

**Kent Public School Council**

**Tuesday, May 6, 2025**

**Present:** Adrianna Douglas, Sarah Turner, Kimberley Shannick, Paula Eckel, Cara Owens

**Regrets:** Rebecca Coggins, Samantha Larmer, Alysia English, Melissa Jamieson

**Visitor:** Tasha Atkinson (parent)

**Meeting Called to Order:** 5:57 PM

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

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve the March minutes was made by Cara, seconded by Paula.

**Principal's Report:**

Land Acknowledgement

Thanked Sarah for attending Kindergarten Night - promoting Mabels Labels & Parent Council  
Positive School Climate Team

- met again - discussed creating Kindness Buddies for the Primary playground - two grade 5-7 students per recess to help with problem solving using PALS ideas (attached) - hope to start this year and continue in new school year - will have vests and be trained to know when issues need to be brought to an adult

Staffing

- Down 0.16 planning teacher (no more grade 3/4) ... Sara Tollefson (0.16) will be with the 4/5 one day a week and Amy Smith (0.84) has taken the remainder of that classroom (other four days of the week)
- Owen White taking on grade 6/7
- 2 teachers retiring - Donna Burkholder and Marlene Cole

Shared information regarding Trustee School Council Dialogue

Handed out Volunteer Certificates and seeds from KPR

**CUPE/ ETFO Report:**

**Since last meeting:**

Mar 5 - Intermediate Boys went to KPREAA Basketball with Coach Jaynes

Mar 6 - Snow Day

Mar 7-16 - March Break

Mar 17 - Back to School

Mar 18 - Ontario Tech University TC in Morford, Grade 8 Cooking

Mar 19 - Hazard Helmet Presentations by Hydro One (Grades 1-8) - Electrical Safety

Mar 21 - World Down Syndrome Day (Colourful/Fun Socks)

Mar 24 - Ontario Tech University TC in Morford (full time), Trent TC's started in McRae, Hay & Burkholder, MacMillan's Fundraiser went home, Badminton season started (Coach Moore - recreational, Coach Cole - competitive)  
Mar 25 - Jersey Day, Burkholder at Grade 8 Transitions Math PD, Grade 8 Cooking, Sens In School  
Mar 26 - Grade 8 at World Choices in Cobourg  
Mar 28 - Freezie Friday started, Bail's Book Club (Hopkins), Grade 8 Fundraiser Pizza Night  
Mar 31 - School Closed Ice Storm  
Apr 1 - School Closed Ice Storm  
Apr 2 - Snow Day, World Autism Day, Food Drive by leadership group  
Apr 7 - DBI Presentations started  
Apr 8 - Health Unit Suspensions started  
Apr 9 - Spelling Bee  
Apr 10 - Community Officer visit to Mahoney, Vet visit to Marshall/Pavilonis  
Apr 11 - PA Day  
Apr 14 - LLS to Fire Hall  
Apr 16 - Food Drive ended, Unstructured lockdown practice with community officer, Literacy PD (Saito, Jaynes)  
Apr 18 - Good Friday  
Apr 21 - Easter Monday  
Apr 22 - Grade 8 started gardening program (in-class), Literacy PD (Saito, Hopkins)  
Apr 23 - EAAA Badminton  
Apr 24 - Ontario Tech University TC finished in Morford, MacMillan's Fundraiser due, OFAH (Rutherford), Welcome to Kindergarten night  
Apr 25 - Trent TC's finished in McRae, Hay & Burkholder, Bail's Book Club (Hopkins)  
Apr 28 - Zoo To You, PSCT meeting  
Apr 29 - Fire Drill  
Apr 30 - JK/SK Fluoride, Swim Test (Jaynes)  
May 1 - Nationwide Lacrosse (Pavilonis, Marshall, Rutherford, Mahoney, Larmer, Calberry, Hopkins)  
May 2 - Nationwide Lacrosse (Morford, Hay, Burkholder, Cole, McRae, Jaynes), Outdoor Education (Hopkins)  
May 6 - Dufflebag Theatre, Fire Drill

### **Coming Up:**

May 7 - Sagonaska PD (Saito, Calberry)  
May 8 - School Bus Evacuation practices  
May 9 - Swim To Survive (grade 3)  
May 12-16 - Grade 3 EQAO  
May 14 - Kent Track & Field (grades 4-8)  
May 15 - Indigenous PD at Trent (Morford)  
May 19 - Victoria Day  
May 20 - LLS to OFAH  
May 21 - Mahoney/McRae to Hastings Field House & Bowling

