

# KPJS Council Meeting # 1

## **Attendees:**

Ruweida Hassan-Bismilla, Jenn Penikett, Patti Myers, Rebecca Hart, Megan Meeds, , Bruce Burley, Kate McColeman, Jen Mack, Jessica Dumelie, Darlene Kofoed, Martine Puts, Brendan Boyle, Jenn Tinker, Dana Patterson, Zehra Mohammad, Mark Morton, Debanjan Mookerjea, Aparna Mookerjea, Ellissa Glad, Erin Green, Ivan Steenstra, Lily Goldsmith, Rakel Goiri-Sanchyerto

## **Welcome and Introductions**

### **Old Business:**

- May minutes approved

### **Introduction of New Principal by Megan:**

Ms. Ruweida Hassan - Bismilla  
27 years of education experience in K-6, ESL, etc.

### **Vote for new Council Positions:**

**Co-Chair:** Patti Myers

**Co-Chair:** Martine Puts

**Treasurer:** Jessica Dumelie

**Communications:** Brendan Boyle

**Secretary:** Zehra Mohammad

### **Budget Update:**

- Jessica to be new treasurer - Jenn P will review everything with new Treasurer.
- New rules on fundraising by Nov 1, including cash online only and direct deposit - Megan to send.
- No Family Fun Fair or PNO - still on hook for bouncy castles for 2019 FF, but may have to pay it out this year without any payment. New council can ask Dar for info
- Separate budget meeting forthcoming.

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

- Entry protocol : classes are spaced out, screening completed outside and then hand sanitizer once they enter the classroom
- In rain, Gr 1-6 will enter through door 4. Kindergarten will enter through door 5. Socially distant the classes in hallways with supervision.
- Field divided into 11 zones for each classroom, and rotate each day. Kids are doing an amazing job staying in their zones, and enjoying the rotation. They have been great at

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finding things to do without equipment. Indoor recess they will be divided inside in different areas. Kindergarten will stay in their classrooms

- Outdoor learning is happening for gym, media, music - plan to continue for the winter. Newsletter has mentioned to dress kids appropriately for winter
- Idea to add tree stumps to the yard to have more outdoor seating so snow pants don't get too wet.
- Mr McLeod has 120 yoga mats, just need to pay for shipping cost.
- Suggestion to work with Brad Bradford and urban forestry to deliver tree stumps - Brendan to follow up. Come up with how many are required.
- Water bottle filling station still waiting - disposable water bottles have been purchased/donated in the meantime. Hoping to have filling machine installed soon.
- Received 17 new Chrome books last week. Technology can not be shared among students, so it is still not enough to use for a junior class. Students are allowed to bring devices to use at school
- Most teachers have connected with Google Classroom or BrightSpace - currently used to connect with parents about homework and back up as virtual.
- Still no volunteers allowed in the school, so snack program is not running. If someone wants to come up with a proposal for snack program without parents in the school, please let Ruweida know. Megan is interested in putting together a plan.
- Do we need school council insurance? It may not be needed if there are not volunteers in the school. Maybe best to hold off on paying for insurance until it's needed.
- School Statement of Needs - Megan will meet with Patti and Martine to go over binder and help update. Will need to add 'pandemic protocol'. Typically due end of Oct
- Still in process of hiring a .5 for Kindergarten prep - currently a supply teacher in that position
- Today was deadline for re-organization and no new news
- Council Meeting dates for the rest of this year - last Monday of each month except Dec and June. Council voted in favour

### **Questions:**

- Ruweida will check again with facility team leader on ETA for water bottle filler
- Ruweida waiting for direction from TDSB re: Halloween.

### **Teacher Rep:**

- Everyone happy to be back and handling new normal with longer transitions etc.
- Ms Raket will send an email to the teachers asking if they need anything more from council. Current classroom allotment is \$250.

### **Next Steps:**

- Suggestion from Megan for class parent reps
- Communicate new council members to parent body from Council Email tomorrow - Megan will post on website. Megan will send info to Ruweida who will send info as well as reminder to sign up for Council emails through school messenger.
- New council to brainstorm new goals for spending and discuss next meeting.

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- Suggestion for mental health help during Covid - suggestion for parent council to help/reach out. Centre 55 has Zoom calls on mental health awareness, which Council could share with parent body
- Suggestion for more learning on equity and inclusion
- Flu shot clinic for students in the school possible? Megan will ask her contact.

Meeting Adjourned