



École Secondaire Kelvin High School

Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:30 p.m.

PAC Officers

Co-Chairs	Giovanni Spina	Present
	Catherine Wreford	Regrets
Secretary	Tammy Marlowe Johnson	Present
Co-Treasurers	Trina Larsen	Regrets
	Shelley Shaw	Present

School Representatives

Principal	Timothy Cox	Present
Vice Principal	Lauranne Benoit	Present
Vice Principal	Meghan Davidson	Present

District Representatives

South District	Mark Pomrenke	Present
French Immersion	Laura Enns	Present

Parents

Hugh Williams, Alex Leudokymov, Diane Wreford, Nicolle Olafson, Steve McMahon, Margaret Lewis-John, Anna (Hyun-ah) Lee.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

No objections were raised.

3. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting

No minutes from the previous meeting as quorum was not reached.

4. Old Business

No old business was addressed.

5. Reports

5.1 Administration

WALKATHON

- Annual event at Kelvin.
- Raise funds for Cancer Care Manitoba.
- Raised over \$15,000 this year! The highest total that they've ever raised.
- There was a pep rally and a big cheque – get to see the results of their hard work and get to see how they're contributing. The kids were really proud of their achievement.

GRADE 12

- Post secondary information evening
- of M, O of W, St. Boniface and Red River
- They really get in to gear in January.
- Important to help kids make choices.

HALLOWEEN

- A big deal here at Kelvin!
- Grade 12 mentors put on a Haunted House Halloween event.
- Best costume event, pumpkin carving, Fear Factor fun.
- Something we're very proud of!
- PARENT: Kudos to the mentors! Son thought it was really well done.
- A lot of work goes into the mentors.

CAMP SEASON

- **Shakespeare in the Snow**
 - Grade 11-12s (mostly IB students) go to Camp Cedarwood.
 - Choose a play and spend three days studying and performing.
 - Comes up later in the year for them.
- **Churchill North Star Trip**
 - Polar bear firsthand primary source research.
 - A group of bears the school has been a part of tracking for several years.
 - Data collected is turned into a research poster. Similar to a graduate student at university.
 - Asked last year to present at a conference in Vancouver.
 - Gives kids a hands-on opportunity within the sciences.

- Workshops in Assiniboine Park beforehand, work with U of M researchers.
Announcement.
- **Choir Camp**
- **Dance Camp** (coming up)

ATHLETICS

- Just wrapping up volleyball season.
- All had really successful seasons – all vying for provincial playoff spots.
- Football team won a banner at Princess Auto Stadium a couple of weeks ago. Proud of that achievement.
- Ultimate team won the Hold Back the Snow big fall tournament. Schools from all over the province participate.
- Boys' hockey is well underway.
 - No female hockey team this year – only 11 students and no goaltender. Going to run a Co-Ed 3 x 3 tournament in the spring with feeder schools.
 - Also looking at running skills sessions for female hockey players or interested feeder school students.
 - Nice to know where we're at ahead of the season for next year.
 - Will be looking for a coach as well. Can be challenging to get outside coaches due to time commitments (ie: 7 a.m. practices, 3:45 p.m. games).
 - School hockey has benefits time-wise: no late night or weekend commitments.
- Basketball season is right around the corner.
- Indoor track just started. More than 140 students (+/- 10% of school population) signed up.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

- Took place Friday November 8.
- Honoured to have Premier Kinew come and give a speech similar to his D Day speech in France. A great opportunity for students to hear the impact of that Day.
- All kids in the gym at once. Choirs and bands performed – outstanding performances.

TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

- +/- 80% of the students chose to participate.
- It's amazing how excited the kids are about that experience.
- Connecting them to the world of work. Helping them to start thinking about that and making some of those connections.

- **Winter Performances coming up for Dance Choir and Band students.**

MATH CONTESTS

- First set of contests next Wednesday.
- 130+ students write the math contests.
- Four different contests throughout the course of the year. National in scope.
- Students can use those results to bolster university applications etc.

REPORT CARDS and TRI-CONFERENCES

- Expect report cards to come out Tuesday November 19.
- We say to teachers – there should be no surprises when it comes to report cards. Parents should long since have heard about a concern (attendance, academic performance, etc.) before the report card comes out.
- November 21 and 22 – Tri-Conferences
 - Hybrid of virtual and in person.
 - First hour is a VIRTUAL option.
 - The last hour is an IN PERSON option.
 - If those dates don't work for a parent, teachers will make themselves available to book a meeting at any point in time.
 - We want to focus on students being present. It really is helpful when the student is present and gets everyone on the same page.
 - It's about parents understanding what the expectation is for your child.
 - Sign-ups will go out November 14.

5.2 Student Council

- No student council presentation today.

5.3 Student Activities

- As summarized in the Administration Report above.

5.4 Student Athletics

- As summarized in the Administration Report above.

5.5 PAC Report

- Signing authorities on the bank accounts has been changed.
- Hockey has the ability to move their money.
- Dance and Cheer requested to do a fundraiser.
 - Motion for chocolate fundraiser to proceed.
 - All in favour. Moved.

- FUNDRAISING note from MR. COX: Fundraising needs to come through parents. Anytime there is parents fundraising, all need to come through parent council. It's a safeguard put in place for the protection of parents, students, school, etc. Funds are deposited into the parent council bank account and dispersed back to the group. Always a two-step process (Chair and Treasurer).

6. New Business

QUESTION: Last year, they were saying they didn't get fundraising to go to Nationals?

Can we do a fundraiser?

- Last year, the team was given 2 days to make the choice. Normally those funds for this event would have been made available through the board, and the board wasn't meeting until after the choice was made. We weren't able to make a decision on school level.
- Normally, when a school group gets invited to a national event, the board of trustees most of the time are willing to fund that expenditure.
- PAC can't do a specific fundraiser. A teacher can initiate a fundraiser within that group.

QUESTION: Second gymnasium fundraising?

- The topic was brought up by the NDP government when they were elected last year. Talked about a gym and a track. All capital projects around education have stopped, including halting funding of four new schools. We really do need a second gym as it affects student experience – it's a challenge to fit everything in. Also hampers our ability to host tournaments. Teachers are taking kids outside – reliant on the weight room, other spaces. We're one of the only high schools (if not the only one) within the division that doesn't have a secondary space.
- During basketball season, River Heights School will host some of our teams for practices.

QUESTION: Kelvin merch?

- The link should be going out right away.
- Available once a year.
- Good to remind parents/students this is the one time of year to purchase.
- Parent offered to share information to admin that could help figure out more of a one-off store.

District and French Immersion meetings next week.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.