

Kanétskare SC Minutes-Sept 27th, 2022

We held our first school council meeting last night. Thank you to Christi for putting together and presenting the annual report to close out last year's council activity.

Here are the meeting minutes:

Principal Hopkins initiated introductions among returning and new members and gave an overview of the school council.

Christi delivered the annual report summarizing activities from last year.

A vote determined a council has been established with 12 voting members: Megan Evans, Gay Yuyitung, Sara Hagel, Christi Hodgson, Danielle Gendron, Eisham Abdulkarim, Cindy Stranak, Britney Langlois, Meg Paxton-Roos, Janine Durajlija (representing teaching staff), Mark Hopkins (school principal) and Anthony (from the rec centre, serving as community rep).

Megan Evans will be taking over as the chair of council this year (thank you for all your years of service Christi!). Sara Hagel will serve as treasurer. **We are still looking for a co-chair and a secretary** (this position can easily be shared between multiple people). **If anyone who was not at the meeting last night is interested in filling one of the open positions, please let Megan know.**

Janine delivered the staff report saying there is a general sense of happiness and energy among students and staff being back in school. Also, the new outdoor classroom is remarkable in design and usefulness and is being used regularly.

Mark delivered the Principal report stating no re-organization will be necessary this year. A new board direction to inform teacher/class assignments will be shared via Parent Portal in late August beginning next year. This change will be applied throughout the school district.

Families are encouraged to subscribe to the school website communications to take advantage of features like language translations and the calendar to stay in the know. Additional communication will be shared via the school messenger app.

A new school logo design contest is underway and a staff/student led evaluation will short list the current stack of submissions. Next, the Superintendent will approve the shortlist before Mark initiates a staff and student wide secret ballot process to determine a winner.

Some new volunteers have come forward with complete police checks to help with field trips, etc. but more volunteers will likely be needed. Council may consider directing some funds to support any person wishing to volunteer who sees the cost of the police check as a barrier.

Kanétskare will offer support to ensure there are no barriers to field trip costs for any student. School admin may consider adding an "additional funds" option to school cash online to raise funds for an "angel fund" or similar initiative to cover the subsidy.

School council should inform Mark regarding the financial plan for any fundraising dollars raised by School Council. The financial plan is due to the Board Oct 30.

We also discussed the possibility of hybrid council meetings (sending out an MSTeams link for those who can't attend in person). Please let Megan know if there is a need for that.

Our next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 19th at 7:00pm in the Kanétskare learning commons room. (We shifted the meeting away from Tuesday in order to avoid conflicts with EK, Westdale and Strathcona council meetings.)