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What is Going On at KSS?

Kahnawà:ke Education Center (KEC) (Kahnawà:ke, Quebec – 28 Ohiarí:ha/June 2019) - A comprehensive parent consultation with over 200 participants was done in 2017 asking parents and students what they thought about education in Kahnawà:ke. Parents requested improvement in both Kanien'kéha and French Language Programs, math, science, language arts, literacy, art, after school initiatives, culture. The re-introduction of vocational programming and improvement for special needs including gifted learners for all three schools.

The KEC then developed strategic and school plans, based on the parent consultation and the multiple school wide reviews to bring the parental vision to light. In the spring of 2018, a formal three-year plan for KSS was developed by administration and Directors, and unanimously supported by the KCSC and KSS In School Parent Committee. A three-year plan was developed only for KSS because our assessments showed that this was where there was the greatest need for growth.

While KSS has the greatest need for support, some staff have opposed portions of change and this results in lobbying a small pocket of parents, students and community to push back and oppose all new initiatives be it; times sheets, policy, training, scheduling, curriculum, leadership and or staff. We are repeatedly seeing some teachers bringing their issues to parents and students, which is totally inappropriate and unethical. The KEC have internal processes that are established to hear concerns, and these must be followed.

Consequently, it has been a very difficult to foster growth at KSS in an environment of ongoing opposition. Many false allegations and personal attacks regarding the KEC organization and members of our staff have circulated on social media. All appear to be part of an effort to stop the change and oppose the KEC at all cost. Because we are bound by a professional code of confidentiality, we cannot disclose the whole truth of any situation to the public. It does appear that some who are leading the opposition campaign are resistant or disgruntled present or former employees while some have personal agendas. The KEC would like to inform the community that all social media comments and posts regarding education should be considered "**False Information**" as there is most often no truth to them.

Over 200 parents told us they want growth in all community schools. Some KSS parents contact the KEC and state they do not agree with the chaos being created by this small oppositional group. It's time to put personal issues aside and work for the benefit of the students.

All questions and or concerns should be made directly to Director of Education and she will either address them herself or forward them to the appropriate party.

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