



# Kingswood Elementary

## School Advisory Council

Minutes for April

Present: Andrea Briand, Keely Hollis, Martha Walsh, Joanne Treen, Matthew Coffin , Vanessa Valentini, Carrie McBay, Glenda Glush

#	Topic	Discussion	Decision/Action
1	<b>Call to Order/Approval of Agenda</b>	Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm	
2	<b>Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> N/A 2 <sup>nd</sup> N/A	
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> <p><b>1. School update</b>            Current enrollment            947 students, including 80 students at the Pre-Primary site. New student registration for this school year has slowed down.</p> <p>Registration for 2022-2023            Lots of registration packages were received for new pre-primary and primary students as well as new students in all grades (approximately 915-920). Currently, there are 34 classrooms but based on the projected enrollment for academic year 2022-2023, another classroom would have to be added in order to have all classrooms starting at hard cap starting in September. These number do not account for additional enrollment through the months of May-August.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>2. What's Happened</b>            IPP reviews. Lots of assessments, report cards, and meetings with families. This round, caregivers had the choice to schedule a virtual meeting/phone call or to</p> </li> </ol>	

visit the school in person. Many families liked the choice of in-person or virtual appointments. It's very likely that virtual appointments will remain. Families who haven't been inside the school due to COVID enjoyed the opportunity to see their child/children's classroom.

Running club for grade 4-6 has roughly 150 kids. It takes place on Wednesdays. At this point, they have been running around the bus loop due to wet conditions. Jackline O'Leary, John Jennings, Sarah Reid plus a core group of parents are leading the group. Some parents also participate alongside their children.

HRM is funding new bike racks which will be installed next to the garden.

Outdoor classroom base installed so hopefully the benches will be installed soon.

#### Fundraising

More 50/50 draws will be held in the coming months.

\$1000 has been received from our MLA Ben Jessome.

Tattletale fundraiser.

Students raised \$825, PSA gave \$500 and then we received \$830 corporate donations and money from the prior year for a total of \$2960 from Tattletales

#### Traffic

ERS meeting and a safety week are coming up.

Overall traffic volume in the Kiss and Go seems to be lighter. More people appear to be walking and biking.

Spoke to people in communications about the bus. There will be a note about bussing that will be released in June and again prior to the start of the new school year to encourage bus use.

		<p><u>COVID</u> Mask mandate has been extended in schools.</p> <p>There is a new safe arrival procedure (1-800 number, website, and power school). This new system is saving the officer hours of work trying to contact families of absent students. The system automatically calls out to parents at 9:15 am after teacher attendance is complete. This is same system used in the junior high and high schools.</p> <p><b>3. What's Coming Up</b> Continued fundraising (50/50). \$2600 raised on the Mama's Pantry fundraisers Home Alone course for students in grade 5 (pre-cursor to the baby-sitting course). Schools plus offered to pay for the booklets for the course (50). The school covered additional books (3 lunch hours) Lisa Williams from Schools plus is teaching it.</p> <p><b>4. SSP</b> <b>Literacy Goal:</b> Students will demonstrate improvement in literacy with a focus on thinking beyond the text <b>Math Goal:</b> Students will demonstrate improvement in analysis level (level 3) math problems <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>	
5	New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Response from HRCE re: SAC letter. Sending a follow-up about "what now for Kingswood?" Follow up from March 8, 2022 letter from HRCE.</li> <li>2. Photo Contacts: Due to COVID, contract was rolled over. A number of</li> </ol>	

		<p>photographers have approached the school. Members from the SAC and PSA will set up a sub-committee for photo contracts. Members will be required to review the types of packages, the quality of photos as well as reviews from local schools to see their real world experience and overall satisfaction.</p> <p>Should additional members be required, a call will go out to the broader community.</p> <p>3. Discussion about the implications about adding classes and students. Discussion ultimately focused on capacity of the spaces for physical education, music classes. Portables can be added but where do those additional students go when the capacity for the physical education and music spaces are exceeded by the population of the school?</p> <p>4. Action to increase physical activity in all students. Video presentation and google form feedback for SAC members only. Committee members watch the video and send feedback to Glenda before the next meeting.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Next Meeting Date and Adjournment</b>	Next meeting set for May 19, 2022 Meeting Adjourned at 6:15 pm	