

KHASA Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2018 at 6:30pm in the District Resource Centre Learning Commons

Called to order 6:32 PM

Attendance: Davina Antonik, Michelle Philpott, Julie DeMaere, Hilary Fairbank, Scottee Giles, Erin Young, Nora Dun, Phil Molloy, Jen Vossen, Heather Alexander, Farrah Simpson, Ceilidh Fear, Jen Nixon, Shu Franey, Paula White, Amber Leask, Kate Guthrie, Melissa Braun, Megan Misovic

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion To approve the agenda as AMENDED by Kate Guthrie Seconded By Ceilidh Fear - **Approved**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from October 15th, 2018

Motion to Approve by Kate Guthrie Seconded By Paula White - **Approved**


1. SOGI (Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity) – M. Udon

- In the past month a lot of info has been shared with teachers, including open discussions with teachers at lunch time
- New bulletin board in staff room with info on how to discuss SOGI info with parents
- Should have more of an update next month from the district prospective/ plan
- In the past it was the assistant superintendent leading the district initiatives, but he has moved on to a new district, it is still unclear who is taking it on from the district
- Question? How much do you get kids asking about it? Not that much.
 - o Is it being actively taught in class? It's teaching diversity and inclusion every day
- M. Udon will be back next month to answer any other questions –Thanks M.Udon!

2. REPORTS

- a) Administration

New Report Card Language – overview Point

Proficiency Scale				
	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

Old language was- “ Not yet Meeting, Minimally Meeting, Fully Meeting, Exceeding”

*whether you have fresh grade reports or paper reporting this will be the language you see

Feedback on fresh grade from parents is that they are getting more info on an ongoing basis and a better feel for what is happening in class.

All info from fresh grade stored in Kelowna – not somewhere down in the states

- Grade 4 parents will receive their FSA results sometime in December and see very similar language
- Report Cards home on or before Dec. 7 – about a week later than usual due to the late finish (Either a written report or comment in Fresh Grade)
- Rainy Days – we are encouraging students to come dressed for the weather as we will try to get outside even on rainy days. Please encourage children to come dressed appropriately as well as to have spare clothes in backpack in case of any muddy accidents.
- Soccer Jamboree Dec. 12 or 13 @ 8:45 @ Panorama Leisure Centre
- school spirit and singing during December – a Festive Hat Day to come
- Lunch hour fun in the gym until Christmas – Grades 1-2 Primary
- More info to come on when the lower parking lot will open, sometime in early December

b) Co-Presidents

a. New Budget Request Form

- i. There was a need to formalize this process- Staff/ admin requesting KHASA funds
- ii. We borrowed wording lay out from Bayside PAC
- iii. The process will normally take place twice a year- this year the first set is missed so we would like to go forward with one in January- Due date January 11th
- iv. Forms will be posted on the Keating website
- v. Items would be voted on at PAC meetings but previously vetted by the executive

b. Christmas Caroling Ideas

- i. Twice a week caroling during class time in December
- ii. Idea to have kids decorate something to make the gym more festive, with thoughts on a draw for kids who make a decorations
 1. Suggestion to do a Christmas light decorated however the kids want, hang on string around the gym
 2. Class secret Santa exchange (carols, cards, acts of kindness etc)
 3. Admin very supportive of both ideas
 4. Phil & Nora offered to take this idea and run with it! Thank you!
- iii. Why isn't there a Christmas concert?
 1. Administration explained that a lot of prep goes on during school time, needs to be part of the school plan in advance, talk of using artist in residence funds to hire someone to help with this next year
- iv. Cram the Cruiser is happening this December stay tuned for details

c. Crossing Guard Update

- i. Rebecca having a VERY hard time finding volunteers – if you can help please touch base with KHASA – very important part of school safety
ACTION: Ask for Rebecca to re-send paper form out to parents

c) Vice-President

a. Meeting with Adam Olsen

- i. All Elementary School PACs met with MLA Adam Olson in October – Here is a quick review of what was discussed

Khasa Questions and Concerns for Adam Olsen MLA

Parents are being asked for money for to pay for many school related expenditures.

The latest is a large sea container to store equipment for the children to play with. As well as two job boxes and an outside learning table. The cost to be approx \$6500. They are needed now because the school is under seismic upgrades that have left the kids with very minimal play areas. When a school goes under renovations no money is allotted for the school outside areas that will be affected by the renovations. This includes helping the school pay for making new play areas for the loss of the new building space. Also not covered is any landscaping that will need to be done other than basic grass. The children lost basketball courts as well as a whole playground. There are over 400 elementary school children with very minimal space and equipment to play with.

One ask from the school was a larger Gym, to help with the extra student population. This was denied. Our school out of school care was awarded grant money to upgrade and help with our childcare issues at our school. They are still waiting on portables to make this project happen. This was suppose to be done and ready for the start of the school year. Again we are being put on hold for a vital part of what parents need to help with the functioning of our school. Once this project is in place again the parents will be asked to help cover the cost of landscaping the area or pay for a new playground. At what cost this will be no one yet knows

Other things parents are being asked to fund are music programs at the school. Whether it be simply funding a choir, band or any number of music related actives. The cost is all downloaded on the parents to fund. Music is a fundamental development tool. It benefits all children no mater age or need. Not to have this program funded by the province is unacceptable.

Waitlists to get to school counsellor can take years. Assessments of children for learning disables can take years. If a parent is to do it ourselves the cost is high, not every parent can afford these costs. We are living in a back loaded system. Where the money is not being put in at the beginning of our youngest BC residents. If we want our children to contribute to a positive society we need to ensure we support them at the beginning. That means putting money in education. It also means stop taking money from the already cash strapped parents to help fund something that should be socially funded.

