

Shannen Koostachin School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday January 12, 2026

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Location: Shannen Koostachin Staff Room/MS TEAMS

Note-taker: Kaity Vowels

Attendance

Present: Kylie Gallagher, Kaity Vowels, Asmaa Salama, Colleen O'Hare, Amit Nayar, Amanda Fatah, Jennifer Smith, Renzo Eduardo, Stephanie Welton, Shelan Abdullah-Miller, Holly Bint, Amira Ahmad, Tanna Robertson

MS Teams: Saima Mirza, Allison Larsen, Lesley Billingsley

Staff Representatives; Maria Marino,

Regrets: Pinky Doshi, Jaclyn Mitchell

CALLED TO ORDER BY KYLIE GALLAGHER AT 6:03PM (seconded by Jennifer and Shelan)

Agenda

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement
2. Approval of last meeting minutes
3. Meeting Norms
4. Guest Speaker
5. Principal's Report
6. Teacher's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Co-Chair's Report
9. New Business

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

2. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

- Approved by Colleen and Asmaa

3. MEETING NORMS

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

4. GUEST SPEAKER (DREW SMILLIE)

- Mr. Smillie has the role of Elementary Student Success Teacher for grades 7, 8 and 9
- Part of role is to be transitional support between elementary and high school
- targeted towards supporting engagement and well being for intermediate students

Discussion

- Course credits are transferrable within Ontario and are regulated by the Ministry of education
- Classrooms in Secondary schools do have minimum and maximum capacities, they can range from 14-27 (not a hard cap)

5. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (MARIA MARINO)

- 732 students currently enrolled
- thank you to those who attended the boundary review meeting. Power point presentation and meeting notes are available on the SK website
- Kind Kodiak Assembly recognized community members demonstrating positive SK values
- Laptops are now 1:1 for all grade 7 and 8 students.
- Bus Update- because of overcrowding, courtesy stops will be canceled. working with the transportations service to encourage drivers to report issues. Please remind your bussing students of the behaviour expectations on the bus and while in line
- New programs running at school - homework club, Just Words, Reading Phonics (intermediate), friendship club, big brother/sister
- Club information will be posted on a board outside office.

- Proposition has been made to create and piece of music in Shannen Koostachin's honor that can be played at the school.
- Pilot projects; Stationary bike, Speech and reading projects/clubs, book club.

Discussion

- Proposal for \$5000.00 of Council funds go towards supplies and equipment for the new innovation station PASSED

6. TEACHER'S REPORT

- no report

7. TREASURER'S REPORT (Asmaa Salama)

- Balance remaining from 2025 is \$4730
- Flipgive proceeds \$851
- Open House \$339
- Movie Night \$547
- Mabel's Label's \$55
- Krispey Kreme fundraiser \$760
- Total Approx \$7282.00

8. CO-CHAIR REPORT (KYLIE G AND SAIMA M)

- Fundraising Subcommittee has secured food options, games and entertainment for Spring Celebration
- Confirmed date is June 4th, 2026
- Total budget for event is \$1306 (pro grant \$806 and Parent Engagement Fund \$500)
- Popcorn supplies will be ordered and be provided free of charge
- Photo booth backdrops and accessories to be ordered, photo booth has been donated for use. Freezies and drinks (for purchase) need to be ordered as well
- Older students will be asked to volunteer for short shifts during event
- Application for Fire and EMS has been submitted

9. NEW BUSINESS

- Movie night is Jan 22. Volunteers are needed
- Another Krispy Kreme fundraiser proposed tentatively set for April 2nd pick up
- New food day options for the school were discussed and tabled for future meeting

NEXT MEETING DATES

- Monday February 9th, 2026
- Monday April 13th, 2026
- Monday May 11th, 2026

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:34PM