

<b>Attendance:</b>	<i>E. James (RLMPS), T. Benoit (BBSS), D. Armstron-Ross (DHS), J. Horton (EGPS), T. Berube (IGPS), H. Bird, A. Bremner (KGPS), L. Burry (ORPS), M. Forsythe (RLDHS), S. Aubin (VVPS)</i>
<b>NWHU:</b>	<i>S. Cran</i>
<b>Trustee:</b>	<i>D. Head, M. Guitard</i>
<b>KPDSB:</b>	<i>J. Lower, D. Pacheco</i>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<i>S. Fecho</i>

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-up
Chair of PIC Welcome/Introductions Roll Call	Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Welcome D. Pacheco	
Approval of Agenda Date: Jan 18, 2021	Moved by: M. Forsythe Seconded by: S. Aubin  <b>CARRIED</b>	
Approval of Minutes Date: Nov 2, 2020	Moved by: D. Armstrong Seconded by: E. James  <b>CARRIED</b>	
Business Arising from Minutes	None	
COVID 19 Update	J. Lower The Board continues to work closely with the NWHU to protect the safety and well being of our students, staff, and families. Thank you to NWHU and S. Cran for all the timely & detailed information while in partnership with KPDSB. This is a period of Rapid change, and we ready a to go virtual at a moment notice if needed. Masks for Gr. 1-3 now is required in school and on busses. In Kindergarten masks are recommended but not required. Gr. 1-12 must now wear a mask for outdoor activities as well where physical distancing is not possible. The masks have 3 layers and are changed when damp or soiled. The government is going to change the self assessment which we do each day. Continue with the self assessment. COOP in schools is currently on hold in Secondary.	
Pro-Grants	E. James Survey was in favour of going ahead with the speaker. The idea of getting Karl Subban as a speaker came from a collective PIC idea. We had positive feedback and we very excited to have him speak and hope that our families can benefit from his wisdom. Subcommittee will be formed if you are interested please let us know. KPDSB is supporting us through the technology piece and promotions. Erin read a summary about Karl Subhan. Leadership speaker, educator, father to son in NHL and former Principal. J. Lower spoke the ease of a virtual session as opposed to a face-to-face session. Promotion is the area we will require a bit of help with.	

	<p>M. Forsythe will be a part of the sub-committee.          No date chosen yet will do this with sub-committee.          Contacting the agency to for Karl's availability and putting together a plan.</p> <p>Email Erin, Shirley or Jane if you would like to help.</p>	
School Sharing Reports	<p>RLDHS          M. Forsythe our focus of last meeting was support our mental health counsellors. They are running a Kindness Month (February) for Elementary &amp; Secondary schools.          Secured some funding from New Start for Women and will include. Kenora Catholic and the French School.          Funding for Kindness Touques.          Engaged two speakers. Ben Finelly and Big Daddy Taz.</p>	
	<p>ORPS          L. Burry - Fundraising with local products/businesses and sold as holiday gift packs. Great community response and is nice to give back to our community, especially small businesses.          We asked how to help the school during covid? So, we purchased Sliders for the students. We are hoping to find some things for our older students - maybe Cross-Country Skis.          Looking a support for Mental Health. We also still did a Christmas feast that was catered – everyone enjoyed it.</p>	
	<p>DHS          D. Armstrong-Ross          Meeting this coming Wednesday. We have some projects that we are assisting student council with paining positive messages on bathroom walls. Due to covid – this is on hold.          Mask exemptions was discussed at our first meeting and have been giving support to admin at DHS. We have a really good council and have Student Reps come to our meetings.          Indigenous Student Trustee will also be joining our meetings.          Our school council is growing, our numbers are up from last year.</p>	
	<p>BBSS          T. Benoit - Meeting coming up this Wednesday and seeking parent voice – with parent survey.          Process of course selections – how can we support parents!          Information session to be held for virtual nights and Grade 6 parents to find creative ways to get students to get them exposed to the schools and the parents as well.          Videographer is coming in and doing interviews with staff and parents to share with families and filming the spaces in school.          Pathways alumni are included to share their experiences.          We have fundraised \$3000. 00 doing a Tree of lights with staff luncheon with a draw. Two intermediate classes are supporting a Sierian refugee family that is coming.          We are looking at Mental health and supports for parents and students.          Fundraising for outdoor classrooms and activities eg. fire pit. Also, our Cozy Christmas was a hit.</p>	

