

**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 Nov. 16, 2017 meeting, Heidi Van Schaik**

Correction: 21<sup>st</sup> year of Keatsway Science Fair

Motion to approve Minutes from Nov. 16, 2017 Meeting.

**1st:** Sheila Vardy    **2nd:** Cheryl De Koning    **Approved:** Yes

**6:40-6:50 Principal’s Report, Penny Miller**

Student Assembly in December. Gym cannot accommodate all parents at one assembly. Parents are encouraged to join class presentations, etc. Parents who are able to come are always welcome.

Penny Miller will attend SCIS for administrators meeting on Jan. 19. Will share with SCIS school team.

January 26, 2018 is a PD day for Elementary school staff. Elementary students will not attend school, but Extended Day Programs will operate for enrolled students from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The focus of the P.D. Day will be teacher-directed assessments, evaluation and planning activities. Paraprofessional staff (EAs/CYWs) will be participating in full-day centrally run learning activities that will include training opportunities.

Visit our [School Information page](#) for a complete listing of professional development days.

Report cards go home Feb. 16.

Wellness Fair being planned, with the goal of bringing students of mixed ages together, learning how to be well.

Focus on math, how to support teachers in their math instruction. Math kits will be organized soon.

Musical information has been sent home. Dates set for April 24, 25, 26.

Night custodian staffing change.

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

Clubs, sports, and activities underway: Musical. Auditions next week. Mrs. Vanderburg taking singers to sing O Canada at UW on Saturday. Math Club starting up for different grades. Basketball starting soon. Gymnastics equipment to be set up after March Break. See Keatsway's website for Clubs and Athletics updates. <https://kea.wrdsb.ca/clubs-and-athletics/>

**7:00-7:30 Fundraising/Playground Update, Heidi Van Schaik**

Winter Marketplace took place. Vendors seemed generally happy with the event. Close to 100 families came. Looking at possibly considering Saturdays, and how to generate more interest. Door prize raffle generated \$240 in donations. \$900 made in table rentals. Great volunteer opportunity for someone unavailable to be in the school during the day. Was set up online using Google, can be handed over and shared easily. Most vendors attracted via a kijiji ad. Now we have a vendor base, give them first pass once you pick a date. If on a Saturday, you can spread out in the school, have it run longer. Early November.

Boston Pizza Night Dec. 13. Great turnout. Boston Pizza said it was their best fundraising evening yet.

Gift of Play campaign very successful. Timing and playground goal, and teacher message helped tremendously.

Scholastic Book Fair Feb 7-9. All proceeds will go towards playground. Volunteers needed Feb 7, 8, 9.

Movie Night possibly being organized for end of January.

Discussion of timing of Move-a-thon. Jennifer to coordinate. Tentative date Feb. 14.

Corporate Sponsorship campaign moving ahead. Brochures to be sent to local businesses. Email to be sent to school community.

Motion to go to tender for \$65,000 to build playground this spring.

**1st:** Heidi Van Schaik

**2nd:** Hilary Bergsieker

**Approved:** Yes

**7:00-7:30 Treasurer's Report, Jennifer McKinnon**

Financial reports from the board are finally available, so we now have final numbers for our fall fundraising efforts:

- Chocolate/Fresh From the Farm: \$9515.59
- Winter Marketplace ("Holiday Bazaar"): \$1211
- Cookie Day: \$115.87
- Boston Pizza: \$350
- Pizza sales started at the end of October and are doing well; we have already made \$1351.90 this year, with weekly profits usually over \$100

The fall fundraiser, pizza day, and cookie day fundraisers are all going toward general council spending. Even at current values, they should cover our annual expenses, so it is possible that future pizza earnings can be diverted to the playground. All other fundraisers are going toward the playground. In particular, the "Gift of Play" fundraiser for the playground has been very successful. Unfortunately, many donations were made directly to WEFI, and the school board is not yet providing us reports on WEFI accounts, so a final amount is not yet known. The current estimate is that we raised about \$10,000. Taking into account money that school council has raised and the promised matching donation from our anonymous donor, the playground fund is almost at \$60,000.

See attached ***Budget, Updated January 2018.***

**7:25-7:35 Family Science Night, Sheila Vardy**

February 28, 2018. 21st science fair year at Keatsway, now called Family Science Night. Rebecca Steinman and Jennifer Lhotak have joined Sheila Vardy to coordinate. PDF of information package to be posted to website. \$2 for board. Call for volunteers and registration form will be distributed to each student. Parent volunteers who are science professionals talk to the kids, present 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**

Date for February meeting changed to Feb. 22, 2018

Questions about Dreambox licences. Mixup at board level, invested heavily, then only 20% participation. Will be resumed next year.

40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Discussion of how to hook into playground build. To be discussed

**8:00 Motion to Adjourn, Cheryl De Koning**

**1st:** Christine Valente

**2nd:** Sheila Vardy

**Approved:** Yes

Future meetings will be held on Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm, on the following dates:  
February 22, April 19, and May 17.

*Babysitting is available at all Keatsway School Council meetings.  
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