



# Kingswood Elementary

## School Advisory Council

Minutes for 21 September 2021

Present: Andria Briand (Principal), Carrie McBay (Vice Principal), Martha Walsh (Vice Principal), Rhonda Izzard, Glenda Lush (Chair/Parent), Keely Hollis (Parent), Matthew Coffin (Parent), Vanessa Valentine (Parent), Kelli Crocker (Parent), Keely Hollis (Parent), Sanjeev Guwalani (Parent)

#	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>	1 <sup>st</sup> Carrie McBay 2 <sup>nd</sup> Glenda Lush	
3	<b>Business Arising from the Minutes</b>	None	
4	<b>Reports</b>	<p>Principal's Report</p> <p><b>1. School update</b></p> <p>882 students enrolled including 75 Pre-Primary students at the off-site location. More students are registering through September and into October.            34 classrooms in P-6            4 PP classrooms            7 portables total            French Immersion: 303 students            English: 504 students (with 6 more students anticipated before October)</p> <p>Classes are fairly balanced. Attempted to accommodate reasonable parent requests.</p> <p>4 new-to-KES portables arrived this summer. They've been updated on the inside but do not have heat pumps like the three installed last year. Landscaping, including ramps, steps, paving, and grass was installed outside. Cages over the windows expected to be removed, graffiti on the outside will hopefully get painted over.</p>	

		<p>The school has 2 music teachers and 2 Physical Education teachers, plus a 20% Phys Ed teacher. There are two new guidance councillors.</p> <p>The school does not have any additional classroom space available. The Cafeteria is being used by both music and physical education programs. The music room is being used full time.</p> <p>There is a push to open the new school for September 2022. Catchment is not established. Glenda Lush sits on the new school advisory committee on behalf of KES.</p> <p>Cafeteria is expected to re-open in October, after being closed for the 2020-2021 school year.</p> <p>Road construction around Bedford and Hammonds Plains may impact bussing. So far, busses are mostly on time. A few students have been returned to the school.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2. What's Happened</b></p> <p>Before School started parents supported a general playground clean up, including weeding and trimming bushes. Outside stencils were used to paint games around the school.</p> <p>The guidance councillors are supporting the large Grade 6 leadership group. There are two meetings, broken up over the two lunch hours. Group 1: 60 students Group 2: 20 students The students will participate in PALS Training, support activities for Pink shirt day, Orange Shirt Day, school announcements as well as participating in broader community service work.</p> <p>HRM is adding traffic calming bumps on Vrege Court (outside the school).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3. What's Coming Up</b></p> <p>KES has been awarded a \$10,000 traffic safety grant through AVIVA's 3 year long</p>	
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5	<b>New Business</b>	<p>New Membership Question around the time commitment for the committee? Meeting take place September, October, November, January, February, April and May-June. Meetings will likely go back to virtual.</p> <p>Questions General experience with the Portable Teachers seem to enjoy the quiet around their classrooms. Kids go into the main school building to use the washroom, go to the gym, music, and grade 6 band. English teacher comes to the FI students.</p> <p>Additional portables will not be added this year. There are none left in the province. Moving and setting up the portables is a significant endeavour (it happens late at night and special move permits/process is expensive).</p>	
6	<b>Next Meeting Date and Adjournment</b>	<p>Next meeting set for October 19, 2021 Meeting Adjourned at 6:20 pm</p>	