

6:35 Welcome, Heidi Van Schaik and 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.

6:35-6:40 Approval of Minutes from Oct. 19, 2017 meeting, Heidi Van Schaik

Motion to approve Minutes from Oct. 19, 2017 Meeting.

1st: Cheryl De Koning **2nd:** Jennifer McKinnon **Approved:** Yes

6:40-6:50 Principal's Report, Penny Miller

PD Day Nov. 17: Morning SIP Wellness in the learning environment, math. Afternoon scheduled for interviews Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools (SCIS) team, Cheryl, Penny, Julie and two students, met. Looked at data, from school and board. Unsupervised areas are where children felt the least safe. Discussion of playground leaders, bulletin board – gratitude board, to focus on the positive. For more information on SCIS, go to <https://www.wrdsb.ca/our-schools/safe-schools/#.WlzHvq6nGCg>.

W.I.T.S. (Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, Seek help) anti-bullying campaign, to be reviewed next week during anti-bullying week. Ideas being discussed include announcements and Buddy Benches.

Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday, Nov. 10.

November Newsletter sent out. There was a glitch, in that there was no attachment. It is currently on School Day and on the Keatsway website. Hardcopy of newsletter was sent out, with School Day mailing. Additional discussion over School Day.

6:50-7:00 Teacher's Report, Carrie Bentz

Clubs, sports, and activities underway: volleyball, boys and girls; Junior Choir, Free the Children Clothing Drive and Food Drive

See Keatsway's website for Clubs and Athletics updates. <https://kea.wrdsb.ca/clubs-and-athletics/>

7:00-7:25 Fundraising/Playground Update, Heidi Van Schaik

Fall Fundraising campaign wrapped up. We exceeded goal of raising \$10,000. C2 brought in most amount, the reward was to play the first GaGa Ball game as a class. Ground cover still needs to get put down.

Pizza days on Mondays have been bringing in a profit of \$120/week. The setup is that there are three stations, with two grade 6 students per station, and a few parent volunteers. Those wishing to buy pizza bring \$2 per slice. Issues with email reminders on Sunday; being worked on.

FlipGive newsletter distributed this week.

Funds from Clothing Drive, money collected going to Playground Fund, will be matched by donor.

A Gift of Play cards have arrived. Donations will be matched by donor as well. Staff unanimously in support of this. Letter to go home next week. Winter Marketplace Dec 5 5-8 pm, gym and hallways. Vendors have begun signing up. Email will be sent.

Boston Pizza Night Dec 13.

December 20 Cookie Day (not actually a fundraiser).

Movie Night being planned for January

Move-a-thon for being planned for February, looking for volunteer to coordinate.

Corporate Donations still needed. Looking for volunteer to coordinate.

All these fundraisers will be matched by anonymous donor up to \$25,000.

Challenge Circuit on hold until fall. Need to find different vendor. Larger savings to be had by installing both components at once.

7:25-7:35 Science Fair, Sheila Vardy

28th year at Keatsway. Rebecca Steinman has joined Sheila Vardy to coordinate. Parent volunteers who are science professionals talk to the kids, certificate of participation and medal. Parents view open house 6-7. Science Fair is considered a family project to be worked on at home. Tables have been ordered. Volunteers will be needed for registrations.

7:35-8:00 What's on your Mind, Cheryl De Koning

Portables –the inability to lock from inside

Late arrival – allowing children and parents to wait indoors during anthem/announcements, especially in colder weather

Coffee maker for staff room – approval to purchase.

Pinnies – need to get looked at, seems to be mostly XS or XL, getting old?

Move-a-thon – DJ and playlist solutions.

8:00 Motion to Adjourn, Cheryl De Koning

1st: Hilary Bergsieker **2nd:** Elke Dous **Approved:** Yes

Future meetings will be held on Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm, on the following dates:
January 18, February 15, April 19, and May 17.

*Babysitting is available at all Keatsway School Council meetings.
Please bring only sealable travel mugs/bottles into the library.*