

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 January 18, 2018 meeting, Heidi Van Schaik

Motion to approve Minutes from January 18, 2018 Meeting.

1st: Jennifer McKinnon

2nd: Cheryl De Koning

Approved: Yes

6:40-6:45 Principal's Report, Penny Miller

Wellness Fair went well, much positive feedback given from students and teachers. The day provided opportunities for students from different classes and ages to interact and make new friends.

PD Day on January 26 was a site-based day (at Keatsway). Brainstorming session held to see where teachers wanted professional learning sessions. Areas of interest were small group instruction, comprehensive math approach, and math fluency. Separate half-day training session held for Kindergarten staff on guided reading and early intervention.

Mrs. Hankins' last day before her maternity leave was today, Brianne Hagedorn is her replacement.

6:45-7:00 Teacher's Report, Carrie Bentz

Clubs, sports, and activities underway: Musical practices have begun, going well.

Basketball season currently on.

Math groups underway at break time, led by Mrs. Vandenburg.

Musical Auditions to take place next week.

Jump Rope for Heart scheduled for May 11, likely middle block.

School Track Meet will be on Monday, May 28. Area Track Meet will be on Wednesday, June 13.

Mrs. Vanderburg will take singers to sing O Canada at UW on Saturday.

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/>

6:50-7:00 Fundraising/Playground Update, Heidi Van Schaik

Currently working on how to show appreciation to our anonymous donor. Thank-you card, with each classroom to contribute. Will express the ripple effect, how each person can carry that forward.

Feb 14 Move-a-thon. Each child was given 2 glowsticks, lights rented, in house sound equipment, Mrs. Miller's son and friend were the DJs. Went smoothly, and the children enjoyed it.

Scholastic Book Fair Feb 7-9. All proceeds went towards playground.

Corporate sponsorship mailings sent. Contacted by Meridian, donating at least \$500. Also offered volunteers if needed.

Movie Night possibly being organized for end of January.

Amend Motion to go to tender for \$70,000 to build playground this spring.

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

7:00-7:15 Treasurer's Report, Jennifer McKinnon

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

7:15-7:30 Family Science Night, Sheila Vardy (absent, sent to Council)

Registration officially ended this afternoon. We have 56 projects registered and a total of 63 student participants. More projects, but fewer students than last year. Might still get a few last-minute registrants. Mme Jakubowski has volunteered her class to help us set up tables during the last 20-30 minutes of class time on Tuesday. We could use 1-2 more parent volunteers to help, starting at 3:10 on Tuesday, and with cleaning and labeling the tables. At least 7 science professionals have been

confirmed; more would be welcome. 1-2 more volunteers needed from 9:05-9:20, to help people get in to set up. Anyone interested can contact svardy@gmail.com.

There are still decisions to be made about how to spend parts of the PRO grant, especially the refreshment portion. Input on this would be welcomed!

Budget details:

- Refreshments \$200; ideally to be spent on food or drinks that can be stored for future school events if not (all) used at science fair.
- Promotions (paper, advertising) \$100
- Printing of parent resources (printing, paper) \$100
- Workshop materials for parents \$600, of which \$236.43 was spent on display boards. Mrs. Hansen has ordered some non-fiction books for home reading in consultation with other staff, to be paid from this portion of the budget.

7:30-8:00 What's on your Mind, Cheryl De Koning

2018 is Keatsway's 40th anniversary. Grant request submitted for friendship benches. Will be decorated with the words "Forty Years of Friendship at Keatsway".

PRO Grant – discussion of bringing possibilities for next meeting

May 31 (Thursday evening before a PD Day) ribbon cutting for new playground. Food trucks being arranged.

Staff appreciation luncheon to be planned at April meeting.

8:00 Motion to Adjourn, Cheryl De Koning

1st: Heidi Van Shaik

2nd: Cheryl De Koning

Approved: Yes

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

*Babysitting is available at all Keatsway School Council meetings.
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