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School Council Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2026 – Ken Danby Library

6:30pm to 8:00pm

ATTENDEES
Mr. Cloutier (Principal), Ms. Carruthers (Teacher), Holly (Chair), Angela (Vice-Chair), Erin (Secretary), Heather, Ryan, Brandy, Sarah, Goshal.

COUNCIL BUSINESS
September 16, 2026, meeting minutes passed.

DATES FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS/EVENTS
Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 6:30 PM
Wednesday, January 20, 2027, at 6:30 PM
Wednesday, April 14, 2027, at 6:30 PM
Wednesday, May 12, 2027, at 6:30 PM
Wednesday, May 26, 2027, at 6:30 PM *tentative*
Thursday, June 3, 2027 - Family Fun Night *tentative*

REQUEST FOR FUNDING - Erin Birdsell (Parent/Community Member)

Mixed media arts and drama program - request to fund supplies for a program that all other Guelph schools look to copy, exploring the creativity of arts and drama. Erin is requesting $250 per committed class for the 2026 Fall semester, matched by KDPS administrative funds, to cover supplies purchased with receipt. Three different curriculums will be offered for junior level grades.

COUNCIL DECISION: Parent council voted in favour that it will fund the cost of supplies purchased with dated proof of receipt, $200 per class up to a maximum $2,000 total (10 classes), for classes that are committed and take part in a Fall 2026 program. Receipts will be submitted to the KDPS office.

STAFF REPORTS

Principal - Mr. Cloutier
-RiverRun show for grades 1-2 (Velveteen Rabbit)
-Ms. Wright received grant to plant tulips at front of school
-Rock band auditions occurring
-Many clubs in full swing through the library and Wellness Hub for grades 5-8
-Intermediate soccer is on
-CCAT testing for grade 3 at end of October
-Danceathon on Friday, October 23rd - teachers and students are working hard at their class goals.
-Sing Ontario concerts have been cancelled
-All volunteers in the school require a Vulnerable Sector Check Criminal Record Check, with yearly Offence Declaration requirements through the office, for a total of 5-years of coverage before a new CRC is required. .Reach out to the office to request a letter from the school to apply to your local Police Service/OPP location.

Treasury Updates - Ryan
Funds are ~$33,500 withholding $5,900 for playground upgrades, $1,000 for Phys Ed items, $8,500 for Gaga Ball Court and additional balls, $10,000 for Kindergarten Yard, $750 for Professor Jamz Dance, $875 for Family Fun Night costs, $151 for Parent Council Insurance.

If off-site Track & Field or Class Trips can resume as in previous years, the Parent Council could offer funds.

Remaining Funds = ~$6,500

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising Committee Updates - Sarah and Brandi

- Fall Dance-a-Thon with Professor Jamz - this fundraiser was such a hit last year with all the grade levels, we decided to do it again! Pledge sheets were sent home with kids at the end of September and the event will take place October 20th!

- Popcorn Fundraiser - Popcorn Sales = $2,380 to date.

- Family Fun Night - Climbing wall and Mega Cone have been booked; Angela to apply for the Water Wagon; Optimist Club to be considered for a food option (Andrew will provide contact to Brandy).

Future thought for fundraisers:

https://createdbykids.ca/

https://mabelslabels.ca/en-CA/fundraising

The poinsettia fundraiser will not occur this year.

Communication Committee /Engagement Committee Updates - Heather and Stacy

Website - update what is currently there, provide additional information for the KD community.

City of Guelph parks department confirmed the timeline and scope of the playground restructure behind the school - additional fence lines will be erected.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next meeting date is Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the library.