

## Kent Public School Council

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

**Present:** Adrianna Douglas, Sarah Turner, Samantha Larmer, Kimberley Shannick, Alysia English, Paula Eckel, Rebecca Coggins

**Regrets:** Melissa Jamieson, Cara Owens

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:04 PM

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Samantha, seconded by Rebecca.

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve the January minutes was made by Samantha, seconded by Sarah.

### **Principal's Report:**

- Land Acknowledgement
- Junior/Intermediate CYW on leave and currently filled with occasional staff until we find someone permanent
- **Shade Shelter - Facilities (Crista Hunt)**
  - Currently, they do not attend parent council meetings for playground inquiries. The best practice would be to gather and forward the specific questions to Principal, and then facilities can supply formal answers- which Principal can deliver at the meeting.
  - The playground process is defined through Senior Administration, based on Ministry guidelines, so Facilities can't really speak on their behalf.
- **Shade Shelter - Facilities (Joseph Newberry)**
  - In response to the parent council's question, a wooden outdoor shade shelter can typically last 20–30 years on average with regular maintenance and care.
- Other Key Considerations:
  - **Seasonal Weather Patterns:**
    - **Effective Months:** From September to June, the most beneficial months for a shade shelter in Southern Ontario are **September, May, and June**, when the weather is warmer, and outdoor activities are more common.
    - **Winter and Early Spring (October–April):** During colder months, outdoor use is limited, and the demand for shade is minimal.
  - **Sun Angle, Time of Day, and Structure Dimensions:**
    - **Sun Angle:**
      - In early fall and late spring, the sun is higher in the sky, particularly between **10:00 AM and 2:00 PM**, which coincides with peak outdoor activity times (e.g., recess and lunch breaks).
      - The shelter's 10-foot canopy and 20' x 30' size will cast a usable shadow primarily within its footprint during these hours.

- Early morning (before 10:00 AM) and late afternoon (after 2:00 PM) will result in longer, more angled shadows, reducing the shelter's effectiveness directly underneath it.
  - **Winter Months:**
    - In winter, the sun is lower in the sky throughout the day, leading to longer shadows. While the shelter may still provide shade, its use would be diminished as students are unlikely to sit outside during cold temperatures.

**Practical Use:**

- Assuming students use the shelter during recess, lunch, or occasional outdoor activities, its effectiveness aligns closely with the midday hours when the sun is highest and temperatures are milder in the effective months.
- However, during the school year, shaded protection would realistically only be optimal during **20–30 days** of the school year, primarily in **September, May, and June**, and specifically between **10:00 AM and 2:00 PM**.

**Conclusion:** The shade shelter would provide effective shade for students under its canopy for **3–4 months** of the school year during warm-weather months, with its peak effectiveness limited to midday hours. Over the course of a year, it would likely provide optimal shade for **20–30 days** and primarily between **10:00 AM and 2:00 PM**, when the sun's angle allows for sufficient shadow coverage under the structure.

We have installed shade shelters across our schools but wanted you and your parents to be well informed as to what these structures cost and provide.

• **LifeTouch**

- Provided some sample photos (very similar to Edge Imaging)
- Below is an outline on why many schools have made the change to Lifetouch for a variety of reasons. A quick summary of these reasons are:
  - **Traditional Group Photos** - taken the same day as your fall individuals; and the professionally produced photo is complimentary to all students in your school.
  - **Pricing** - Lifetouch has reduced pricing for all our package offerings. We are now the least expensive photo provider in the industry (see attachment for a summary)
  - **Spring Photos** - includes sibling photos
  - **A.I.D. - Accelerated Image Delivery** - portal delivery of electronic images to your SIS within days. Additionally, turnaround time for all photos has been greatly reduced.
  - **Shutterfly** - every student who makes a purchase receives a \$30 gift voucher from Shutterfly (outstanding catalogue of gift options including photo books, mugs, frames, etc.).
  - **Photo quality** - quite frankly, the best in the business. We are the biggest student photography company in North America - given this size, we pour more money into developing resources than any other company. Lighting and other equipment is the most advanced in the market.
  - **Compliance** with Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act

- **Service** - both face-to-face and online; Lifetouch provides immediate attention to rectify any school concerns.
- School would receive 10% commission on fall photo sales – same as Edge
- School also could run a Spring photo session for full body shots and sibling photos - also provide 10% back on these sales.
- Kent has signed with Edge Imaging for the upcoming 2025/2026 school year so this is an option for 2026/2027 school year (Council can vote at the beginning of the school year, first council meeting, October 2025, Edge vs. Lifetouch)
  - **Positive School Climate Meeting**
  - Met on Monday, February 3, 2025
  - Bullying prevention and intervention plan was created (on school website)
  - Looked at data from school created survey
  - Very positive - students feel good overall
  - Plan based on:
    - Kindergarten: 11% said people were kind at school only sometimes, 26% reported that students were mean to them, of those 26% - 50% said they were mean using words
    - Primary: 51% said someone greeted them daily (staff was working on that last year – should be better), 37% said when other students were mean they used their words, 12% reported not feeling safe at school (washroom, school yard, school bus)
    - Junior: 48% reported being verbally bullied, 13% reported not feeling safe at school (school bus, washroom, school yard)
    - Intermediate: 49% reported being verbally bullied, 25% reported not feeling safe at school (lunchroom, school yard, neighborhood)
    - Goals: to continue to promote an atmosphere of kindness, promote greeting each other (staff greet students but also students greeting students and students greeting staff), discuss and teach healthy relationship skills at all levels (verbal bullying could be lack of good conflict resolution), more reminders about less aggressive play on the yard)
    - More information available on plan on school website – under Student Life section

