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 February 22, 2018 meeting, Cheryl De Koning

Motion to approve Minutes from February 22, 2018 Meeting.

1st: Heidi Van Schaik **2nd:** Cheryl De Koning **Approved:** Yes

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

Full ½ day professional development day for ECEs, with focus on guided reading, early readers, daily intensive support for children, to prepare them to be ready for Grade 1.

April PD Day, speaker Dr Schenker, self regulation at Rockway PS; afternoon at Keatsway April Site Day, focus on comprehensive math, fluency, guided reading.

Earth Day celebrations and events throughout the week. Loretta Penny presentation on swamps. Sidewalk chalk cannot run due to snow, to be rescheduled.

Musical in full preparation, staff working hard on music, set, practices Mrs. Kent, Ms. Nordby, Mrs Leung, and Mr. McIntyre.

Gr 6 transition days coming up. Gr. 6 open house May 24 at Centennial. Centennial visits May 8, talk with teachers and students. In May, walk to Centennial for open house.

Kindergarten info night May 10.

Staffing underway. Projected enrolment is 392.

6:40-6:45 Teacher's Report, Carrie Bentz

Musical preparation underway.

Jump Rope for Heart assembly tomorrow. Scheduled for May 11, likely middle block.

EQAO May 22-June 4 (Gr 3s first, gr 6 second)

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

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

6:45-7:55 Treasurer's Report, Jennifer McKinnon

See updated Budget April 2018

In the event popcorn school-wide event planned, the popcorn maker cannot handle. Kindergarten kids included in pre-order. Good for class events.

\$1778.83 still for School Council (Playground Funds separate)

\$75054.77 Playground balance – exceeded target.

6:55-7:15 Playground Update, Heidi Van Schaik

Call for bids from vendors process. Landed on one company that is very excited to work with us. Have worked with the board on other projects, Wellesley-based company, with manufacturing in Quebec. Able to get a design for main playground structure that is rated 2 years to 12, with simple sacrifices, therefore allowing Kindergarten children to also enjoy it (previously 5-12). Challenge circuit is for 5-12 (anything with monkey bars at those heights). Design presented to council.

When completed, challenge circuit will be the largest in the region. Can hold 82 kids at one time. No repetition, all different activities. Playground can hold over 70. Includes spinners, climbing. With extra funds raised, a creative play space has been included.

When process began, disappointment 10-15 K overbudget, installation and delivery not included in design quote. After much discussion board paying for grounds and mulch.

Week of May 14 removal. May 21 installation begins. 3-4-day process. Sat. May 26 Volunteers needed to spread mulch. Meridian also committed to help. Can build as community day.

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

7:15-7:25 Playground Ribbon Cutting & 40th Anniversary, Cheryl De Koning

May 31, time to be determined, likely 4:30 -7:30. Ribbon Cutting time to be decided. Grant approved for two friendship benches from Rotary Club, who will cover the cost. Company will engrave "Celebrating 40 years of friendship". Each child will get a friendship bracelet. Can get anchored at time of playground build. Location to be decided. Community event, food trucks, alumni to be invited.

7:25-7:40 Fundraising for Next Year/PRO Grant, Heidi Van Schaik

2018-2019 school year will create vacancies. Major item to plan is fall fundraising. Needs to get booked spring 2018. Now that playground fundraising is complete, focus needs to be on fall fundraising to fund all School Council budget items. Fundraising meeting to be announced to garner interest for next year. Chair, treasurer key positions.

PRO Grant due June 5. 2017 grant used towards Family Science Night. \$500 or \$1000. Over the years, used for Keatsway Reads, Keatsway Counts, Mindfulness Night. Suggestion to create math home kits similar to Home Reading.

7:40-8:00 Staff Appreciation Lunch/Grade 6 Grad, Cheryl De Koning

June 7 Email will be sent

7:30-8:00 Principal Profile Report

School Council requested by board to submit principal profile. Email will be sent out.

7:30-8:00 What's on Your Mind, Heidi Van Schaik

Discussion of possibility of holding May meeting off site.

To consider PIC grant for refreshments at future meetings.

8:00 Motion to Adjourn, Heidi Van Schaik

1st: Cheryl De Koning **2nd**: Jenifer M **Approved**: Yes

Final meeting of 2017/2018 school year will be held on Thursday, May 17, 6:30-8:00 pm

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