**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**](mailto: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)