

KHASA Meeting Minutes

April 15th, 2019 at 6:30 PM in the District Resource Centre

Attendance: Farrah Simpson, Anthea Helmsing, Kate Guthrie, Melissa Braun, Paula White, Ceilidh Fear, Hilary Fairbank, Michelle Philpott, Shu Franey, Nora Dun, Davina Antonik, Phil Molloy

Via Chime: No One in Attendance via Chime *Note there as an issue with the link that was sent out via email. In future it is asked that people email KHASA at khasa63@hotmail.com to confirm they are planning to call in.

1. **Guest Presenter- Shannon Husk (Prevention and Community Engagement Service Provider with the BC Government)**

- Welcome from Shelley
- Screen time, video gaming and gambling are all process Addictions
- Shannon will be at Kindergarten orientation * will be speaking with grade 4/5 students later in the year
- Your child may not be using devices yet but this is about prevention
- All of Shannon's presentations are free and funded by the government
- Shannon recommended 4 books that create good discussion with kids around technology - "Tek," (safety on the internet), "But It's Just a Game," "Video game Addiction Handbook For Parents" & "Unplugged"
- 3 places to limit Technology -bedroom (44% of kids are on devices after their parents are in bed), meal times and in the car –these are important opportunities for conversations
- Optometrists are seeing macular degeneration in people in their 30's
- Grades 5- 12 Shannon uses Trivia & discussion
- BC 211(<http://www.bc211.ca/>)– – how to access the services in regards to addiction
- Any questions at all email shannon.husk.@telus.net
- Common sense media (<https://www.common sense media.org/>) – great website for how to talk to your kids about tough topics

- One question that is asked a lot is Why not let your kids use their devices in the bedroom? Shannon stated –“Would you let a stranger knock on the door and go up to your child’s bedroom”
- Tech is not an issue, overuse it!
 - Fosters dependence and isolation- fear of being alone
 - Decrease in interpersonal social skills- hinders language and social development
 - Decreases creativity and imagination- no deep thought or problem solving
 - Decreases understanding and empathy
 - Kids psychologically unsafe and “keyboard courage”, cyberbullying and sexting.
 - Mistakes are more easily broadcasted because so many people have access to phones to record actions and, hence, it’s harder to ‘forget and move on’
 - Kids are more inactive than ever before; tech seen as a toy
 - Attach to devices for answers instead of family
 - We are never “off”- Often our kids are never off social duty, hypertexting, over sharing, or being available

Question- What is the ideal age for a child to get a cell phone? Shannon said it really depends on your child. How well can they handle it? There is a movement called “Wait until the eighth grade”

- Twitch (<https://www.twitch.tv/>) – a website to get to know how “games” are played

Question – Is there an age recommended for social media? Same thing, depends on your child and as long as you are co-viewing. Shannon suggested that if you can wait put it off a little longer.

ALL THE SLIDES / HANDOUTS FROM SHANNON’S PRESENTATION ARE ATTACHED IN THE MINUTES SECTION ON THE KHASA WEBSITE

- Entertainment Media Information & Insights for Families
- Shannon Husk Presentation Slides – April 2019
- Get Connected Pamphlet
- Shannon Husk Intro & about School Programs

2. Update From Admin

- a. A snapshot of Professional Development at Keating School -
 - Individual Topics that were of focus on recent at the recent Non Instructional Day:
 - Dance – development of resource
 - Music program in class
 - Numeracy – Math Daily 3
 - Classroom Management - “ A thinking and Caring approach”
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 - Exploring the topic of building empathy and culture of kindness
 - Healthy Living Outcomes from revised Curriculum
 - Technology supports fro Math fluency
 - numeracy assessment
 - Math games – fact fluency, help students go deeper, differentiation, home,
- b. Shannon Husk – Resources to check out:
 - Common Sense Education – for Parents – For Educators – For Advocates
<https://www.commonsense.org/education/digital-citizenship>
 - Parents Ultimate Guide to Instagram
<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>
 - Game Quitters (I’m a Gamer – I’m a Loved One
<https://gamequitters.com/>
- c. **Reminder** to check the website and also be subscribed to receive the posts which outline important events and dates in the next few months.

d. Class Placement Process:

We are at the beginning of the process of developing the overall school organization for the 2019-2020 school year. Staffing is allocated to the school by the School District. Many factors, including the expertise and experience of staff, the Collective Agreement and District Policies which address requirements for Students with Special Needs, are taken into consideration when organizing the school and deciding on placement of

individual children. We strive to ensure that each class is a workable instructional and social group with balance in the following areas:

- Gender balance
- Friendships
- Behavioural needs
- ESL – cultural diversity
- Intellectual strengths and academic learning needs
- Social and emotional strengths and needs
- Opportunities to make new friendships
- Opportunities for leadership.

