



Kars on the Rideau School Council Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Rick Haggar, Denise St. Jules, Michelle Marette, Kim Cable, Paula Panetta, Lori Gruber, Andrea Winter, Diane Dey, Shereene De Rosayro, Lianna Titcombe, Carm Janneteau, Michelle Crogie, Steve Montero, Bonnie Fiarchuk

Regrets: Jen Wright, Kirsten Mooney, Jen Ball, Robin Churchill, Rowena Pearl, Jennifer Mercer, Lianne Van der Burgt, Michelle Farncombe, Pouneh Shalkeri, Rachel Polite, Tanya Simard

Chair Report

Kim welcomed everyone outlining the priorities for the meeting being the online lunch program and the toilet paper and paper towels fundraiser.

Treasurer Report

- As at January 10 council has approximately 30K in our account.
- Dance-a-thon profited \$5249. Expenses for DJ and ice cream social for JK are still to come out.
- Hot lunch generated approximately \$100K in gross revenue with \$1 earned per lunch sold.
- Closing balance is healthy so council can consider other items on the wish list if they choose to do so.
- 98% of field trips have been set and confirmed at the moment.

Principal Report

Rick mentioned that he is currently looking at possibly replacing all the windows and some siding.

Technology is currently being utilized and the school is looking at purchasing more Chromebooks. The Computer lab is being reimaged and refurbishing the computers. Not all schools use their computer labs due to space restrictions and have transitioned to Chromebooks and iPads. We are fortunate to still have computer labs and once redone, will be mostly used by intermediate grades. Next step is to decide on possible mobile lab.

Calendar of events is very full. The band trip is confirmed in May with a fun filled itinerary.

Current Business:

a) *Approval of January Minutes.*

MOTION to accept minutes as published:

Motion made by Kim

1st Steve, 2nd Lori

Motion **PASSED**

b) *School Funding Requests:*

- Can consider purchasing more technology and line painting for school yard
- School trips at \$3510 / \$5 a student

MOTION to fund school trips in the amount of \$3510

1st by Diane, 2nd by Steve

Unanimously passed

- Technology budget of \$4000 is earmarked,

MOTION to approve \$4000 for technology of ten (10) Chromebooks

1st by Shereene, 2nd by Lori

Unanimously approved

- Rick will revisit the priority list and come back with a list of priorities for the next meeting

Coordinator Updates

a) *Teacher Representatives*

Michelle commented that the stain glass initiative was very well received. They are currently booking scientists in the school. Luv to Groove will be coming in March 6-10.

Bonnie brought forward information on Gym Jam Tennis. Michelle will explore further.

b) *Hot Lunches/Milk Program*

- A PayPal account is required and needs to be connected to Council's bank account
- Pricing impact on lunches was reviewed, as there are associated PayPal transaction fees of 2.9% and .30 per transaction.
- Executive members have the PayPal login information as well as the combination to the safe. A policy will be developed and added to address PayPal access.
- Kim will revise the lunch pricing spreadsheet to show the 2.9% on total transaction and not per lunch item. She will resend by email and in advance of the March meeting so that council can review prior to arrival.
- The online lunch tool has a subscription fee that will need to be purchased.
- Kim has addressed this new tool with the current lunch program coordinator and she has committed to work with vendors to secure pricing for September.

Lunch volunteers

- There have been some complaints about children taking lunches, resulting in those kids not receiving their lunches.
- Looking for more volunteers and will include this need in Friday's newsletter.

c) Dance-a-Thon

A very successful event took place on Feb. 3rd. It generated over \$5249 in proceeds. Will consider doing a 7/8 class challenge for next year to try and engage the older grades.

d) Cake Walk

This event will take place on March 30 to be lead by Shereene, Michelle, Kirsten and Andrea.

e) Research and Funding

Jen W. applying for grant, update to be provided next meeting.

f) Book Fair April 21st

Committee meetings are in motion and advertising plan being developed.

g) OCASC

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

h) E-Cause Toilet Paper Campaign

- June 7 is the delivery date and the same day as the BBQ.
- Payment is required 3 weeks in advance. May 12.
- E-cause suggests a 3-4 weeks selling period, will commence in April.
- School can immediately receive profits.
- Council has decided to move forward with this initiative with a \$50 deposit.
- Shereene, Michelle will assist Diane.
- Product pricing: \$75 per case. \$40 per half case.

i) Grade 8 Graduation

Grade 8 Graduation will take place on June 28. A committee has been formed with Paula at the lead. The event will take place at North Gower Rec Centre from 1pm to 2:30pm, with a party to follow from 3pm to 6pm. Committee will schedule next meeting before end of February.

j) Market Fair

- Consider this event for the next school year in conjunction with parent teacher interviews in November.
- Council to consider during April or May meetings
- Looking for owners.

k) Staff Appreciation Lunch

- The staff appreciation lunch will take place June 9. Consideration be given to having the event catered, and have parents donate dessert, supplies and decor

A suggestion brought forward for event leads. Consider the development of respective event binders for each coordinator to facilitate the transfer of information year over year.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

The next meeting will take place on March 21, 2017