

6:30 Welcome, Cheryl De Koning

The Keatsway School Council meets monthly during the school year. A major role of School Council is to create a level environment for all students in terms of opportunities, field trips and activities available. The meetings provide the opportunity to share information and provide parent input to school, School Board and Ministry of Education programs and plans. The mandate of the Council is to provide parents/guardians with the means to advise the principal and the board on ideas, which lead to improving learning opportunities for students. Keatsway School Council also provides support for the students through fundraising activities. All Keatsway parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. Community members, including parents of children who will be attending Keatsway in the future, are also welcome at all meetings.

6:38-6:40 Approval of Minutes from from April 18, 2017 meeting, Cheryl De Koning

Motion to approve Minutes of April 18, 2017 Meeting.

1st: Jennifer McKinnon **2nd:** Heidi Van Schaik **Approved:** Yes

6:40-6:55 Principal's Report, Lori Briscoe

Special guest Ms. Kathy Shortt came to give her farewell to School Council. Ms. Shortt is retiring, after 30 years of teaching at Keatsway.

Principal Lori Briscoe reported on the various activities in the classrooms, based on the students' contributions of highlights of their favourite activities.

Ms. Briscoe still in the hiring process. No teachers have been lost, with the exception of Mr. Tinning, and Ms. Stinson, both LTO teachers.

EQAO to take place May 24 to June 1. Teachers have taken data from last year and have been working on areas such as multi-step word problems. Upcoming PD Day to focus on EQAO.

6:55-7:05 Teacher's Report, Carrie Bentz

Clubs, sports, and activities underway: Silver Birch Reading Club, Choir, Coding Club, Sphero Coding Club, Free the Children, Minecraft Club. Glee Club. Kodaly concert at Centre in the Square on May 2, 2017.

See Keatsway's website for Clubs and Athletics updates.

<https://kea.wrdsb.ca/clubs-and-athletics/>

Track and Field school Meet is on May 29. High jump practices have been held on 3 consecutive mornings for grades 4, 5, and 6. The Area Track and Field Meet will take place during the day on June 15.

Jump Rope for Heart took place on May 19, 2017. Approximately \$6,000 was raised.

See Keatsway's website for Calendar updates: <https://kea.wrdsb.ca/calendar/>

7:05-7:10 PRO Grant Update, Heidi Van Schaik

In the past, the PRO Grant has paid for events such as Math Night, Keatsway Reads Night, and Mindfulness Workshops. It takes a considerable amount of time beyond the initial application for the grant, to plan out its use. We've learned that many schools use the PRO Grant to fund their science fairs, which would remove the science fair as a budget item.

Motion: To apply for the PRO Grant to use towards Keatsway Science Fair.

1st: Heidi Van Schaik

2nd: Sheila Vardy

Approved: Yes

7:10-7:22 Fun Fair Update, Heidi Van Schaik

Planning is well underway for Keatsway's Fun Fair, to be held on June 15, 2017. The theme is "Canada's 150th". Carnival-style games are being organized, and there will be a silent auction in the gym. A flyer was sent out in early April, requesting volunteers and silent auction donations. Teachers have chosen themes for their classroom baskets, and some donations have come in.

Volunteers are needed to help sell food and run games that evening. Online signup has been set up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4aabee2ba46-keatsway2> or people can contact the Fun Fair committee directly at keatswayschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

Highlights of outside people attending: Mayor Dave Jaworsky will attend for approximately half an hour; HeroTime, a KW based children's entertainment company, to bring superhero characters for free (company founder a Keatsway alumnus); Bingemans (they will be making cotton candy); ArtShine; UW Science; UW Engineering students with playground design display.

7:22-7:30 Fundraising Update, Heidi Van Schaik

Operating costs for School Council have been covered, and all funds being raised this spring will go directly to the playground fund.

Boston Pizza Fundraiser at Erbsville location on May 31. 10% of all the sales from 5 pm to 8 pm will be donated back to the school to be used towards our new playground.

"Ford Drive4UR School" will take place Sunday, August 27, from 9am-4pm, in the parking lot of The Brick in The Boardwalk. The playground fund will get \$20 for every person (limit one per household) who comes to the event and takes a test drive. We can earn a \$6000 donation from Ford in just one day! Requests for volunteers will go out this summer.

Keatsway Playground Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/KeatswayPlayground/>

Keatsway Parents Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/keatswaypublicschool/>

7:30-7:40 Treasurer's Report, Jennifer McKinnon

Budget reviewed and presented. All funds raised at this point will go towards the playground fund.

7:40-7:45 Grade 6 Celebration Update, Sheila Vardy

Gifts have been purchased, plans for celebration underway.

7:45-8:00 What's on your Mind, Cheryl De Koning

Nutrition for Learning starting at Keatsway in the fall. Wendy Kennedy heading this project. Application for funds has been confirmed.

Weekly pizza and milk orders may be organized differently this fall, with a possible move from ESNS to School Day. Not as much lead time needed for placing and cancelling orders, more profit for School Council, easier to manage, and more flexibility.

Formal thank you from Lori to School Council.

8:00 Adjournment, Cheryl De Koning

Motion to adjourn.

1st: Christine Valente

2nd: Jennifer McKinnon

Approved: Yes

Secretary: Christine Valente

Final meeting of this year. Date for September meeting TBD.

Babysitting is available at all Keatsway School Council meetings.

Please bring only sealable travel mugs into the library.