#### **Florabunda Seeds**

- Need to change the due date from the 19th to the 18th

#### **Basketball Season**

- For intermediates (Jaynes – competitive Boys, Marshall – Recreational Girls)

#### **CUPE/ ETFO Report:**

##### **Since last meeting:**

Jan 8 - Grade 8 at CDHS

Jan 14 - Health Unit Immunization Warning Letters went home, OFAH for JK/Sk, Grade 8 Cooking

Jan 15 - Skilled Trades Truck at CDHS for grades 7/8

Jan 16 - OFAH presentations for grade 1-8 (Invasive Species)

Jan 17 - Bail's Book Club (Hopkins)

Jan 20 - School Cash opens for Feb Milk/Lunches

Jan 21 - Grade 8 Cooking

Jan 23 - Co-op student in Pavilion finishes

Jan 24 - Kindness & Empathy presentations by Public Health Nurse for Hay & Cole  
Jan 27 - Kindness & Empathy presentations by Public Health Nurse for Jaynes & Burkholder  
Jan 28 - Snow Day  
Jan 29 - Snow Day  
Jan 30 - Social Emotional Learning with Public Health Nurse for Rutherford, Mahoney, McRae, Morford  
Jan 31 - PA Day (Report Card writing), School Cash closes for Feb Milk/Lunches  
Feb 3 - Grad Photos & Class Photos, Social Emotional Learning with Public Health Nurse for Marshall, Pavilonis, Hopkins, Positive School Climate Team Meeting  
Feb 4 - CAMH survey (7/8)

### **Coming Up:**

Feb 5 - Grade 6 Literacy PD (Jaynes, Saito)  
Feb 6 - Anti-Vaping assembly (7/8), National Sweater Day, Dietician (Sarah Turner) in Marshall's talking about Healthy Foods  
Feb 10 - Accommodation Planning Meeting at 6PM at CDHS  
Feb 11 - Grade 3 Literacy PD (Hopkins, Saito)  
Feb 12 - Early Reading Screener starts again for those who were in risk (JK-2), Extended French Info Night (grade 4), Grade 8 Cooking  
Feb 13 - French Immersion Info Night (JK)  
Feb 14 - Bail's Book Club (Hopkins)  
Feb 17 - Family Day (no school), School Cash for March Milk/Lunches opens  
Feb 18 - Grade 8 at World Choices in Cobourg, EQAO Webinar for parents, Florabunda Fundraiser Orders due to school  
Feb 19 - Kent Public Speaking  
Feb 20 - Term 1 Report Cards going home  
Feb 25 - EAAA Basketball at NDHS/ENSS  
Feb 26 - Pink Shirt Day  
Feb 28 - School Cash for March Milk/Lunches closes  
Mar 4 - Cole at Outdoor Ed Centre, Next Meeting (virtual)

### **Community Member's Report:**

N/A

### **Treasurer Report:**

Balance: \$14 005.22

Jan 7 2025 paid \$169.53 for cost of syrup associated with Pancake Day.

Pending transactions: \$164.58 to be paid in association with pancakes batter.

Closing Balance: \$13 835.69

Other Accounts:

1. Pasta Lunch: Total for Jan was \$780.64 minus Jan Invoice (pending)
  - Correction for Dec amounts (likely due to bus cancellations) -\$235.34
  - Corrected Dec/24 and Jan/25 invoice for Robin's Nest pending

2. Chicken Fingers & Veggies: Total for Jan \$789.00 minus Jan invoice \$615.45
  - Profit for Jan 2025 is \$173.55

### **Regional Council Report:**

N/A

### **Fundraising Goals for the School Year:**

**Mabels Labels** - always ongoing

**Florabunda Seeds** - in progress (update due date in Week at a Glance)

**Macmillans** – Sarah just received updated information, keep Council posted through email

### **PRO Grant Ideas:**

Zoo To You approved and school will cover cost of Timbits and hot chocolate

### **Future Fundraising Goals:**

**TD Grant** - have one year to spend, has to be an environmental goal

### **Shade Shelter Discussion**

- Students who help to raise the funds should benefit from the funds.
- Is this a realistic goal?
- How long will it actually take?
- We will be limited in being able to support other initiatives since it is quite a large amount.
- Past experience indicates it can be difficult and challenging with change of principal and council members.
- We would need a lot of community support.
- We are bringing in \$5000 maximum usually in a fundraiser school year.
- What do we have left to spend on the playground? We have cleared up everything in charitable trust
- Council agrees it is no longer worthwhile with the amount it would get used, based on feedback from facilities, so we would prefer to support things we can help with now.
- Vote on the shade shelter: NO - Sarah, Samantha, Paula, Kimberley, Alysia, Rebecca - consensus

### **Options that are beneficial to the School:**

- Sports Jersey (ask for real samples and maybe try to negotiate price)
  - Looking to get 40 jerseys in a variety of sizes
  - Quotes:
    - Ricarts (Peterborough) \$1254.30, turnaround 2-3 weeks
    - C&B Cresting (Belleville) \$983.10, turnaround 2-3 weeks
    - Grinders (Campbellford) \$1129.54, turnaround long as they are very busy
- Chromebooks (cost is \$510.09/ each)
- Dash Robots (about \$200/ each)
  - School has about 6 and there is a request for more

- Indigenous Books
  - Wishlist for the Indigenous Books Book fair at Principal's Meeting: \$10-\$25/  
about \$225 value

Council agrees to give \$300 for purchase of Indigenous books – for school library

Council agrees to give approximately \$1400 for purchase of Dash Robots

More details about number of Chromebooks needed - later in the year – decision made at that time

More details about Sports Jerseys before making a decision.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:37 PM**