May 22 - EAAA Track & Field

May 23 - Dairy Education (Hay, Marshall, Pavilonis, Jaynes, Cole)

May 26-30 - Grade 6 EQAO, Book Fair Week

May 26 - Grade 7 Immunizations, LLS to Library

May 27 - Art Night 5-7 PM plus the Book Fair open to public

May 30 - Dairy Education (Mahoney, McRae, Morford, Calberry, Larmer, Hopkins, Rutherford)

June 3 - Next Meeting in person in the library

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

N/A

### **Treasurer Report:**

Balance at end of last meeting (March 2025): \$13 686.90

Debits:

- \$111.64 - Indigenous Books (Mar 20, 2025)
- \$32.10 - Indigenous Books (March 20, 2025)
- \$101.96 - Indigenous Books (March 20, 2025)
- \$1 424.70 - Dash Robots (April 9, 2025)

Credits

- \$321.72 - Florabunda Fundraiser

Closing balance: \$12 338.22

Pending Transactions:

- Profits from Macmillans Fundraiser

Other Accounts:

1. Pasta Lunch

- March Total was \$562.52 minus March Invoice \$472.25. Profit for March \$137.27.
- April and May Profit will be calculated for June 2025 meeting minutes as invoices are pending.

2. Chicken Fingers & Veggies

- February Total was \$1 293.96 minus February Invoice \$829.48 and Refunds for Feb 28 Snow Day \$326.12. Profit for February \$138.36
- March Total \$662.76 minus March Invoice \$597.44. Profit for March \$65.32 (only had 2 Fridays in March).
- April Total \$678.54 minus April Invoice \$592.93. Profit for April \$85.61 (only had 2 Fridays in April).
- May Profit will be calculated for June 2025 meeting minutes as invoice is pending.

### **Regional Council Report:**

N/A

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

Mabels Labels - ongoing

Florabunda - closed \$321.72 made

MacMillans

- \$1514 (Paper) and \$1519 (Online) ... about \$960 made
- Will arrive between 9-2 on May 12 needs to be sorted and picked up in the afternoon
- Sarah and Paula can stay until 6 for pick up
- Sarah, Paula and Kimberley can help sort in the afternoon
- 181 items to sort

World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser - information provided to Sarah

Feedback from visiting parent (future fundraising ideas and community building events)

- Mom's Night (paint night)
- School Community Centered Ideas (Turkey Dinner/Dances)
- Men's Steak Night

Jerseys

- All jerseys are Authentic T-Shirt Company and about a 2-3 week turnaround - samples were viewed
- Grinders (\$19.99 plus tax)
- Ricarts (\$26.50 plus tax)
- C&B Cresting Inc (\$21.75 plus tax)
- Unanimous in favour of C&B cresting for Jerseys (ordering 40)

School Year End Events

- Grad Lunch at Capers on June 23
- Whole School Field Trip
  - Blue Jays couldn't get bussing for this year but pricing for bus to Toronto is approximately \$1,075 per bus and likely need about 3 buses for a grades 4-8 trip
  - Shannon works for Ames and has offered to drive bus for a school trip
  - Things to Consider for Whole School Trip: Toronto traffic vs Ottawa/Kingston direction, maybe Fort Henry? Experimental Farms? RCMP Barns? Legoland? Reptilia? Toronto Zoo? Ripleys?, Whole School Trip or Primary and Junior/Intermediate Trip?
  - More parents would want to come on a big school trip - great for volunteers but have to consider seating and space on the bus
  - Start planning early in the Fall (come prepared with ideas)
  - If big trip doesn't work out we can support small class trips as well
- Play Day: council will support Play Day again (June 25) with whatever they need to run events (hot dogs? Freezies? etc...) - agreed to \$500 budget and look into donations about hot dogs

Chromebooks

- Don't need councils support this year

Baseball Diamond

- They are both in rough shape
- The fencing behind one diamond and one bleacher were destroyed in the ice storm
- Focus on fixing one baseball diamond

- Sarah (will look into Drain & McGee) and Paula (will look into Quinlan, Nicholson & Davidson) for quotes (the groundwork needs to be down and bleachers would be a bonus or at least benches for the teams)
- Get facilities to move the bleachers from baseball diamond to the soccer field

Keep Up with Hot Lunches!!

**PRO Grant:**

**Zoo To You**

- To provide a safe and welcoming environment for families and to bring students and families together in the school community
- Maybe give the presenters a microphone for next time
- 174 people came to the event
- Include students so the parents are more likely to come to the event
- Difficult to get feedback from families - 5 responses
- Adrianna submitted final report

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:21 PM**