If you would like to share additional **educational** or **social** information about your child for our team to consider during this process, forms will be available between May 1 and May 24. Once completed, please bring them directly to the office. If you have any questions in regard to this process, please do not hesitate to ask!

- e. Cross-Country – thanks to the many staff and several parents who sponsor/support the weekly lunchtime practise for our weekly Cross Country Meets. The three upcoming meets will occur on Wednesday April 17, April 24 and May 1 – all at Centennial Park and starting at 3:30
- f. Looking forward to our upcoming Track and Field events – UVIC Track Meet – June 13

g. **Bayside Middle School Transition Process 2019**

The transition process is to help prepare grade 5 students for their move to middle school. The goal is for students to make the transition to Bayside with as much ease as possible. Please note the following important dates:

April 17, 2019 – Grade 8 Bayside Band to Kéating. 12:30 – 1:00 PM.

April 24, 2019 – Bayside administration and leadership students visit Kéating (English).
9:00 – 10:00 AM.

April 24, 2019 – Bayside administration and leadership students visit Kéating (French).
10:00 – 11:00 AM.

April 30, 2019 – Kéating French Immersion to visit Bayside. 9:45 – 12:00 PM.

May 1, 2019 – Kéating English to visit Bayside. 9:45 – 12:00 PM.

May 7-8, 2019 – Parent Input Meetings: Additional Info/ Educational Student Needs (By appointment, as necessary)

May 23, 2018 – Grade 5 Parent Night & Instrument Petting Zoo (for students interested in Band).

Goodies & refreshments 6:30 – 7:00 PM;

Info Session/Tour 7:00 – 8:00 PM in MPR;

Instrument Petting Zoo 7:00-8:00 PM in the South Pod Classrooms. Students will

be collected from the MPR at the start of the info session

- h. Question for admin – How many kids are forecasted to be at Keating next year?
Shelley stated that 457 students are forecasted for next year. That is about 30 more than this year.
- i. Farrah asked Shelley & Philip about the news that was recently release regarding the Provinces announcement regarding school playground upgrades. Keating is not one of the schools listed. Philip explained at this point there is no news on any playground status at Keating. A big piece is waiting to see what will happen with KOSC buildings. Parents expressed concern regarding the lack of a plan in place for that space from the district. Parents would like to have an idea of what will be provided to the school or not provided so they can plan fundraising etc. Phil Molloy asked if the playground something that could be fundraised for through grants?
Philip Jungen and Shelley both agreed- Yes! Definitely!

ACTION: Ceilidh Fear offered to get this on Rob Flemmings radar! Especially with a push for an accessible playground that would benefit all students at Keating.

- j. Question to admin regarding the level of filters on Keating’s internet access and who determined them? This is a hot topic at COPACS at the moment. More info in the COPACS Section. Shelley explained the filters are places through the district and that she is happy to find our more if needed.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda Kate Guthrie Seconded by Paula White. APPROVED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes Phil Molloy Seconded by Anthea Helmsing. APPROVED

5. KHASA Updates

- a) Executive

- i. AGM next month is May 27th at 6:30 PM- would love to have a big attendance *Bring a friend! Spread the word. The Executive will be looking for a Secretary.
- ii. Fundraising – Mother’s Day Baskets (23 Orders) & Keating Shirts (46 Shirts) were recently wrapped up
- iii. There was some discussion on how can we get the word out – having attachments in the content – not having to be clicked on was one suggestion. Another suggestion was using older kids, as leaders to help share upcoming events with other students, perhaps going class to class.
- iv. Exec is attending a meeting May 10th with staff to be a part of school planning for next year. Exec met and came up with a fundraising plan for the year so is hoping to have it worked in to the school schedule well in advance.
- v. Treasurer
 - Did you know Mabels labels is still available? Order your labels online at https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/ and put in KHASA-20% will come back to the school!
 - Keating has a Coop Number **80410** which is available for the public to use and supports school fundraising. Suggestion from Davina to do a Keating Day or Month for families, or the community to use the number and help boost KHASA funds. Everyone agreed this is a wonderful simple idea that could help generate funds for the school.
 - Suggestion for parent handbook at start of year with info on all the ongoing fundraising opportunities ex coop number, Mabels Labels etc. This is something the KHASA exec hopes to have in place for the fall.
 - Next popcorn Day May 3rd after school in the outside under cover area (\$2 /bag)

