

Kanetskare School Council Meeting

Thursday, November 27, 2025

In Attendance: Helen Burnett-Nichols, Meaghan Eisenberg, Rosalyn Johnson, Andrea McLean, Louai Moghrabi, Cindy Stranak, Jennifer Walsom

Regrets: Natacha da Silva, Pam Ekins, Katherine Hollands, Esme Rambert

1. October minutes: motion to approve – Andrea McLean; seconded – Rosalyn Johnson
Approval of November agenda: motion to approve - Jennifer Walsom; seconded – Helen Burnett-Nichols
Secretary for November meeting: Meaghan Eisenberg
2. Pro Grant
 - Proposal submitted; thanks to Cindy and Joanne for their work to prepare; currently awaiting approval – Family engagement night to promote mental and physical wellbeing.
 - Discussion re: date & time of event. Discussed waiting until warmer weather to get more families to come out. Tentative date set of April 22, 2026, 6:30-8:30 pm – Joanne to confirm.
 - Open discussion regarding roles and activities for the evening
 - Andrea McLean offered to lead planning/organization of people and event logistics
 - January meeting will focus on planning what events will be offered, and logistics (ex: rotating stations, how many activities, how much time at each), and how to spend budget
 - Email to be sent to Council mailing list asking people to come to January's meeting having given these activities some thought/consideration.

Fundraising & School events: no updates

3. Principal & Staff report: Joanne Hall
 - Senior Girls Volleyball team advancing to semi-finals
 - Dec 11 – Boys & Girls Senior Volleyball teams have been invited to a tournament at Westdale High School

- Basketball tryouts starting; games begin in January
- Club: lots of new & busy clubs – trading card club, sewing club, Intramurals, chess, checkers
- Trips:
 - Little Women musical at Westdale: Grade 6's went last week; Grade 7's & 8's going next week
 - School-wide trip to movie theatre: Dec 18 – Zootopia 2 at Jackson Square movie theatre; trip forms going home tomorrow; \$17.25 – ticket, popcorn, water bottle, smarties payable on School Cash Online; optional subsidy donation for students in need; depart school at 9:15 am, walk to theatre, back to school by approximately 12:45
 - Grade 8 – Art Gallery of Hamilton; curriculum connection, \$14 includes making an art project.
- Leadership Team (Grade 8 Students)
 - Relay for Life with Dalewood and Westdale's Grade 12's – fundraiser for a charity TBD; students planning
 - Lightning Bolts – each week, all staff will have 3 lightning bolts to give to students (not in their own homeroom) for demonstrating positive character traits. Lightning bolts will be put into a draw for a prize.
 - Holiday Hampers – leadership team will plan how this rolls out; school will determine number of families in need and items needed

4. No Recreation Centre representative or update.

5. PIC Update: See [ENGAGE Program Strategy Review](#) survey email sent by HWDSB on November 26. The survey closes on December 1 and concerns French Immersion and S.A.G.E Quest programs. Cindy will update at next meeting.

6. **Next meeting: Monday January 12 at 6:30 pm** (day change due to scheduling conflict). January meeting to focus on planning for PRO Grant event.

February Meeting: Tuesday, February 10 at 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm