



# Kingswood Elementary

## School Advisory Council

Minutes for November 16, 2021

Present: Andrea Briand (Principal); Martha Walsh (VP); Joanne Treen; Vanessa Valentini; Glenda Lush (Chair); Carrie McBay (VP); Jacklyn O'Leary; Rhonda Izzard; Kelli Crocker; Keely Hollis; Rachana Samtaney

#	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> Vanessa Valentini 2 <sup>nd</sup> Martha Walsh	
3	<b>Business Arising from the Minutes</b>	None	
4	<b>Reports</b>	<p>Principal's Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>1. School update</b>            909 students with 76 Pre-Primaries.            7 new students coming in the next 2 weeks. There are others that are planning to start but their paperwork has yet to be submitted.            Andrea has visited the Pre-Primary site several times. The site has a gym, 4 classrooms and a great set up. The ECE's are really enjoying the space.         </li> <li> <b>2. What's Happened</b>            Bus evacuation drills took place this month. All schools are required to have these drills once a year no matter if they are a bussing school or not.             Elementary Road Safety Committee: Had a meeting with the HRM people and Pam Lovelace. A new ERS meeting will be scheduled shortly.             Conference day was virtual professional development that was well received.         </li> </ol>	

		<p>Teachers indicated that it was excellent. Others submitted a proposal to pursue their own individual PD.</p> <p>Picture re-take day took place.</p> <p>Picnic Tables have been installed (14) outside the 7 portables. They're getting lots of use by students for breaks, lunches, and work.</p> <p>Scholastic Virtual Book Fair took place. Total not yet known.</p> <p>Meadowbrook meat Fundraiser has closed. There was \$12,000 in sales. 16% of the sales goes to the school.</p> <p><b>3. What's Coming Up</b> Assessment and Evaluation Day on Friday, November 19, 2021 PD and Parent Teacher meetings are on the same day, November 25, 2021. Virtual meetings will take place on the day as well as throughout the week. This will allow teachers a chance to balance their time, especially in larger classes.</p> <p>More fundraising will be taking place through the PSA, including a monthly 50/50.</p> <p><b>4. SSP</b></p> <p><b>Literacy Goal:</b> Students will demonstrate improvement in literacy with a focus on thinking beyond the text</p> <p><b>Math Goal:</b> Students will demonstrate improvement in analysis level (level 3) math problems</p> <p><b>Well-Being Goal:</b> We will improve student well-being by making connections, building relationships and by teaching social and emotional learning in a variety of ways</p>	
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5	<b>New Business</b>	<p>There have been cases of COVID in the school and as a result additional protective measures have been enacted and wide school community testing has been recommended.</p> <p>There is substantial work that goes into tracking close contacts. Public Health alerts the principal about the positive case. Who then uses PowerSchool to figure out bus/excel/class and then connecting who may be a close contact.</p> <p>Last name, first name, DOB, MSI #, Parent name and contact number are collected and sent to Public Health. PH then sends the school the appropriate letters that are sent to close contacts and the wider school community. Staff/Teachers, General email, and close contacts are notified.</p> <p>Public Health has asked if the school is willing to host a pop-up testing site. Public Health will reach out to establish the date/time.</p> <p>Question about helping with COVID response – the nature of the work means dealing with protected personal information so outside help not possible. Questions about Cross Age buddies: This stopped when COVID activity picked up in the community. If COVID activity settles, then those activities will resume.</p> <p>New School: Enquiries have been made but there are no updates or changes.</p>	
6	<b>Next Meeting Date and Adjournment</b>	<p>Next meeting: No meeting in December. Next meeting will be set for January 2022 Meeting Adjourned at 6:02 pm</p>	