

REGIONAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board

January 16th 2019

In Attendance

Central P.S.- James Rook, Charles Bowman P.S.- Melanie Brooks, Courice S.S.- KerryAnn Anderson, Dr. G.J. MacGillivray P.S.- Shanthi Janarth, Bowmanville H.S.- Wendy McLean & Sue Forest, Clarington Central S.S.- Danielle Magvas, Courtice North P.S.- Lasha Laskowsky-Reed, Dr. Ross Tilley P.S.- James Grieve, John M. James P.S.- Sheri Villeneuve, Newcastle P.S.- Carrie Keys & Amy Petrow, Orono P.S.- Ashley Bell, Waverley P.S.- Teira Brown, Trustees- Cathy Abraham & Sarah Bobka, Superintendent-Gloria Tompkins

Regrets: Superintendent – Peter Mangold

Welcome

- Minutes of November 14th, 2018 were presented
 - Motion to accept – Accepted by all
- Adopting of Agenda
 - Motion to accept – Accepted by all
- Educational Topic presented by Jack Nigro: **Every Student Matters Census**
- The school board is completing their first ever census. It will be launching February 2019.
- Their belief is No Data? No Problem? No Action?
- The Census will help us look at all aspects of a person's personal life. What factor is most directly related to student achievement of all the demographic factors? Socioeconomics is!
- People living in poverty are the least well served in our communities!
- We are hoping the census can help us find ways to best help and support everyone.
- The Census will be available online as well as on mobile devices! There will also be paper copies available if they are requested. They will also have a couple places that people can go to fill out a survey.
- Children from JK-Grade 6, their parents will fill out the survey at home. Grades 7-12, the students will have time at school to fill out the survey. Each child will receive a code that will coincide with their specific survey. It is completely confidential. The survey results are kept on site with the school board and only 3 people in the entire board would have direct access to the survey.
- They will have the survey questions available prior to test day.
- With test results, over years, we can try to determine and address gaps between certain groups of students.
- There are school boards in Ontario that have already been doing their census for years.

Dr. Deanna Swift: Chief Psychologist and Mental Health Lead as well as the Manager for Speech and Language Services for the board and **Leslie Walberg-Hegan:** School Board Councilor with KPR presented the educational topic: *Anxiety and Stress in Kids*

- Practical ways to help your kids deal with stress and get through those hard times.
- Stress vs Anxiety
- How stress can affect our kids and how they may show signs and how we can help them through it without doing all the work for them.
- Have open communication with teachers! Sometimes the teachers can see things that we can miss. Also be open with your kids. Ask them how they are feeling or what is going on. Keeping open with your kids gives them a sense that they have someone to talk to who cares.

Trustee Reports

- Grant that each school receives \$500 that can be used by each school that is separate then the ProGrant. Make sure your principals are aware and that they use the funds!
- The PRO grant is now approved. Those that applied have been approved. Must be used by June 2019.
- New board. 3 new board members for our area. Peterborough, Cobourg and Our First nations
- Sarah Bobka is the new Vice chair of the Board
- Welcoming kids to KPR for next year
- Next week we have a big January conference for trustees across the board. $\frac{3}{4}$ of the trustees from across the province come to this.
- Don Drummond will be there to talk about finances. Will be a good learning opportunity.
- *Bell Let's Talk Day* will take place on January 31st. #bellletstalk

Superintendent Report

- Grade 9s are currently writing their EQAO assessment of Mathematics
- Secondary exams begin January 25th
- Feb 1st is a PA Day for both elementary and secondary schools (assessment day for elementary and turnaround day to prepare for semester 2 for secondary)
- Second semester starts Feb 4th
- Elementary Reports will be sent home between the dates of Feb 14th-20th
- Kindergarten registration is open. Tell your friends!
- Information nights for Grade 8 students going into high school. Great Transition days so they can see around the schools

Question: Zoning for school bus cancellation days? Is there a better way to zone bus cancellations?

Answer: Bus cancellations are currently determined by region, however, there was an oversight for one of the recent snow days, where there was bad weather in Peterborough, but busses were also cancelled in the Clarington region and the weather in this region was fine.

What is going on in your schools?

- Kids Help Phone Offer School clubs. You can have a student and a teacher register and you they will give you training on running a group to help with mental health.

<https://kidshelpphone.ca/get-involved/programs-resources/school-clubs/>

- You can also request information. They will send you 4 posters and also 150 business cards with contact info for students. Kids help phone now offers 24/7 texting service.
- Waverley Public school is having a family movie night January 25th.

Dates and Locations for Upcoming Meetings

February 20, 2019 – Waverley P.S

April 24, 2019 – Newcastle P. S

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting – 9:00pm – Approved by all