**KCI Parent Council Meeting**

**Monday, April 8, 2019 7:00 PM**

**KCI Library**

***Present: Cathy Vollmer-Ashley, Liz Goetze, Vivian Fuchs, Alysse Hastie, Dwight Aplevich, Angelica Allen, Cher Mamuza, Christine Carmody, Pamela Mulloy, Melissa Jichici, Tony Endres,***

***Judy Zielke, Cindy Desbiens, Kari Fisher***

1. Update from Co-Premiers – Alex Charette (Kristian Senior - absent)
* Tomorrow is the vote for the 2 new co-premiers for next year (5 candidates)
	+ Spirit Assembly held last Friday with videos from co-premiers. Videos available on YouTube.
* Smoothie Bar:
	+ 1st month overwhelming response
	+ Paid back $500 loan and began making profit for Nutrition for Learning
		- MangoTango is new flavour of the month
		- Sales continue every Tues & Thurs at lunch
* April 17th: Spirit Day - “Dress Like Your Teacher”
* Earth Week April 23-26
	+ Tues MSIP classes will be cleaning the school yard
	+ Green bins out that week
	+ Wheatgrass juice shots given as refreshments to students
* Food Truck Fair every Wednesday in May in upper parking lot
	+ 1-2 trucks/week, trucks donate ~10% sales for Cancer fundraiser
* Grade 12 Prom May 16 (Hacienda)
* Mental Health Week May 6-10
	+ Raising morale, spreading kindness
	+ Positive messages written on bathroom mirrors
	+ Gratitude wall
	+ Guest speaker
	+ Mental health assembly, community mental health supports
	+ David’s Tea (free!) one lunch
	+ DIY Stress Balls
	+ Pause for Paws (guide dogs available for play)
* Reminder to check social media for updates
	+ @ONEKCI (Twitter)
	+ @KCIRAIDERS (Instagram)
	+ YouTube channel: Kitchener Collegiate Institute

II. WRAPSC Report (see attachment to minutes) - Angelica Allen

* “Explore Your Future” Career Fair (Bingemans) describing various careers and the education/training required for them (this Wednesday, Apr. 10)
* French Immersion survey organized by French Immersion Review Committee
	+ Open to teachers, students, parents (both in/not in French Immersion)
	+ Looking for focus group candidates
	+ Angelica is asking for KCI to have our own focus group, considering KCI is main French Immersion school
	+ Look for survey in the next week or two (deadline May long weekend)
* Violence in the Classroom
	+ (Student behaviour)
	+ Parents recommending every student receive a note when their class has been evacuated due to student behaviour or major incident occurs so that families can discuss the incident
* Rowan’s Law
	+ Effective shortly, Ministry of Ed will require WRDSB to comply with Rowan’s Law in regards to Concussion Protocol
		- If there is a possible concussion, the student must be pulled from regular program/sport/etc.
	+ WRDSB already has a protocol in place; KCI coaches will be showing the mandatory coach’s video to athletes pre-season
	+ Memo from Ministry:
		- On March 27, 2019, the government publicly posted a consultation paper on the [Ontario Regulatory Registry](https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=28286&language=en) to seek feedback from the public on the draft regulation for *Rowan’s Law (Concussion Safety)*. The draft regulation is intended to provide details and clarity about the requirements in *Rowan’s Law*, which is administered by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. The deadline to provide feedback through the public [consultation paper](https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/showAttachment.do?postingId=28286&attachmentId=40004) is **April 18, 2019**.
		- The Ministry of Education’s [*Policy/Program Memorandum (P/PM) 158: School Board Policies on Concussion*](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/extra/eng/ppm/158.pdf) will be updated to ensure consistency with *Rowan’s Law* and regulation. We encourage school boards to provide feedback on the draft regulation, which will also be used to inform the updates to P/PM 158. Feedback can be provided through the consultation feedback form, posted on the Regulatory Registry, by clicking on this link: <https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/showAttachment.do?postingId=28286&attachmentId=40004>.
		- Boards are also encouraged to share this public consultation opportunity with their schools, and invite administrators, educators, parents and community partners to provide comments through the [public feedback form](https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/showAttachment.do?postingId=28286&attachmentId=40004).
		- The Ministry of Education also intends to provide details in the coming weeks on additional engagement opportunities with school boards and education partners as part of the P/PM 158 policy revision process.
		- Background
		- On March 7, 2018, Ontario enacted *Rowan’s Law (Concussion Safety), 2018*, as well as amendments to the *Education Act*. The intent of *Rowan’s Law* is to protect amateur athletes, including students, by improving concussion safety on the field and at school. *Rowan’s Law* establishes mandatory requirements for sport organizations. These include:
		- · The annual review of concussion awareness resources by athletes, coaches, and parents/guardians of athletes under 18 years of age;
		- The establishment of removal-from-sport and return-to-sport protocols, so that athletes are immediately removed from sport if they are suspected of having sustained a concussion or have sustained a concussion and to implement the return of an athlete to sport; and
		- The establishment of concussion codes of conduct that will set out rules of behavior to minimize concussions while playing sport.
		- Amendments to the *Education Act* give the Minister of Education authority to require school boards to comply with policies and guidelines, consistent with *Rowan’s Law*, about concussions involving students. The Ministry of Education already has a policy (P/PM 158: School Board Policies on Concussion) that is largely consistent with *Rowan’s Law*, and expects all school boards to have a concussion policy in place. As a result of the amendments to the *Education Act*, the Ministry of Education intends to update P/PM 158 to ensure consistency with the requirements in *Rowan’s Law,* and re-issue the updated P/PM as a mandatory policy for all school boards.

