



KAMSACK COMPREHENSIVE INSTITUTE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
 Held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021
 held VIA Zoom Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Present	Shelley Filipchuk Chair	Present	Andrea Marsh Vice Chair	Regrets	Loretta Erhardt Treasurer
Regrets	Cheryl Bloudoff Parent	Present Via Phone	Amanda Burback Parent	Regrets	Anna Cymbalisky Parent
Present	Loreen Spivak Parent	Present	Barb Tetoff Community Member	Present	Laura Blender Teacher Rep
Present	Wendy Becenko Secretary	Present	Tracy Forsythe Principal	Regrets	Jaime Johnson GSSD Board Member

Motion #	AGENDA ITEM:
Moved by:	Motion, Discussion, Action Details
Second by:	

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Shelley called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

21-01
 SHELLEY
 WENDY

2. REVIEW MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2020

The minutes of the November 17, 2020 meeting be accepted as previously circulated via email and reviewed.

CARRIED.

21-02
 SHELLEY
 WENDY

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented noting discussion item for spending will be discussed under Treasurer's report.

CARRIED.

4. KCI STUDENT REPORT

Presented by, Teacher Rep, Laura Blender.

- **720 Christmas cards** that our students wrote to the residents of the Nursing Home - which came at a very tough time for residents and workers. Jaimie Green said the residents were very excited to receive them from our students and said that they brought hope to them!
- **Our SLC Executive took on a leadership project** and each one wrote a personalized Christmas Card for each resident to add to our project.
- **SLC hosted a Coloring Contest and an Out and About Elf** contest where kids had to guess where the elf was. Grade 11 cohort SLC kids hid the elf all over town and took pictures of it - that were posted each day for two weeks. Students had to guess where the elf was each day and were eliminated as the two weeks went on. Prizes were given to winners for both events.
- We also hosted a **co-hort competition for spirit days dress up**. Teachers had to submit the percentage of students who dressed up for various fun days during the



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last two weeks before the break. Teachers of winning classes will be given 30 dollars to use to buy treats on a day determined by them.

- **SLC will be starting up at the beginning of second semester** with new invited students so we can look at Valentine's day events and Telemiracle!

5. KCI PRINCIPAL REPORT

Presented by, Principal, Tracy Forsythe.

- Extra-curricular co-curricular programming at KCI continue to be on hold
- Facilities and school usage suspended.
- All Spartans were treated with a **BBQ on last day of school** complements of Mosaic
- **Professional Development** – staff will be working on a variety of modules on Jan. 30 & Feb. 1 with a mental health and wellness focus.
 - Staff have started a book study – Ensouling our Schools – A Universailly Designed Framework for Mental Health, Well-Being, and Reconciliation
- Julie Gareau – teacher librarian is working with ISC staff Norma Keshane and Nora Cadotte on virtual storytellers for **Saskatchewan Indigenous Story Tellers** month in February.
- Lee Bowes has orchestrated two virtual events for high school students – **MAAD Presentation** and Weed Out presentations
- **Sea Star recipients** – Julie Gareau and the late James Chartrand
- **Years of Service** – 20 years Tammy Heskin and Tracey Fedorchuk
- Students have completed the **SOS-Q - Survey** asks the kids questions about their attitudes and motivations towards school.

BOARD ACTION ITEM: *Shelley* will contact Loretta regarding what funds have been allocated for the Years of Service event for preparation of an event for Tammy and Tracy at the end of March or closer to Easter.

6. RIBBON SKIRT DEBRIEF

Principal Forsythe debriefed the committee as to a recent event that gained national & even global attention.

“As you many of you may know, a family brought forward a concern – a staff member on the last day before break made a comment that goes against the values of KCI and the school division. The family has shone a light on an issue – and I acknowledge that we have areas to improve – we need to examine what we do that would put our kids at a disadvantage –KCI traditions that are inadvertently racist.

The incident was debriefed prior to classes on Jan. 4th and a memo was read to students during the homeroom at 9:00.



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<https://www.aptnnews.ca/national-news/supporters-of-girl-criticized-at-school-want-to-establish-national-ribbon-skirt-day/>



APTN National News

January 9 at 11:00 AM · 🌐

"What an incredible start to 2021 – the year my daughter shook the ground all the way to Ottawa and far beyond."