Currant Account Balances

Operating account balance: \$53, 362.00

Gaming account balance: \$4035.03

b) Healthy Schools Committee

- Meeting tomorrow night – new members for next year

c) Hot Lunch

- Some changes with new class locations- will be doing hot lunch days out of the gym for the next 3 months
- One more order for May and June
- Hilary hoping to have wristband presales in line with last two hot lunch orders so people can log in and make one payment

- Is there a way to have the only way to place an order is to pay at the time? This would reduce the unpaid orders and time spent tracking people down. This would not work for who wish to use cheque or cash. It is about one third of orders that are places in cash or cheque. Many parents say they would be happy to use credit card over pay pal but there would be a fee to KHASA for the credit card use. May be worth considering minimize work for hot lunch coordinator
- Michelle Philpott interested in taking on the Hot Lunch Program for next school year but would really like a Co- Coordinator. Phil Molloy & Hilary Fairbank offered to assist with behind the scenes technical work but is not available for day of help. Wednesday would be a better day for Michelle and she will follow up with the school to see is this would be an option.
- There will most likely be 23 divisions next year so Hot Lunch will be busy

d) COPACS

- The district has done a full review of its Tech, in and outside the walls. They will be doing a lot of upgrading- the cost will be frontloaded and tapering off and “evergreening” (continual maintenance of improved technology)
- Going around the district is an Indigenous Map of Canada without provinces but with indigenous boundaries. When will Keating get it? Who is managing it?
 - **ACTION:** Phil Molloy to speak with School Admin to see if it is coming to Keating and when
- School District Budget for next year- Public Advisory Meeting April 24th, Public Review Meeting May 1st – all info on school district website at website at <https://www.sd63.bc.ca/sites/default/files/19-20%20Timelines%20Jan2019.pdf>
- \$425,000 is being advocated for admin salaries, there is some debate as these funds are coming from the funds that would be going to kids, not additional funds. The debate not being about whether *some* funds should be going to raise Admin salaries; rather the source of the funds being used for this purpose.
- Funding Review by April 30th, if you would to give input email copacsd63@gmail.com
- Adam Olsen has requested a one page report on PAC Challenges from each PAC in Saanich School District
 - **ACTION:** Paula White- Already in the process and will Send it in ASAP
- Lochside School had an issue with a child typing something in to a school computer and porn popped up about 2.5 years ago. Lochside was granted a higher level of filters due to the incident that happened years ago. At the last

COPACS meeting Parents were asked to speak with PAC and admin to enquire about the filter levels at their schools, and who decided on those levels

- **Action:** Ceilidh & Phil to follow up with Shelley on what level the current filters are at, who decided them and what the options are if we are not happy with it. Phil to see if there is a filter test that can be run to check out current levels
- Lochside having a Sex Ed parent night “Sex Ed for Kids” during first or second week in June – COPACS is funding the event so it is Free to all Saanich School Parents, Stay Tuned for date and more details.
 - COPACS AGM is on May 9th. All positions on the Exec need filling. If they are not filled COPACS will fold

e) CPF

- -K 12 gift exchange was a big success and M. Parent was very grateful for his retirement gift
- Keating was the highest fundraising school in the district for the Maple Syrup Fundraiser- More info to come ASAP regarding pick up
- CPF is going to do the guessing game for fair but we have to provide the volunteers

f) Spring Fair

- Donations will be able to be dropped off starting April 17th in the Gym Foyer designated bins
- Volunteers still needed- Especially for Team Leaders
- Hilary has been busy making a map and back up plans for if the weather is not cooperating
- Read the newsletters for all the latest news!

6. OLD BUSINESS

a) Grants

- Canada Post Playground Grant would be a good option for next year, there are many more outdoor space grants. Kate Guthrie, Nora Dun and Phil Molloy have been busy collecting donations for the silent auction recently. Nora met with Philip Jungen and has the go-ahead to start grant submissions and have a good idea what the school needs.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Grade 5 Farewell

ACTION: Farrah to put Shu in touch with Charlotte who organized last year

ACTION: Shu to touch base with the school about what funds are available for this event and what is needed from parents

b) Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Action: Anthea to email parent who registered on sign up genius to touch base with school and pick a date

Meeting Adjourned 8:54 PM

NEXT MEETING: *AGM - May 27th, 2019 at 6:30pm