



# Kingswood Elementary

## School Advisory Council

Minutes for: 8 June 2021 5:30 pm

**Present:** Andrea Briand (Principal), Carrie McBay (Vice Principal), Martha Walsh (Vice Principal)  
 Rhonda Izzard (Staff), Sherri MacKenzie (Staff), Joanne Treen (Staff), Martha Brown (Staff),  
 Glenda Lush (Chair/Parent), Keely Hollis (Parent), Alexis Lister (Parent), Maggie Spidell (Community Member)

#	Topic	Discussion	Decision/Action
1	<b>Call to Order/Approval of Agenda</b>	Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm	
2	<b>Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes</b>	Minutes were sent to Carrie on June 9th	
3	<b>Business Arising from the Minutes</b>		

4	<b>Reports</b>	<p><b>Principal's Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>School Update</b></li> <li>• Introduced new VP Martha Walsh. She will be Vice Principal along with Carrie McBay next year.</li> <li>• Number of Students – 825 with a new student starting this week.</li> <li>• Pre-Primary Registrations for September are currently at 78 and 102 Primary Students are registered.</li> <li>• The Pre-Primary and Primary registrations are down this year from 81 and 117 respectively. However, this number is expected to increase.</li> <li>• For September, 2 portables will be added to the current row and 2 additional ones will be added to the left side on the grass area by the parking lot for a total of 7 portables next year.</li> <li>• Mme Coffin will be retiring at the end of this school year but will return next year as required as a substitute.</li> <li>• Ms. Ogilvie is taking a leave of absence in September for at least 1 year.</li> </ul>	
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- Along with the 2 Full Time Vice Principals, there will also be 2 Full Time Guidance Counsellors.
- Mrs. Kennedy will be working the front desk full time and Mrs. Izzard will be working behind the scenes full time in more of an office role.
- Currently we are looking for two Grade 4 or 4/5 teachers. The applicants have been advised they could be in a portable.
- Mme Mitton will be on Maternity Leave until February.
- A Phys Ed, Music and a 50% Grade 1 French Immersion position also need to be filled.
- All permanent EPA's are returning next year. There are postings for 3 EPA's for 80% coverage.
- Michelle Young from Grosvenor Wentworth is coming to join the Learning Centre.

### **What's Happened**

- Switch to on-line learning in April was very successful. Lots of parents contacted the school to express how happy they were compared to last year and how teachers went above and beyond.
- 100's of Chromebooks were sent home. Carrie and Ashlie our librarian, organized the project, logging them out and back in again. Most have come back however, for the ones that are still outstanding, they will stop working on June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Parents need to be aware that Power School can change once classes are posted in August up until September 30<sup>th</sup> based on if another teacher gets hired and enrollments.
- The PD day was focused on Treaty Education. It was very informative and emphasized we are all Treaty people based on the treaties signed in the past.
- Grade 3 Language Arts and Math Assessments were cancelled this year.
- A decision to renew the photography contract for 1 year was made. The photographer is aware that this is only a 1 year guarantee. We did see an improvement in the pictures this year and are very happy with the service we received.
- The seed starter kits from the gardening budget were put on hold due to the switch to at home learning. There are

funds available to use if teachers are interested.

### **What's Coming Up**

- The first Road Safety meeting will take place next week. Andrea was hoping for an extension to the sidewalk and some speed humps however, and it looks like these things will happen. So the committee can look at other things such as; bike racks, signage and parking issues.
- We may be getting a YMCA Support Worker that can come to the school and work with newcomer families. The support person can help the children learn English, introduce the family to programs and services in the community, etc.
- We were on a waiting list for playground stencils from a school in Dartmouth and it looks like we will be getting them. The PSA is co-ordinating it and will be looking for volunteers to help put them on the school grounds.
- Andrea will be meeting with a planning group regarding how to use \$25,000 in funds from the government for outdoor learning spaces. Ideas include another outdoor classroom, or some heavy picnic tables around the portables. It would be nice to paint the tables outside of the cafeteria in bright colours.
- Teachers have already created class lists. They will be reviewed by Andrea and Carrie to ensure they are balanced.
- Teachers are working on their supply lists and doing final assessments for the year.
- For the Grade 6 Students, parents have organized some shirts for purchase by the students. The students will receive certificates and each class will hold end of the year celebrations.
- We are going to try and have the clap out outdoors on the last day of school.
- The 2 lunch hours that were implemented this year as well as not having parents come in to the school to sign their children out will remain in place permanently as it works better based on the number of students we have now. Parents can call upon arrival and their child will be brought out if they need to

		be picked up at anytime during the school day.	
5	<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Joanne had some concerns regarding the outdoor classroom. Due to the location, it can be hard to teach there with recess and busses coming in. If we are getting a second outdoor classroom, another location would be better if possible.</li><li>• Andrea thanked the committee for their dedication this year and hopes to see us all on the committee next year.</li></ul>	
6	<b>Next Meeting Date and Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned 6:30pm	