

**Kars on the Rideau Public School
School Council Minutes
November 11, 2014**

Present:

Angelo Buffone
Bonnie Fiarchuk
Elizabeth Pasch
Kim Buffone
Kim Cable
Megan Dodge

Michelle Crogie
Paula Panetta
Rick Haggar
Robin Churchill
Sarah MacKeegan
Sonia Williams

Steve Montero
Shauna Carty
Denise St. Jules
Michelle Farncombe

Regrets:

Cindy Nutt
Jen Mercer-Haluke
Karrie Moore
Rob Maxwell
Meg Lamont
Sara Kenney

1) Approval of the agenda - All

Agenda was unanimously approved.

2) Approval of minutes - All

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

3) Report from the Principal - Rick

Rick reiterated the importance of council working together in a positive manner and asked that confidential matters please be respected.

Rick thanked the staff, parents and Council members for all their hard work since the amalgamation of the two schools which has been a process.

Rick advised members of his purchase totally \$22,864.66 spent on I pads, projectors plus the installations, laptops, monitors. Every class now has a lady bug.

Rick provided an update on the track initiative stating that the city would like survey the land. Rick will provide further updates as this initiative unfolds.

4) By-laws for ratification - All

Council discussed the proposed revisions to the By-Laws. Rick suggested there could be two people interested in the position of Community Representative. Rick will return to council with a proposed representative once the person has agreed to put forward their name. Unanimously agreed.

Discussion took place concerning the addition of a co-chair or vice-chair. Council decided to include a vice chair position in the By-Laws.

5.4 Unanimously agreed with the suggested change.

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Robin suggested that Appendix A be approved as is and Council can further discuss at the January meeting. Unanimously agreed.

All communications are to be pre-approved by Principal.

9 everyone agreed with suggested change.

It was agreed that Appendix C would also be left as is and will be discussed again should there be any suggestions.

Appendix D - Council agreed. Steve Montero 1st, Angelo Buffone 2nd - Motion passed.

Council agreed that provision of A-Z Reader Annual Subscriptions and Raz-Kids on-line reading programs (numbers of classes will vary from year to year), Le jardin de Vicky Annual Renewal, 2 sets of Silver Birch and 2 sets of Red Maple Books for the Forest of Reading Program (books will then be added to library collection), Le monde en marche French newspaper for grades 7 & 8 or comparable alternative resources would be included as a standing motion in the By-Laws so that they no longer require annual approval however, they will be annually reviewed by council.

5) Vice-Chair election - All

Paula Panetta was voted by Council as vice-chair.

6) Report from chair - Robin

Robin has started a Council binder containing approved minutes, budgets, By-Laws and Annual Reports. The binder will be available to parents in the school office.

A chair binder including materials to assist in succession planning and smooth transitions to new councils over the years will also be available.

7) Budget - Robin for Meg

November's budget was shared with council. It was agreed to discuss the budget at the next Council meeting.

8) Council Website - Elizabeth

Council's website will go live on Monday, November 17, 2014. The website is free. A survey was sent to Council members for their input. Elizabeth provided a review of the website. Discussions took place on the inclusion of monthly committee reports being posted for parents. Council agreed to only post the pictures of the Executive Committee and a group picture of Council. Elizabeth offered to take a group photo at our next council meeting.

Rick has a contact of a parent who would be willing to assist with the development of a Google calendar for all school events.

Elizabeth will add a link for various annual forms and a link to the Parent Resource Library listings. She also plans to add a disclaimer to the website.

9) Fundraising Committee - Robin/Bonnie

Council agreed to bring this forward to the next meeting.

10) Education funding proposals and response to the MASC proposal - Sonia

Motion to combine the primary, junior and intermediate funding envelopes did not pass.

Motion for Sonia to start spending the money based in the funding envelopes allocated in the current budget. Grades K-6 Scientists in the Schools (\$180 per class - 20 classes=\$3,600), Grades 1 - 6 Luv2Groove Dance Workshops (\$4,000 plus GST), Grade 3 - 6 Mathletes (\$2,260), Grade 7 Stained Glass Project (\$800 - remainder covered by Education Foundation grant), Grade 6-8 Drumming Workshops (\$600 - remainder covered by MASC grant).

Paula Panetta 1st, Angelo Buffone 2nd - Motion passed.

Sonia will come back with a proposal for any additional funding.

Next meeting: December 9, 2014, 7pm in the library

Forward Agenda:

Budget
Fundraising Committee
Dance-a-thon