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Next Meeting Date and Adjournment</b>	Next meeting set for October 8th at 5:30.	