



Kingswood Elementary

School Advisory Council

Agenda/Minutes October 8th, 2024

Present: Andrea Briand, Martha Walsh, Rhonda Izzard, Sarah Reid, Peter Pushkarna, Nicole Strum, Keely Hollis, Glenna-Rae Gallant, Ahmed Alcharra, Larouz Albermawr, Ramna Katalaga, Joanne Brown

Regrets: Alexis Lister

#	Topic	Discussion	Decision /Action
1	Call to Order/Approval of Agenda	5:32 pm	
2	Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes	Martha Walsh Joanne Brown	
3	Business Arising from the Minutes		
4	Reports	<p>Principal's News</p> <p>School update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have 409 students with 33 Pre-Primaries. <p>What's Happened</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum Night – lots of treats for families! Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters Truth and Reconciliation Day Picture Days (Oct 7 & 8) Fire Drill, Hold and Secure & Lockdown drills Soft start – we continue to welcome the children into the school upon their arrival. Breakfast Program – still very popular. <p>What's Coming Up</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Walk to School Day October 9th • PD Day October 11th • International Walk to School Day October 9th • PD Day October 11th • Thanksgiving • School Lunch Program – October 28 starts, ordering opens two weeks in advance. Recycling may need to improve throughout the school • Halloween Dance October 24th • School Conference Day – no school October 25th • Another fire drill • Mme RP is retiring at the end of October • Hiring is underway for Mme Kelly • Divali Oct 31-Nov 1 • Remembrance Day in Nov. <p>SSP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well being: check-ins with students • Mrs. Topshee is going into classes doing social-emotional learning with all classes. • Literacy and Math assessments are complete. Teachers know where students are and where they should be in terms of grade level. Supports being sought for those who may need some additional help. 	
5	New Business	<p>Sara Reid and Peter Pushkarna attended the SAC Regional Conference on September 27th, at the Halifax Convention Center.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles and SAC members present • DM and Minister were there • Whole group and break-out sessions • Minister – cell phone directive being met with positive support, still working on violence prevention, lunch roll-out • Mental Health and Addictions presentation 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break out on math and literacy – curriculum update and some data collection. New P-2 curriculum, new literacy for 4-6. Play based math and literacy for pre-primary next year. • Gary Adams – Safe and Inclusive school: updating/enhancing the code of conduct. Help with some definitions in the policy. New special education policy being developed with student services. <p>Bike Bus – a parent on the Facebook group inquired whether there would be an interested group of parents in coordinating a BikeBus (featured on CBC news). One parent leads the group each morning and dismissal. Could this be something SAC could support. – This would be more feasible to be supported by</p> <p>No meeting planned for December and January but we could meet if something comes up</p>	
6	Next Meeting Date and Adjournment	Next meeting set for November 5 th at 5:30 pm 6:23 pm	