

**Kanetskare Elementary School
School Council Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2023**

We officially established school council for 2023-24 school year with the following members:

Megan Evans - Chair
Eisham Abdulkarim - Vice-Chair
Secretary will be a floating position

Nicole Crowder	Voting Member	Jennifer Morse	Associate Member
Tanya Jurkovich	Voting Member	Mijin Kim	Associate Member
Jennifer Wallace	Voting Member	Ilya Dinassi	Associate Member
Katherine Hollands	Voting Member	Dina Schartz	Associate Member
Robin Latour	Voting Member	Graham McNally	Associate Member
Elise Gervais	Voting Member	Jane McNally	Associate Member
Darina Vasek	Voting Member	Laura VanAlphen	Associate Member
Kathrin Milley	Voting Member	Natasha Renaud	Associate Member
Amanda Atkinson	Voting Member	Emily McDowall	Associate Member
Jennifer Castle-Timms	Voting Member	Bridgette Marcotte	Associate Member
Cara Carrothers	Voting Member	Haider Saeed	Associate Member
Cynthia Belaskie	Voting Member	Crystle Numan	Associate Member
Theresa Berry	Voting Member	Madeleine Verhovsek	Associate Member
Louai Mohgrabi	Voting Member	Carl Oliver	Associate Member
Jennifer Walsom	Voting Member	Anders Knudsen	Associate Member
Erminia Porco	Voting Member	Lisa-Marie Beattie	Associate Member
Ligia Cordovani	Voting Member	Katherine Hollands	Associate Member
Esmé Rambert	Voting Member	Michelle Woods	Associate Member
Cindy Stranak	Voting Member	Sarah Rogers	Associate Member
Melissa Neil	Voting Member		
Fleur McGeoch	Voting Member		
Lindsay Snow	Voting Member		

In attendance at the meeting: Megan, Eisham, Tanya, Jennifer W, Katherine, Elise, Jennifer C, Cara, Jennifer W, Erminia, Esme, Lindsay, Cindy, Melissa, Fleur, Jennifer M, Laura, Natasha, Michelle, Sarah, Janine Durajlija (teacher representative), Lisa Neale (Temp-Principal).

Ms. Neale provided the principal's report. She will be at Kanetskare until the first week of November. We do not have any word from the schoolboard yet as to who will replace her in the role of principal. We have 20 full-time teachers this year, 15 homerooms (8 English, 6 French, 1 ?). New this year, our school has a full-time student success teacher who will support students with filling in learning gaps. The staff will be focusing on creating a needs assessment for students on the upcoming PA day (Oct 20th). Parent/Guardian interviews will take place on November 16 & 18 (your student's teacher will reach out about scheduling). Students participated in making a list of norms for classroom behavior they want everyone held

accountable to and at the school level this was then linked to a discussion about human rights to give students a broader context. There will be new language curriculum implemented this year, structured around tiered intervention. Information about this will be disseminated to teachers on the Oct 20th PA day. Finally, we are in the process of planning an official renaming celebration together with the city recreation centre which shares our building. The schoolboard's Indigenous Lead, Jolene John, is taking steps to finalize our school logo which we plan to unveil at the renaming celebration. We are aiming to hold the celebration in November, details to follow.

Ms. Durajlija provided the teachers report. Students are participating in Terry Fox runs today (Oct 13th) around the school track. Donations can be made online via the school supporting the Terry Fox foundation. Sports and clubs have already gotten started this year. We asked the school to include a list of clubs available to students in the September newsletter going forward so parents know what is on offer.

Cindy Stranak provided an update from the first PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) meeting. The schoolboard will be hosting a virtual seminar on Oct 25th with a public health official explaining the dangers of vaping for kids and offering strategies for parents to discuss the topic with their kids. A link to the meeting will be sent out via school messenger.

Megan Evans will be contacting all the voting and associate council members to see who is interested in participating in a fundraising committee. All the planning for school fundraisers will be handled by the committee and reported on at school council meetings. The school is required to file a formal fundraising plan with the schoolboard which is due in November. We will begin working on a list of our goals immediately and will share them at the next meeting.

2023-24 Council meeting dates have been set for:

November 15th

January 10th

February 14th

April 10th

May 8th