

MINUTES

Kildonan East Collegiate PAC

September 23rd 2024 – 6.30pm

In Attendance

- Barb Bogen
- Jenn Eccles-Kreger
- Charles Elemchukwu-Ohia
- Marjorie Millman
- Karen Blatz
- Chris Najda
- Umoh Ekpeyong
- Melissa Oertel
- Sherri Nishizeki
- Jenna Tenszen

Approval of minutes of last meeting –

Motioned by Barb Bogen

Approved by Charles Elemchukwu-Ohia

New Business

- PAC would like to plan a staff appreciation dinner; much like the one that was done last year. The proposed dates are either November 21st or 22nd to coincide with the Parents / Teachers conference event. However, a lunch is seen as more appropriate as support staff would be around during the day.
Funds will need to be raised for the event
Opinions are welcome as to how best this event should be structured and should be emailed directly to Barb.
- There will also be a school clothing order organized for the fall. A staff order page distinct from the student order page will be set up for this purpose.
Volunteers who will hand out the orders [preferably during the Parents / Teachers conference] will be appreciated.

Updates:

- Current student enrollment is approximately 1,361.
- The current administrative team for KEC is comprised of the following: Joanne Zahaiko [Grade 11], Kristin Mann-Simpson [Grade 9], Scott McMullan [Grade 10], and Marjorie Millman [Grade 12, S5, and IPY 6, 7, 8].
- The entire staff of KEC are profoundly appreciative of the PAC for the welcome back treat organized during the Meet-the-Teacher event at the start of the school year.
- Parents who also made out time out of their busy schedule to attend the Meet-the-Teacher event are equally appreciated.
- During the summer, a new security camera system was installed for monitoring areas inside and outside of the school.
- Considerable milestones have been achieved with the heating replacement project which kicked off last year. Though monitoring and adjustments will continue to take place over the next couple of months, but it is assured that KEC will have heating during the coming winter.
- After TYLER ceased to service Canadian schools, KEC deployed a new student information system called PowerSchool. Notice of this change was issued to families last school year. As with any new system, one glitch with the new system is the inability of KEC to effectively convey information to families via its dialer or email platform. The division is however working to rectify this issue but as a stop gap measure, families are enjoined to frequently visit the school's website as it will be used for information dissemination in the interim.
- A group of students and teachers returned from the annual trip to Canmore, AB. Based on feedback, the general consensus is that they had a great time and the weather was pleasant.
- KEC equally held its club fair on the same day the Meet-the-Teacher event held. It provided leverage for students and families to see what is on offer for clubs and extracurricular activities in KEC.
- On the sporting scene, football, track and field, and volleyball have all started and are in full swing.
- KEC will receive funding from a provincial nutrition program grant in addition to an annual nutrition grant from the Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba. As a result, the school will expand on the services being provided to students. It is noteworthy that not every student enrolled in the school will benefit from this program as it will be focused on students whose food insecurity challenges KEC is aware of. A selection of breakfast and lunch items, as well as some snacks, will be available as part of the program.

Committees:

- KEC has three (3) key priority areas namely Safe and Caring Schools, Educational Practices as well as Planning for Diversity. These priorities have given rise to the establishment of eight (8) committees.
- Safe and Caring Schools have Positive Behavior Intervention Supports and Mental Health committees.
- Educational Practices have Literacy, Numeracy and Assessment committees.
- Planning and Diversity have Indigenous Academic Achievement [IAA], English as an Additional Language [EAL] and Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion [JEDI] committees.

Staffing:

- Staffing positions are completely filled as of now. This has been achieved with the addition of new teachers, new educational assistants, a new secretary, and a second safety and security monitor.

Financial / Treasures Report

- An opening balance of \$212.00 carried forward from last academic year. \$138.30 was used for the KEC staff members' welcome back treat during the Meet-the-Teacher event. Leaving us a balance of approximately \$73.70.

Announcements / Additional Questions

- There is need to reiterate the fact that drop off and pick-ups as well as parking remains at the east side of the school premises. This has become necessary as questions about this have been raised by a couple of parents.
- Staff appreciation went well back in June. A KEC parent, Leanne Henaire was kind enough to provide 180 cookies for the staff to enjoy.
- The welcome back treat for staff of KEC took place during the Meet-the-Teachers event. The treat comprised of cake and ice-cream.
- There is need for additional volunteers to support the programs of the PAC as well as to fill vacant positions.

Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting is the 25th of November 2024.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Barb and came to an end at 7.31 pm