We understand that it was not the current government that cut funding from these programs. We understand that it was not you that closed the smaller schools. We understand that is was not you that took funding from public schools and gave it to private schools but you are now in power and you need to put the money back into the public schools to ensure this generation and future generations will have the skills to contribute to growing and bettering BC. Private schools should be self funded!

As our MLA, how will you commit to addressing and solving these issues?

Adam Olsen as asked for a report on what KHASA and parents are being asked to do and spend towards their children's education. As well as other experience with in the school system.

d) Treasurer

- a. Operating account balance: \$55, 996.63

b. Gaming account balance: \$15, 186.56

*Great contributions this year by Family donations on the KHASA website = \$1,150

*Gaming Fund received \$9,864 but is basically used up given to the school for fieldtrips, classroom allotments etc

- Question- what is the big chunk of the money earmarked for?
 - A survey will be sent out to families to see what they feel money should be spent on.
 - KHASA exec would like to hear from parents to decide what to be done with the money
 - Suggestion to ask kids what they want for the school as well
- Going forward KHASA wants to fundraise for a purpose

e) Secretary

a. Nothing to report

f) Fundraising

a. Young Farmers

- One or two people from the Young Farmers Program will be working with 10 classes in fall and then in spring (10 sessions total), putting the flowers to bed in the winter etc. (Class names were put in a hat and a draw was done to see which classes would participate)
- Cost is \$4000 total- There is a grant for \$1500, and there were some funds for greening the school - Following up on how much is needed to be fundraised for
- Hoping to do West Coast Seeds fundraiser to support this program – last year we made around \$900
- **ACTION:** Shelly to ask teachers what they would like to see done with Greening money

g) Healthy Schools & KAM

a. Family Skate Night – Saturday, December 15th 7:00 -8:30 PM at Panorama Rec- Free to Keating Families

b. Family Swim Night March 13th

h) Hot Lunch

a. No Update- Hot lunches are going great

i) COPACS

- Parent Education Session- Led by The White Hatter – Tuesday, November 20 2018 at North Saanich
- If we ever want Don Peterson can do presentations on Internet Safety – would attend KHASA meetings
- Jason Reed (School Board Secretary Treasurer) – gave a presentation on Risk Assessment – A difference between parents concerns and district concerns
- Policy 1100 meeting review – Curriculum discussed between different schools
- Lots of vocal parents right not at COPACS
- Everyone welcome – not just the rep from the school
- Next meeting December 13th 7:00 PM ILC Individual Learning Centre

j) CPF – No Update

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Music Program Update – More Info to come for this school year. Admin supportive of doing an artist in residence for Christmas Concert for 2019/20– need to have everything planned well in advance to give teachers lots of notice for planning- this year struggle is the space with construction and not enough notice
 - i. Hoping for a one day artist in residence this year in the spring
 - ii. Choir – hopeful for a lunch time club style choir this year
 - iii. Ukulele club option in the new year is being looked in to
- b. Teleconference Options for meetings – still in progress- stay tuned
- c. Admin’s request for funds – update on equipment
 - Thank you to KHASA from Admin for the support for this equipment
 - Two black storage units have arrived on site – one set up outside the covered area which can now be used as outdoor PE space with equipment on hand
 - Shipping container was delayed due to weather and construction but will be on site this week – student leaders will be handing out recess equipment outside , equipment is ready to be stocked and is labelled and ready to go for recess as soon as container arrives(nice to have students out of the halls and outside to do this)

4. NEWBUSINESS

a) Emergency Preparedness

- a. M. Jungen has been working on a Comfort kit alternative - “Care Kits”
 - In the tubs will be items to help keep kids busy in case of a lock down, earthquake, or emergency situations
 - Inside will be items like a bit of food, water, toileting supplies, a blanket and drawing materials, playing cards, fidget type items
 - Looking for KHASA to help pick up the items to fill the bins, thank you to Scottee Giles & Farrah Simpson
 - 25 small tubs- meant to be quickly accessed and portable
 - Comfort kits with personal items from each child are very hard to maintain, also some issues surrounding health and safety with distraction for kids, or emotional wellbeing
 - Ideally ready before mid – December
 - Thank you Farrah & Scottee for volunteering to work on this project

b) Gaga Ball

- Admin has been looking in to these for a while- most schools in the district now have them
- If approved admin would contact ground people to find space outside as soon as possible
- Very successful at other schools- feedback has been that there are less issues on the playground as kids are so happy playing Gaga Ball
- Anyone unsure of what Gaga Ball is can look it up on Youtube
- The School district has installed other elementary schools at no cost

- **Motion** to approve funds for Gaga Ball pit up to \$5000 from restitution funds by Megan Misovic - seconded is Jen Nixon – All in favour – **Approved**
- **ACTION:** Admin to look in to the best option for Keating, one that is accessible etc

c) Spring Fair

- Is it something we want to do this year? Is there is space- Yes everyone in agreement they would like to see a spring fair for both fundraising and community building purposes
 - It could be modified to a smaller scale, for example taking the food option out, and just focusing on fun
 - Hardest part is volunteers
 - Could we look at moving locations? For example Stelly's
 - Last Spring fair was on Sunday Afternoon and worked really well
 - \$10,000 raised last spring fair
 - Yes – To the Spring fair! date TBD but in late spring

Meeting Adjourned 8:24 PM

NEXT MEETING January 21, 2019 at 6:30pm