III. Presentation: KCI Musical Sneak Peak - Jen Spaulding (Dept Head - Music, Director); Garth Graham (Director of the Musical); Pierre Sandor (Set Design); etc!!!

* Visit to Aud…
* Staff and students here to present and explain their parts
* **Hunchback of Notre Dame, May 2-4 7pm KCI Auditorium**
* **Tickets on sale asap - $10/student, $15/adult**
* In the works for over a year (bought the rights last April)
* Auditions were in November, full rehearsal began in January
* We were invited to see the props up close (58 students working on set)
* Short scene presented
* Aim to involve as many students and classes as possible
	+ Met 2 of the main characters (of 65 cast), 3 band members (of 23 band members)
	+ Costume team (led by Miss Gingerich; student head of wardrobe, Hannah Basfield; 10-15 student team)
		- Responsible for 75+ costumes, props
	+ Hair & Make-up Team
		- Met 2 of the students on the team
		- Also research time-accurate looks
		- Talk about supporting the cast (being the last face they see before the stage)
	+ 15-16 Tech Crew (met 1 student)
	+ Graphic Design students designing t-shirts, posters
	+ Marketing students
* Teaser video
* **Some props still needed. Pls see attached list and email** **pierre\_sandor@wrdsb.ca** **if you have something.**

IV. GRT Travel Trainer - Rachel Micallef

* Vehicles & Accessibility
	+ Ion
		- No date set for start of train service - expected to be this spring
		- 19 stops; 14 trains (2 reserve); 45 min ride, end to end
		- Similar to subway (peak time: 8-10 mins, midday: 10-15 mins, eve: 15-30 mins)
		- Aiming for grid-like system (see map on GRT website)
		- Seating areas at each stop
		- 60-200 passengers
		- Honour system - pay at the fare box before getting on, or at platform validation (either end of station). Occasional enforcement officers will be verifying payment on board.
		- Will run on a similar schedule as the buses run now (5am-1am)
	+ Mobility Plus bus
		- Pre-booked door to door service for passengers who have applied for this service
	+ conventional bus
		- Enter front door; exit back door if possible
		- Back doors can only open when bus is completely stopped
		- Wheelchair accessible (kneels to curb, ramp extension)
		- All camera-equipped; footage saved for 72 hours
		- Approaching stops displayed graphically and auditory by speaker as well
		- 35-50 passengers
		- Charles Street terminal will be closed after Ion service begins. New storefront will be available at King and Frederick.
		- BIKE RACK FEATURE
			* Make eye contact w driver; let him/her know that you will use the rack feature
			* Stay near the front to remember your bike when you disembark
* Safety
	+ Emergency buttons for help/support at each station
	+ Stations will be recorded for safety
	+ Follow the “no turning” signs as train could be coming (drivers)
	+ “Look both ways” and other signs on sidewalks near tracks (pedestrians)
	+ Training videos available online (<https://www.grt.ca/en/about-grt/ion-safety.aspx>)
	+ Ion doors will open at the black strips on the yellow strip at each station
	+ Button to open the door (interior and exterior) if it doesn’t open for you
	+ All stops will have lighting, cameras, emergency boxes
* Fare Payment
	+ One fare/One system (bus/train)
	+ $3.25 (cash); Tickets/EasyGO: $2.76/adult fare; $2.40/student fare, under 5 ride free
	+ \*\*No more tickets
	+ Cash will still be accepted (see fare above)
	+ New King & Frederick storefront for fare purchase & free EasyGO card; also at Ion stations (extra $5 fee for purchasing the EasyGO card here).
	+ EasyGO card can be loaded at Ion Stations, online.
	+ Can load $10-100 (or bus passes can be loaded) to the EasyGO card
	+ Transfers will work for both as well, and will be loaded to your card
	+ Tap EasyGO card when getting on bus
	+ Need to pay before you get on train at station; tap at platform validator
	+ Question: possible to tap your card more than once to pay for a friend? Answer: No.
* Trip Planning
	+ Will be introduced online, hopefully beginning in May
	+ Paper schedules, electronic (e.g., website, texting), personal customer support
		- Text 4-digit stop number (lower right of bus stop sign) to 57555. Receive text back indicating next three departure times for the stop <https://www.grt.ca/en/rider-information/plan-your-trip.aspx>
* Travel Training available for personal support <https://www.grt.ca/en/rider-information/travel-training.aspx>
* See website: [www.grt.ca](http://www.grt.ca) for more information
* Expecting a grace period for riders to try the Ion for free
* *Ion Launch April 11th, 11 am- 2 pm at Borden Station, with staff*
* Rachel investigating whether GRT can visit KCI to train students & provide EasyGO cards

V. Principal’s Report

* First Day schedule presented (see attached)
	+ **Please share feedback (comments - positive or negative) by email to cathy\_vollmer\_ashley@wrdsb.ca**
* Letter re: threatening message in the school
	+ Threat taken very seriously, police (including forensics and tactical squad) and staff are continuing the investigation and keeping the students supported
* Provincial Budget details have not been provided
	+ Staffing has been postponed
	+ Cathy will update Parent Council at next meeting

VI. Other Business

* Upcoming presentations
	+ April 17th presentation Parenting Teens by K-W Counselling
	+ 55/100 people have registered
		- Decision to send the invitation to the full Board through WRDSB communications
	+ May 22nd Teen Nutrition: How Nutrition Can Make You Look and Feel Better -Kari Fisher CNP

Meeting closed at 9:18 pm

Next meeting: May 27, 2019 on My Blueprint (Becky Zettl)