	<p>EGPS          J. Horton – we have a meeting coming up this week.          New principal at EGPS.          Used School Messenger to see if anyone was interested with joining our School Council meeting. Virtual was nice as did not have to leave home.          Spring fundraising, we are looking at support for outdoor classrooms.          Evergreen is doing Fire Fridays – smores in tin foil! Fun.          Renos almost done.</p>	
	<p>RLMPS          E. James - Next week is our meeting. A lot of Brainstorming how can we support Parents and Teachers. Virtual events and perhaps do a support Survey to find out what is required.          Breakfast Club program is going continuing and now called a “Give &amp; Go”. Our Health Unit has been a huge support with this as more students are participating. We also have a group that collects and sells gently used clothing and donates the proceeds to school council. We are spending about 200.00-300.00 per week.          Fun Activities is our focus – bring people together eg. Scavenger hunts.</p>	
	<p>IGPS          T. Berube - We have not yet been successful in having a School Council meeting this school year, however, we are hoping to coordinate a meeting in the near future. Our Loonie Lunch program continues with covid precautions. Many classes continue to engage in outdoor learning activities. A variety of school challenges/community building days have also been occurring. January's class challenge is snow sculptures.</p>	
	<p>KGPS          H. Bird - Everything is on hold with activities due to covid. We did not have a Christmas fundraiser.          I had the opportunity to see Karl Subban – He is a good speaker – would like to encourage staff to attend as well.</p>	
	<p>VVPS          Please see <b>attached</b> from S. Smith</p>	
	<p>KPS          S. Smith – Our parent council meets next week to discuss spring activity ideas and fundraisers. Our parent turnout has been much better this year—about 9 to 10 participants at each meeting— thanks to virtual meetings and the messenger app Slack. By next week's meeting we should have an update for our families on purchasing snowshoes (which are being paid for by the Tbaytel grant we won last fall) and we're hoping to get our kids out on them in February. We sold Christmas baskets in December, and the sales paid for a Christmas craft activity in each of our classrooms, as well as 'hothands' hand warmers for our students during their Forest School days.</p>	
Trustee of the Board Update	<p>M Guitard – Want to thank all parents on behalf of all Trustees that have helped with virtual learning. We at KPDSB are advocating with Ministry for equitable virtual access to students and staff in</p>	

	<p>North. Our chair keeps asking questions with Ministry of Education. PPE is always a big focus.          Board Meetings are held virtually and are live streamed, so you are welcome to check it out.</p> <p>D. Head – Want to comment on how much we appreciate the school councils for all the hard work especially with the challenge of covid, you are such an integral part, your support means a lot.</p>	
<p>Northwestern Ontario Health Unit Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephanie Cran</li> </ul>	<p>S. Cran – Please see <b>attached</b> but also like to add other programs still offering with covid challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Student health data</li> <li>- Compass survey – Secondary Schools</li> <li>- Nutrition programs running</li> <li>- Student Nutrition Program</li> <li>- Northern Fruit &amp; Vegetables Program</li> <li>- Weekend Nutrition Program</li> <li>- Immunizations and dental health are not being provided</li> </ul> <p>New masking requirement changes.          School screening tools will change or be updated.          We appreciate all the hard work from everyone who is supporting us with all the protocols.          Erin noted how comforting it is for parents to have the health units in our communities to assist with information.</p>	
<p>Superintendent of Education Update</p>	<p>J. Lower - Mental Health – Save the Date Watch for Session Feb 24, 2021          January is Literacy Month for Reading &amp; Writing with participation prizes. KPDSB is promoting this.          New Grade 8 Math Curriculum and preparing for De-streamed Math 2021-2022. Teachers are working collaboratively to roll this out.          Grade 8 Transitions Session coming up with the cross panel from Grade 8 to Grade.          The intent to change from one learning model to another – virtual to face to face or vise-versa - closes today.          Jan 27 &amp; 28, 2021 – Exams for Secondary, Quad 3 begins February 1, 2021 and Report Cards going out Feb 9<sup>th</sup> for Elementary and Secondary mid- Feb.          2021-2022 School Year Calendar Survey is posted on the website with two options. Please check it out.</p> <p>Virtual School Update          D. Pacheco – What an experience. Currently we have about 380 Elementary students and approx. 300 Secondary students attending classes virtually.          The day is mirrored just like in school. Elementary teachers block time for 1 on 1 with students and working in small group. It takes a lot longer to do things virtually is what we have learned. Our teachers are doing an amazing job. Teachers are learning new technology to collaborate with students.          It is very impressive the skills the students are learning. All are working with more confidence. Students are building community and friendships within classrooms and across the distance with other schools within our board.          November Remembrance Day service was streamed for all</p>	

