

# Shannen Koostachin School Council

## Meeting Minutes

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Date: Monday September 15th, 2025

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Location: Shannen Koostachin Staff Room

Note-taker: Kaity Vowels

### Attendance

Present: Kylie Gallagher, Tanna Robertson, Stephanie Welton, Allison Larsen, Jennifer Smith, Kaity Vowels, Pinky Doshi, Ahmed Bassiouny, Colleen O'Hare, Amira Ahmed, Asmaa Salama, Saima Mirza, Staff Representatives; Maria Marino, Chris Hollingsworth, Jaclyn Mitchell

Regrets: Shelan Miller, Lesley Billingsley

CALLED TO ORDER BY KYLIE GALLAGHER AT 6:03PM (seconded by Colleen & Stephanie)

### Agenda

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement
2. Vote for Executive positions
3. Meeting Norms
4. Principal's Report
5. Teacher's Report
6. Co-Chair Report
7. New Business

### 1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

### 2. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE POSTIONS

- Kylie G and Saima for Co-Chairs
- Allison Larsen for Vice Chair
- Kaity Vowels for Secretary
- Asmaa Salama for Treasurer

### 3. MEETING NORMS

Key points discussed: Honor time limits, ask questions but if discussions run long take them to sub committees.

Decisions made: Timekeeper will be appointed to stay within time limits

### 4. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (MARIA MARINO)

- Current Student on roll : 737
- Review of 2024/2025 partnerships and programs
  - "Kind Kodiaks"
  - Tastebuds program
  - Equitable Access to Excursions initiative
  - Gates and secured areas around playground
  - Moved away from faith based fundraising and selecting more dietary aware treats and more items that are made in Canada
  - Student Success Team will begin meeting once a week
  - Laptops purchased for grade 8 students
  - Staff continue learning around anti-racism and anti-oppressive practices
  - Partnered with Universal Skills Development Program and learning around Universal Life Skills
- Staff will continue to build trusting relationships with students and families.
- Launching Innovation Station in the school's library, a new initiative focused on STEM education.
- Ms Pyke will be attending Council Start-Up on October 14th. Members are free to attend.

#### Discussion

- Community is still encouraged to donate Lego to the school

### 5. TEACHER'S REPORT (JACLYN MITCHELL)

- Many thanks to the teachers for organizing run club, softball, terry fox run and cross country so far this year

#### Discussion

- Information can be posted to the School Council Facebook pages, but parents are reminded that permissions slips are required to participate in most school activities.

## **6. CO-CHAIR REPORT (KYLIE G AND SAIMA M)**

- Review of the purpose of school council, how meetings operate, length of meetings and how voting works.
- Sub committees will be established when necessary and all members of the school community are welcome to join, and a voting member of council will be selected as Chair.
- All members of the school community are welcome and encouraged to attend Council meetings.
- Review of the objectives of the Council
- Review of Council Members Code of Ethics

### **Discussion**

- Child minding options for future meetings was mentioned, possibly looking into older students to attend meetings with parents and help out
- Fundraising ideas will be discussed at a future meeting

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

- Looking to appoint a member of Council to moderate the social media accounts
- In need of a volunteer to head the fundraising sub-committee this year
- Movie nights are discussed, dates will be confirmed at a later date
- Volunteers are needed for school events and a Vulnerable Sector Check from Hamilton Police is required
- Taste Buds run Tuesday and Thursday mornings, requires 2 volunteers, also need pizza day volunteers
- Spring Fling sub-committee will be led by Lesley B, as discussed last year

### **Discussion**

- Volunteers are to be added to Council chat group to determine who is available on what days
- Open House food/treat options
- Movie vote will be a Council table at the open house

### **NEXT MEETING DATES**

- Monday October 6th, 2025
- Monday November 10th, 2025

- Monday January 12th, 2025
- Monday February 9th, 2025
- Monday April 13th, 2025
- Monday May 11th, 2025

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:12PM