



Kahnawà:ke Combined Schools Committee

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022 MONTHLY MEETING UPDATE

In Attendance:

1. Tahothoratie Cross (Chairperson, Post-Secondary Rep), 2. Marnie Jacobs (KSS Rep), 3. Clint Goodleaf (Karonhianónhnha School Rep), 4. Lily Deer (Community Rep), 5. Christine Regis (Kateri School Rep), and; 6. Lynne Norton (Longhouse on the 207 Rep).

Also in Attendance:

1. Robin Delaronde (KEC Director of Education), 2. Paul Sohenrise Nicholas (KEC Director of Finance), and; 3. Jerilyn Horn-Montour (KCSC Administrative Assistant/Minute Taker).

Regrets: 1. Chelsea Lahache (Kateri School Rep), 2. Amelia McGregor (Mohawk Trail Longhouse Rep), 3. Amanda Rice-Leblanc (KSS Rep), 4. Leslie-Anne Stacey (Vice-Chairperson, Karonhianónhnha School Rep), 5. Silver-Jade Montour (General Outside Rep), and; 6. Shyann White (Treasurer, General Outside Rep).

Due to the lack of quorum, all decision items were deferred. Decision items will be addressed at a KCSC Special Meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2022 from 12-1pm (highlights of this meeting available).

Start Time: 6:10pm

Adjourned: 8:03pm

Executive Directors' Committee (EDC)

Paul Sohenrise Nicholas sits in the Pension Committee meetings on behalf of the KEC.

An analysis was conducted; reviewed different pension providers, benefit programs, etc. Should there be one type of pension in Kahnawake or should each organization have their own is being discussed.

Support for Kindergarten to Grade 11 Students attending Outside Schools

A report on services to support students attending outside schools is complete. Next steps include:

- 1) KEC Directors' to review report with Linda Simon (Author of Report), and;
- 2) KEC Directors' to share report findings with the Combined Schools Committee at their September monthly meeting for decision-making purposes.

Regional Education Agreement (REA)

With the onset of the new FNEC Regional Education Agreement and increased dollars, additional hires in many areas anticipated at the KEC.

The KEC Directors' will meet to determine specific department budgets and project planning request processes.

On July 5th and 6th, 2022, some KEC Coordinators, School Administrators, Consultants and other leaders attended the First Nation Education Council (FNEC) School Leaders Retreat in Quebec City. Information was provided at the Quebec City retreat regarding the Regional Education Agreement (REA) and planning for implementation of REA dollars.



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KEC Emergency Management Plans

Review and discussion of KEC Emergency Management Plans is ongoing. Active shooter training will be provided to all KEC school staff at onset of school year.

Communications Department

An internal Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis was conducted. The SWOT report prepared by Regan Jacobs, BA, E-MBA Series, Media Specialist is near completion; it will provide the KEC with a clearer understanding of priorities and where to improve in Communications. External consultation with stakeholders will be part of the next phase of gathering information that will support the development of the communications department.

Strategic Plan

The promotion summary is completed. A comprehensive report will be released in August. Next steps: Develop a plan with the Combined Schools Committee as to how to engage stakeholders in developing new strategic plan.

Covid-19 Planning

Meeting set for this week to discuss how the KEC responds to Covid-19 this year. The KEC management anticipates it will remain the same as the end of last year. Masking optional, only required if outbreak/cases identified in a classroom for identified period.

Classrooms will be back to normal size (require to sanitize and take other preventative measures). No more half (1/2) day Wednesdays for planning.

Bus transportation: COVID-19 plans for bus transportation are still being finalized.

2022/2023 KEC Budget

Due to lack of quorum at this meeting, the proposed 2022/2023 budget will be looked at further at the August 18th, 2022 KCSC Special Meeting.

Finance Department

Denise Jacobs, the KEC Finance Manager retired July 28th, 2022; KEC staff held a retirement celebration lunch at La Vista. Jade Hannett assumed the Finance Manager position, effective July 18th, 2022.

Annual General Assembly (AGA)

A promo flyer with confirmed details will be publicly circulated two weeks prior to AGA. Event will be held in-person this year.

Confirmation of Next KCSC Monthly Meeting

The next KCSC Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13th, 2022 at 6pm via Zoom.