

MINUTES

Kildonan East Collegiate PAC

January 26, 2026 – 6:30pm

In Attendance -

- Jordan Yvon-Moreau
- Barb Bogen
- Karen Blatz
- Melissa Oertel
- Crystal Smith

New Business

- We are happy to report that Mrs Millman is now back at KEC and thank our interim Principal, Mr MacFarlane, who filled in while Mrs Millman was away.
- There was a parent Safe Grad meeting on Thursday January 29 at 6:30pm in the school library. It was held to discuss upcoming fundraisers. Parents and students were both encouraged to attend. Graduating students can also access information on Teams under the “Class of 2026” channel or on Facebook there is a group called “KEC Safe Grad 2026” to find out additional information.
- At our last meeting, someone asked, “What exactly is PAC?” We thought it would be helpful to share a bit about what we do and how parents can support PAC or get involved if they’re interested.

Parent Advisory Committee (PACs) give parents a voice in their children's education by connecting families with teachers and school leaders.

They help improve communication, encourage parent involvement, and allow families to share input on school programs and ask any questions they may have.

PACs also plan and support staff appreciation events, which are important for recognizing teachers and school staff, boosting morale, and building positive relationships between families and the school community.

Through PACs, parents have the opportunity to become more engaged, strengthen school partnerships that help support student success.

If you wish to become a more active member of KEC PAC, please feel free to reach out with any questions and join us at the upcoming meetings - we would love to have you!

Also a reminder that our Chairperson - Barb Bogen will be stepping down from PAC come June, as her son is graduating and unfortunately if no one else steps up to run the KEC PAC - the school will no longer have a PAC.

Principal's Report

- Upcoming Co-ordinated Days
Jan 30: Assessment and preparing for Semester 2 start-up.
Feb 2: Staff Meeting, Technical Vocational Teachers (Collaborating at Louis Riel Arts & Technology) preparing for Semester 2 start-up.

Our Educational Assistants will be reviewing strategies on how to work with students that have complex needs and a semester end review of daily responsibilities and expectations.

Extracurricular clubs/activities:

- Knit Happens
Made scarves and toques to donate
Current focus is on making NICU octopuses to donate to St. Boniface hospital and the Women's Clinic.
- Newcomer Group
Completed a mitten and fundraising drive; proceeds collected, as well as the mittens, hats and scarves have been warmly received by newcomers students.
- MUNA
The Model United Nations Assembly students being excited about the two topics for this year & MUNA and sharing their very intelligent opinions on global issues.
 - The blockade of Gaza requires global cooperation to protect access to humanitarian aid, uphold international law and ensure freedom of Navigation.
 - Addressing Global Media Censorship and Safeguarding Freedom of Journalism
- Peer Tutoring Program
Running very successfully. Sessions are held every Tuesday and Thursday, with a steady number of students attending regularly for academic support. The program provides a positive and supportive learning environment, and both tutors and students benefit from the collaboration. Overall, the program continues to be a valuable and effective support for our students.
- eSports
The sportsmanship, dedication, and spirit of the students on the KEC eSports teams. They've demonstrated excellence in representing our school and have created a great community among themselves.

Arts

- Band
Brandon Jazz Festival on March 12 & 13, 2026
- Choir / Drama

The Drama and Choir collaboration for the production of "The Christmas Tree Farm" Celebrating seven sold out shows of THE CHRISTMAS TREE FARM performed by our students.

The students were awesome actors and singers and created a fabulous show. Such a great week!

Ms. Francis and theatre practicum class attended ELF THE MUSICAL at the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre. A patron who sat near our student group called both RMTCC and KEC the next day to share how incredible our students were during the production, and how their joy in experiencing the play, enhanced their own experience.

- Dance
The dance show took place on December 17 and January 8 (due to snow storm) was amazing, and the full level of staff and student participation was amazing to see.

Athletics

- The cross-country team had advocated for themselves to be entered in a 5km race called the "Santa Shuffle" in December. In minus 30 weather, all students completed the race with great enthusiasm.
- Basketball is in full swing. We have several teams this season at all levels. JV Boys Basketball are currently undefeated and won their first tournament.

Our Varsity boys who won provincial Basketball for the 2024-25 year, are currently in a rebuilding year. They attended a tournament this past weekend at Vincent Massey, they played versus a team that 2 weeks ago they lost by 55 points, to this time making the game almost go into over-time as the points were rising simultaneously for both teams.

The coach for the opposing team as well as the referee were surprised at how fast the boys were improving as a team and they were congratulated for their efforts.

- Curling team is first in KPAC and have made the finals
- We started our first ever Girls Flag football team. Practices start in January. Thirty-five girls showed up to be involved.
- Badminton: Tryouts will be starting soon
- Indoor Track and Field: Will be starting soon

Important upcoming reminders

- Skills Manitoba: coming soon in April 2026.
- Open House night: February 19, 2026
- Course Registration for 2026/2027 for KEC students in Grade 9, 10, 11 returning Grade 12 and Middle school tours for incoming students will take place soon.

Additional thoughts

In preparing this report, we asked staff for their input on how this year is going so far, and asked them to finish the following sentence -
"Something amazing is ..."

Here are a few things that were shared...

- The students, as a first year teacher I just think the kids here are great!
- The atmosphere. The sense of community and spirit these students have are second to none. It really makes your days here feel special.
- Our students, they were in the parking lot on the day of the snow storm helping the staff when they got stuck.
- Friendships developing in extra-curricular small groups!
- One of our students with exceptional needs has made notable progress in developing independence, building confidence, and advocating for himself using his Assisted Augmentative Communication device.
- Students have indicated that they were surprised to find opportunities to "be social" in their online course.
- The KEC sports teams, the basketball teams are fun to watch.

Financial / Treasures Report

- The PAC account has a zero balance as of February 3, 2026.

Staff Appreciation

- PAC hosted (2) staff appreciation events in the last few months

- Thursday November 20th

We did a Trail Mix snack bar, the staff had the opportunity to pick and choose from salty, sweet and savory snacks to make their own personal trail mix. It was a huge hit and we've been asked to do it again.

- Thursday December 18th, but was rescheduled to Friday December 19th due to the blizzard and closing of the schools

Santa brought some tasty hot chocolate, french vanilla mixes and festive teas for the staff and 2 of our generous PAC parents made some holiday baking for all to enjoy - Candace Graham made cake pops, Leanne Henaire made custom sugar cookies. It was much appreciated on the final day of classes.

- We hope to plan 2 more staff appreciation events before June. Ideally one around spring break and then a final one in June. If you wish to help plan these upcoming events, please feel free to email us at kec.retsd.pac@gmail.com Once we have a plan in place, we will send out an email that will have information on how families can support these events.

Announcements / Additional Questions

- **There is a need to again and continually remind Students and Families regarding drop-off/pick-up and Parking. The school Administration, along with Winnipeg Police and PAC remind everyone that the drop off and pick up area, as well as parking remains at the east side of the school premises in the student parking lot. This has continued to be an issue with people using the front visitor parking area for drop off & pick-ups, or parking in the Staff parking lot on the North side of the school - please use the student parking lot on the east side of the school. As well please do not stop traffic to drop off your student, this is illegal but also very dangerous.**

Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting is April 13, 2026 at 6:30pm, it will be held in person at the school in the learning commons at 6:30pm. We encourage all who are interested to attend.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Barb and came to an end at 7:40 p.m.