	<p>students and parents. Classes are having Spirit Days. Virtual school has allowed us to have guest speakers from all over the world. We have had CBC Reporters, Zoo Tours, Museum Tours, Elders and Community leaders joining in. Keeping up with hot spots and devices – for students has been a challenge but working together with parents. Directors report from teachers and students did excerpts about Virtual School. You can check that out as well.</p> <p>Doreen – what will happen with Virtual when covid is over?          Deanna – this will be interesting to see if it opens the door to other opportunities of learning and see what decisions will come from this.          Parents and students are loving the virtual learning experience and we have learned so much.          J. Lower - No word from Ministry on future virtual learning.</p>	
Correspondence	none	
New Business	none	
Next Meeting Date(s) / Suggested Agenda Items	<p>After discussion next meeting with be  <b>Monday, April 19, 2021 @ 6:30 Central Time</b></p> <p>It was noted that the Microsoft Teams platform was liked for tonight's meeting.</p>	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.	

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Cinnamon bun day- we funded a school wide cinnamon buns & fruit day before our Christmas break! Our students we so excited!

Snow shoes- early December we purchased 60 sets of snow shoes. 30 fit for our JK-3 and 30 fit for our 4-6 grades as well as 3 adult sets for our teaching and support staff to get out with their classes

Ukuleles- we're super excited to add 30 ukuleles to our school and adding our musical learning. Our admin assistant has offered to tune and lead our teachers in lessons which is amazing!!

Looking forward to 2021- we're forging ahead with continuing to focus on what we can do. We're purchasing more hockey nets and Nerf footballs and soccer balls for outdoor play. We've also refocused our efforts to continue our outdoor learning environment. We're aiming to sort out with Facilities what we can do for picnic tables, outdoor theatre stage, fencing, reading benches, and others. We've decided to pause and regroup on our fundraising efforts until March given our current situation with Covid. Finally we're planning on another school wide lunch around Festival du Voyageur.

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## **NWHU Update for KPDSB PIC January 2020**

**Compass Survey at Secondary Schools** The COMPASS study is a nine-year, secondary school study from the University of Waterloo about youth health behaviours such as healthy eating, physical activity, substance use, school connectedness and bullying. This year, the survey will be completed online and questions have been added to assess the effects of COVID-19. Parents will receive information consent letters prior to survey taking place. Individual school results are shared with principals, and regional results are shared with the health unit. You can view reports on past years results on our website.

**Northern Fruit and Vegetable Program for K-8 is back!** We are excited to share that this program for all K-8 schools in the region, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers, will begin again in January, 2021! The program offers two servings of fresh fruit or vegetables to every elementary school student per week. The goal is to increase consumption, awareness of, and provide resources about fruits and vegetables for students and their families. Product will be served in individual portions to be consistent with COVID-19 prevention measures.

### **Immunizations Update**

Staying up to date on immunizations is important. We haven't been able to go into schools this year, but we are looking at ways to get students immunized in the New Year. You can check online to see if your student is due for any shots using Immunization Connect Ontario (ICON). If your student is needing an immunization, please connect with your local health unit office.

### **Dental health services update**

We haven't been able to go into schools to provide screening or preventive services this year. However, students who are in pain due to dental needs should contact us. We may be able to help families in need access care. Call our dental health team at 1-855-407-6453.