Isabella Kulak's family is feeling very proud after Prime Minister Trudeau acknowledged the 10-year-old in his message to Canadians yesterday.

Isabella has received an outpouring of support after being criticized by an education assistant for wearing her traditional ribbon skirt to school for formal day.

Moving forward, we will continue to work as a united team – the Spartan family strives to follow the motto of "Students Come First" – we are life long learners & reflective practitioners – we continually strive to get better. We will leverage the expertise of our community members as we continue the journey of truth and reconciliation. As Judy Pelly shared on Jan 4th – " the Creator has put us together in this room for a reason – to work and learn together".

At the staff meeting on Jan. 11th – we debriefed/reflected and began to plan the direction we will be going until the end of the year and in the years to come."

There was discussion regarding:

- general student reaction to the event.
- future recognition initiatives that are being planned to acknowledge the positive outcomes from this event including the future display of a ribbon skirt at the KCI.

7. GSSD Board Report:

Jaime Johnson regrets.

Jaime does pass on to the group her recognition and praise on how well the staff and the community navigated the Bella Kulak incident. GSSD (and KCI) have continued our efforts and partnership with Cote First Nation.

8. CORRESPONDANCE

None.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Loretta Erhardt sends her regrets.

Loretta sent in financial status as follows:

Bank Balance as at last meeting	\$3,319.54
Current Bank balance	\$3,316.54
Difference	(\$3.00)



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Current Student Fees

The Committee discussed current student fees that will require a decision at our March meeting.

Grade(s)	Fee	When	Amount
5 – 12	Student Fee	Annually	\$20.00
5 – 12	Lock - optional	One time	\$7.00
7 – 12	Caution – Refunded in Gr. 12	One time	\$25.00
5 – 12 Optional Band Classes	Instrument Rental	One Time Per year	\$50.00

Student Fee – The \$20.00 fee per student includes: day planner, co-curricular presentations, student awards, co-curricular travel, guest speakers, etc.

Lock Fee – Students are encouraged to purchase locks from the school. Locks are warranted for breakage as long as the student is enrolled at KCI.

Caution Fee - All students in Grades 7 to 12 enrolling in our school for the first time are required to make a \$25.00 deposit as a caution fee. This fee remains on deposit for the years in which the student remains in the Kamsack Comprehensive Institute. The caution fee is refunded at the end of the student's last year at the KCI (less adjustments for that year). The student is responsible for any damage to or loss of school property. Students are required to bring their balance back to \$25.00 if they lose or damage a textbook.

Extra-Curricular Activity Fees - Students on school teams and/or travelling clubs will be assessed a fee to offset the costs associated with the activity. These costs include equipment, uniforms and transportation.

DISCUSSION ITEM FOR SPENDING – CHROME BOOKS & CHROME CART

Over the years, funds from the SCC have been used to purchase items for the school such as Smartboards, picnic tables and a big TV to name a few. In regard to Chrome Books, Chrome books are not only the future, but are our present. They have 300 students using the existing Chrome books with future hopes of having all their students on them. Not all the existing Chromebooks are currently working. Some are waiting for power cords to come in, others wore out. Research has been done on the Chrome Cart. The ones suggested for purchase today appears to have the best value, is strong enough to meet our needs, and are easy to work with. They also act as the docking station for the Chrome Books.

21-03
SHELLY
ANDREA

PURCHASE OF CHROME CARTS:

THAT we purchase 2 new Chrome carts at a total cost of \$828.25.

CARRIED.

21-04
SHELLY
ANDREA

PURCHASE OF CHROME BOOKS:

THAT we purchase two (2) Chrome books at an approximate cost of \$300.00 each.

CARRIED.



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It was agreed that each item will have some sort of recognition that the items were donated by the SCC.

BOARD ACTION ITEM: *Tracy* will get the members of the SCC Committee made available for posting on the KCI Facebook page.

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NEXT MEETING:

The next SCC Meeting will be on March 16, 2021 at 5:30 pm via zoom.

ADJOURNMENT:

Shelley adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.