



Kars on the Rideau School Council Meeting Minutes of Jan. 10th, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Present: Rick Haggar, Denise St. Jules, Kim Cable, Paula Panetta, Jen Wright, Andrea Winter, Diane Dey, Jen Ball, Shereene De Rosayro, Michelle Crogie, Rowena Pearl, Steve Montero, Jen Sabourin, Kirsten Mooney

Regrets: Lori Gruber, Michelle Marette, Bonnie Fiarchuk, Robin Churchill, Jennifer Mercer, Leanne Van der Burgt, Michelle Farncombe, Pouneh Shalkeri, Rachel Polite, Tanya Simard

Chair Report

Kim welcomed everyone. Included in tonight's hand-outs:

- Financial Report: Jan. 2017
- Proposed Council Run Events
- Meeting Minutes: Dec. 2016 (Committee to approve tonight)

Kim mentioned that Jen Sabourin would provide a demonstration of the proposed Online Lunch Program (OLP) tonight. Kirsten M. has offered to help with the OLP. Council agreed to move forward with further due diligence to ensure there are no banking issues before we can consider signing up.

Treasurer Report

- Kim reported (in Lori's absence).
- Loonie Toonie and Turkey Luncheon expenses are in so forecast is accurate for those events.
- \$800 was moved to teacher appreciation luncheon budget (still forecasting a closing balance of \$1139). The school funding expenses were reduced to an amount similar to what we contributed last year.
- Kim asked if Library still needs funding. (\$1000 in was previously requested for this.) Rick felt this was not necessary, at this time. He remarked that the funds raised from the Scholastic Book Fair helps offset this usual budgeted amount.
- The teachers do lots of research into finding the best resources to support the curriculum. Mme. Sharon has \$3000 to spend and gets input from teachers.

- Paula P. asked about the \$3000 budget for Reading and Literacy. It was noted that this is for well used and valuable subscriptions for reading programs such as Raz Kids; A-Z Reading, (etc.) that don't necessarily renew each year.
- Jen Ball asked about \$1500 in Greening. It was noted that this amount is required for mulching years. But it is not always spent in its entirety.

Principal Report

Rick mentioned with upcoming Dance-a-Thon, he would hold assembly tomorrow to build excitement. Paula is going to send Rick the class schedules, which will be similar to last year.

Donation for Families in need: Rick mentioned that we received a generous donation of \$500.00 from St. Andrews Presbyterian Church (Pastor Craig). They also gave \$1000 last year.

Rick mentioned that the Band Trip is now set for May 16-18 (Tues-Thurs). They will play at Wonderland again and the same public school as last year.

Current Business:

a) *Approval of December Minutes.*

MOTION to accept minutes as published:

Motion made by Kim

1) Diane D. 2) Jen B.

Motion **PASSED**

b) *School Funding Requests:*

Nothing new. Kim printed the items Council has funded to date. Technology and yard painting are remaining requests to fund.

Coordinator Updates

a) *Teacher Representatives*

Nothing to report

b) *Hot Lunches/Milk Program*

Lunch forms went out today for Term 2. Hoping to have an online tool in time for next year's Term 1.

Jen S. showcased the Online Lunch Program. She demonstrated the administrative back end and what parents will see. Some of the key points were: user friendly from both perspectives, prints many different reports, online payments done using PayPal, cheques can also be allowed in the interim with the goal of moving to 100% credit card payments

This program requires an ad hoc committee to work through policies and pricing.

Kim asked if anyone would be interested in joining the Online Lunch Committee. Input from Lori and Megan may be needed. Kim said she has experience in new systems installations so she can help lead the committee. Communication with parents is crucial. Jen S. can help create introduction letters for parents if Council decides to move forward.

c) *Dance-a-Thon*

Event is fast approaching - Feb. 3rd.

Paula (lead) and team have been working to get things organized. Pledge packages are ready to go, and will be handed out tomorrow after assembly. The growing list of prizes is fantastic. We have enjoyed great response from our community sponsors.

Still need VOLUNTEERS for day of, and pledge counters in the evening leading up to Feb 3.

d) *Cake Walk*

Date has been moved to March 30th. Those interested in helping are: Diane (lead) Kirsten, Andrea, Rowena. Additional Parents: Julia, Kat, Jen Robertson

e) *Research and Funding*

Jen W. with Denise and Sonia W. agreed that the Proud to Be Me Grant would be well paired with the Educational Programming for high risk youth struggling with anxiety (Mindfulness Workshops for gr 8s start this month too.)

Jen. W. applying for grant.

f) *Book Fair*

Diane has organized a committee of volunteers: Kirsten, Andrea, Rowena, Diane, Julie, Kat and Jen R. Welcoming anyone else willing to volunteer. Diane reported that most sales happen on Friday. Few sales typically on Saturday (last year of \$5600 only \$500-600 came in on Saturday). Committee decided to cut hours short on Saturday (9-12 instead of 9-3).

Require signage to advertise. Will use Pierces Corners sign and Dollar Store Lawn signs. Churches have not responded to request for advertising/signage. Rowena said she would tap into her connections there. Noted that the list of available advertising space is dated.

g) *OCASC*

Membership is paid. Still looking for someone to take this on, and attend meetings.

h) *E-Cause Toilet Paper Campaign*

Kim, Rick and Diane, will look at potential dates. This could be paired with Book Fair. Saturday happens to be Earth Day, which would pair nicely with this e-Cause. More research required. Consensus was to give this campaign a try in the spring.

i) *Grade 8 Graduation*

Denise reported that she would send out a notice to parents to invite volunteers. Paula P., Kim C.

and Jen W. all have kids in grade 8 and wish to sit on committee.

Teachers with Denise organize the leaving ceremony and parents organize the after party. Denise helps to guide what needs to be booked in advance, organize a theme, food, DJ, picture booth, etc.

Council has a budgeted maximum amount they will contribute on grad. Submitted receipts for reimbursement will determine final amount.

j) Website

Website is doing a good job promoting Dance-a-thon prizing and attracting donors. It gets about 200 hits each week. Donor businesses are advertised there now.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

The next meeting will take place on Feb. 14th, 2017