



Kahnawà:ke Combined Schools Committee

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023 MONTHLY MEETING UPDATE

Kahnawà:ke Combined Schools Committee (KCSC) Members in Attendance:

1. Marnie Jacobs (KSS Rep), 2. Tahothoratie Cross (Chairperson, Post-Secondary Rep), 3. Lily Deer (Community Rep), 4. Shyann White (Treasurer, General Outside Schools Rep), 5. Silver-Jade Montour (General Outside Schools Rep), 6. Lynne Norton (Interim Vice-Chairperson, Longhouse on the 207 Rep), 7. Shona'tsó: wane Diabo (Temporary Mohawk Trail Longhouse Rep), 8. Clint Goodleaf (Karonhianónhnha School Rep), and; 9. Amanda Rice-Leblanc (KSS Rep).

Regrets: 1. Kimberly Cross-Zacharie (Karonhianónhnha School Rep), 2. Chelsea Lahache (Secretary, Kateri School Rep), and; 3. Christine Regis (Kateri School Rep).

Also in Attendance:

1. Robin Delaronde (KEC Director of Education), 2. Paul Sohenrise Nicholas (KEC Director of Finance), and; 2. Jerilyn Horn-Montour (KCSC Administrative Assistant/Minute Taker).

Tahothoratie Cross chaired this meeting. This meeting was held via Zoom.

Start Time: 6:05pm

Adjourned: 9:21pm

2023/2024 KCSC Monthly Meetings

The dates for the KCSC Monthly Meetings for the 2023/2024 school year were set by the KCSC. These meetings will be held in the evening (6-9pm).

KEC Director of Education (Monthly Report)

The Director of Education reported the following to the KCSC:

- July 5-6, 2023: Participated in a two-day Strategic Surplus Planning session facilitated by MNP Education consultants.
- Completed a substantial amount of preliminary KEC on-boarding plans for the KEC system and schools.
- Prepared for the August back-to-school KEC Cultural professional development (PD) sessions. Sessions were very successful; excellent feedback received by staff; was a great, fun way for new staff to meet their peers.
- Over the summer 2023: A Language Arts Consultant was contracted to develop a school improvement framework specific to the KEC. The Director of Education reviewed, revised, and ensured the framework has components linked to Regional Education Agreement (REA) indicators. The framework will be presented to other KEC managers for their feedback soon then shared with the KCSC for their consideration.
- KEC School Administrators and their assistants participated in a two-and-a-half-day School Leadership Team Orientation session at Restaurant 207 in Kahnawake. Topics covered included: Overview on KEC history, governance, departments and their services/supports they deliver to each school.
Schools rotated to ask questions specific to each school and to receive updates. Positive feedback was received afterwards. Orientation was very informative and much appreciated.

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- The Director of Education along with KEC school administrators, coordinators and consultants attended a Response to Intervention (RTI) workshop in Vermont on August 17th and 18th, 2023. Those who attended will reconvene in two-weeks to determine the next steps in the process.

KCSC Audit & Budget Presentation

The KCSC approved the 2022/2023 Audit & the 2023/2024 Budget as provided by the KEC Director of Finance & Administration at a July 13, 2023 KCSC Special Meeting called for that purpose.

Post-Secondary Student Support Program Policy

The revised policy will be brought to the KCSC for their review, feedback and approval once input is received from the focus groups.

Post-Secondary Graduation Celebration

The KEC will host a special award ceremony on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 from 5-7pm at Restaurant La Vista to honour Post-Secondary graduates. A monetary incentive will be presented to all of the graduates to celebrate the completion of their degree.

KCSC Standing Committee on Directors' Supervision

The KCSC Standing Committee on Directors' Supervision assess the performance and progress of the directors' as well as offer them recommendations and guidance.

The annual appraisals of the two KEC Directors' were held in mid-June 2023. In attendance of those meetings were Tahothoratie Cross, Lynne Norton, Chelsea Lahache, Helena Hlavenkova (External HR Consultant), Robin Delaronde & Paul Nicholas (separately).

Up next: A priorities session with the two KEC Directors' is scheduled for Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023. Their goal setting for upcoming year will be discussed at the session.

KSS Logo Origins Project

Wahéhshon Whitebean, the KEC Education Research Consultant & Chair of the Education Research Committee was tasked to conduct research regarding the origins of the KSS logo. She joined the meeting from 7:00 to 7:35pm and shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Results of the KSS Logo Origins Project. She will submit a detailed final report regarding this file to the KCSC as part of their supporting documentation for their September monthly meeting.

Draft Constitution & By-Laws and Kahnawà:ke Education Responsibility Act (KERA)

The KCSC continue to set some time aside in their monthly meetings to review the recommended minor amendments to the draft Constitution & By-Laws and Kahnawà:ke Education Responsibility Act (KERA) that was provided by the KCSC Legislation Ad Hoc Committee.

Note: The revised KCSC Legislation documents will be shared with the community for feedback once ready. Final approval of the revised KCSC legislation will be done via a parent-vote at an Annual General Assembly (AGA).



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Next Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6pm confirmed as next KCSC Monthly Meeting. Meeting will be held in-person at the KEC.