



Kars on the Rideau School Council Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2017

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

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

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

Chair Report

Kim welcomed everyone and outlined the priorities for the meeting.

Treasurer Report

- Our forecasting is more accurate now, as actual numbers are coming in
- Dance-a-thon expenses have been accounted for including
 - Ms Tomson's class winners for the Strawberry Social (\$100). Denise will follow up to choose a date.
- Financial report now shows community/family gifts and support under 'Other requests.'
- E-Cause is included in the financial report with a \$50.00 deposit to kick off campaign.
- Online Lunch Program: PayPal has been tested and is working with online lunch system and will be piloted in Sept. 2017 (no more paper forms)
- Rick, with staff, has compiled the school wish list. Since we currently have unallocated funds, we can consider allocating some of these towards the list.

Principal Report

1. Reduction of KOTR Vice Principal to a 0.5 Position (Half Time)

The Board is planning to reduce the current full time VP position to half time. Their (questionable) enrolment projections for September have started discussion on these cutbacks. Rick commented that enrolment numbers are no different than this time last year. Council felt strongly that our school necessitates a full time VP since we are a tri-streamed school (EFI, MFI, English) plus the fact we are a K-8 school (many half-time VP's are at K-6 schools of similar size)

Council agreed to voice our concerns by way of a letter to both the Superintendent for our school (Shawn Lehman) and our elected Trustee (Lynn Scott).

Kim/Paula and Rick to discuss further how best to approach the Board and voice our concerns.

Current Business:

a) Approval of March Minutes.

MOTION to accept minutes as published:

Motion made by Andrea

1st Paula, 2nd Jen

Motion **PASSED**

b) School Funding Requests:

- Rick has finalized an asset wish list for school with wall mats for both gyms at the top.

MOTION to fund wall mats for gym in the amount of \$5050

1st by Steve, 2nd by Michelle

Unanimously **PASSED**

- Primary Teachers requested funding for Drumming Workshop (through MASC by Nicole Zoharka) for grades 2-5 (7 classes)

MOTION to approve \$866.94 for Aboriginal Drumming Workshop

1st by Michelle 2nd by Diane

Unanimously **PASSED**

Other Business

- OurSCHOOLS Survey: Tell Them From Me
Denise gave a short presentation on this important survey, and how it helps our school climate. The survey is voluntary and anonymous. The Survey is a measure of the school climate on bullying and its goal is to promote the school climate.
- The OCDSB is administering the OurSCHOOL Survey to pupils from Grade 4 to 8 again this year.
- KOTR grade 4 to 8 students will bring home a hard copy, and it will also be sent electronically to parents for reference.
- This school climate survey (formerly Tell Them From Me or TTFM) takes place between April 24th to May 12th.
- An information letter will be sent home for parents along with the Notice of Non-Consent form for those who prefer that their child(ren) not participate.
- Once the survey is closed, principals have access to the results.

Coordinator Updates

a) Teacher Representatives

There are still funds available in the education budget but there are no further requests at this time.

b) Hot Lunches/Milk Program

Our new online lunch system has been set-up enough to give you a "sneak-peek" of how lunch orders will be processed in September. The system is ready but requires testing and evaluation prior to the September launch. . Kim will send a link to council so that volunteers can test out the current site and provide feedback. The PayPal account is up and working.

c) Cake Walk Debrief

New system and rules for choosing winners and distributing cakes went well.

d) Book and Bake Sale April 21st

- Leads Diane, Rowena reported that sorting was not on the volunteer form- next year it should be added. 1 or 2 people had done so much sorting in the past, a larger group effort was overlooked. This is a big job and requires volunteers during the daytime.
- Kirsten Mooney is doing Facebook advertising.
- Sale to take place Friday to Saturday. Flyer to be sent electronically. Sale will accept cheques and cash from students, and receipts will go home.
- Grade 8's to help with Thursday morning set up.
- Bake Sale on Friday 21st: Rowena and Diane serving coffee from 3:30-8. Decided not to have a 'senior's café' but open to all. Coffee and croissants provided by Karen Rabuka on Saturday from 10-1. Special rates for books on Saturday.
- Diane would like a helper to manage funds, which will be counted both Friday and Saturday. (Kim and Paula to assist with money/safe access)

e) E-Cause Toilet Paper Campaign

- Flyers are in Rick's office ready to go. Student Assembly tomorrow to promote this and hand out order forms
- E-Cause kick off will give students 3 weeks to sell
- Diane reported that we could get a 'Giant Tree Frog' mascot to motivate sales 1 week before orders are due.
- Also promoted on Facebook
- Shereene, Michelle will assist Diane and Jen Ball to help manage orders and financial tallies for TP orders.
- The funds raised from this initiative are earmarked for indoor and outdoor gym equipment and activity balls for the grades to enjoy for years to come at Kars on the Rideau.

f) Staff Appreciation Lunch

- The staff appreciation lunch will take place June 9. Plans are currently to have the event catered, and have parents donate dessert, supplies and décor.
- Kim will talk to Paula about menus and obtain catering quotes.

g) Grade 8 Graduation

- Grade 8 Graduation planning is well under way. Theme is 'Luau on the Rideau'
- Committee has a Facebook presence and grade 8 parents have been invited to join.
- A flyer and invitation for feedback was sent out two weeks ago.
- Initial response was that the majority of parents would prefer to pay \$20 instead of more fundraising.
- Finalizing the request for parents to send money, and then figure out if more is needed.
- Freezie Fridays may still need to be considered

h) Greening

- Nothing to report

i) Research and Funding

Jen Wright reported that we were awarded a grant through Proud to Be Me (PTBM) in the amount of \$540, which will pay for the Gr 8 Mindfulness workshops that addressed youth anxiety.

Jen Wright has applied for the S'Cool Life Fund Grant to hopefully pay for Luv2Groove Workshops.

j) Website

- Sponsors for Dance-a-Thon still on the website. Agreed they can come down any time.

k) Market Fair@KOTR

- Off agenda for this year

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

The next meeting will take place on May 9th 2017