

**Kars on the Rideau Public School
School Council Minutes
January 13, 2015**

Present:

Angelo Buffone
Kim Buffone
Kim Cable
Meg Lamont
Paula Panetta

Rick Haggar
Robin Churchill
Sara Kenney
Sarah MacKeegan
Sonia Williams

Steve Montero
Shauna Carty
Denise St. Jules
Michelle Farncombe

Regrets:

Bonnie Fiarchuk
Elizabeth Pasch
Jen Mercer-Haluke
Karrie Moore
Megan Dodge
Michelle Crogie
Rob Maxwell

1) Approval of the agenda - All

Motion to approve agenda: Angelo Buffone 1st, Steve Montero 2nd - Motion passed.

2) Approval of minutes - All

Motion to approve minutes: Paula Panetta 1st, Angelo Buffone 2nd - Motion passed.

3) Approval of budget - Meg

Agenda was changed to update on budget. The loonie toonie sale in December was a success. The sale made \$2,818.28. The Turkey Lunch was also a hit and cleared \$1,479. Megan Dodge put forth a proposal to donate \$500-1000 received from the Turkey Lunch to the RA Centre. The motion was amended to donate \$300 to the RA Center. Steve Montero, Michelle Farncombe 2nd - Motion passed.

4) Report from principal - Rick

Rick discussed the new technology the school will be purchasing in the future. Rick showed everyone a video called "Let's Talk About Learning and Technology". Rick showed everyone a tech tub which holds 5 iPads and 5 chargers. The tech tub has a lock with a key.

5) Report from chair - Robin

Robin has purchased retirement gifts for Ms. Dewar and Mr. McLeod. Ms. Dewar will receive lessons for artwork in North Gower and Mr. McLeod will receive a gift certificate from Steve's Music Store.

Robin stated that she, Paula Panetta and Michelle Crogie will be attending the information session for Kindergarten night. They will be doing a presentation promoting Kars on the Rideau School Council. Council will provide coffee and timbits at the event.

Robin noted that Cindy Nutt has withdrawn from Student Council. Robin asked her name be removed from the KotRSC Website and the Council email list.

6) Volunteer discussion - All

Moved to next meeting.

7) Grade 8 Graduation Committee - Denise

Denise noted there will be an item letting parents know about who is interested in organizing the Grade 8 after party. The teachers organize the ceremony. The hall has been reserved at the Community Center in North Gower. The amount allocated to each student is \$15.00. There are 108 students budgeted.

8) By-laws review - All

The By-laws were discussed and reviewed. A motion was made to add that School Council members will consider the best interests of staff as well as all student in the Code of Ethics (Appendix B.1): Paula Panetta 1st, Michelle Farncombe 2nd - Motion passed.

A motion was made to change Standing Motion 006.11.14 to authorize a dollar amount (\$3000) for reading literacy rather than naming the literacy resources, which may be unnecessarily restrictive to the teachers. Such expenditures shall be reported at a subsequent Council meeting to be recorded in the minutes. Any amount greater than \$3000 shall require a vote of Council. Angelo Buffone 1st, Steve Montero 2nd - Motion passed.

A motion was made to authorizing spending \$400/year of Council funds for the Coyote trail. Such expenditures shall be reported at a subsequent Council meeting to be recorded in the minutes.. Angelo Buffone 1st, Sarah MacKeegan 2nd - Motion passed.

Angelo Buffone suggested changing the word “determine” to “declare” in item 6.6 of the Bylaws. Council agreed with the suggestion.

A motion was made to add item 4.7 under Membership: that Council members make a reasonable attempt to attend Council meetings. Members absent for 3 consecutive meetings may have their voting privileges revoked. Paula Panetta 1st, Angelo Buffone 2nd-Motion passed. Robin has committed to personally send emails to Parent Members who have not attended the last few meetings.

A motion was made to amend the email voting by-law item 7.8. After discussion, it was decided to leave by-law on email voting until next January. The by-law will be clarified to note that electronic voting will only be done in extenuating circumstances. Robin Churchill 1st, Angelo Buffone 2nd-Motion passed.

9) Fundraising Committee and dance-a-thon - All

This agenda item has already been discussed.

10) Council Website - Elizabeth

The Council discussed ideas how to get the message to parents to use the Council Website. Robin and Rick to follow-up with Lori Danieluk to set-up a Google calendar on the Council Website.

Next meeting: February 12, 2015, 7pm in the library