

**Kars on the Rideau Public School
School Council Minutes
October 14, 2014**

Present:

Angelo Buffone
Bonnie Fiarchuk
Cindy Nutt
Elizabeth Pasch
Jen Mercer-Haluke
Kim Buffone
Kim Cable

Meg Lamont
Michelle Crogie
Paula Panetta
Rick Haggard
Robin Churchill
Sara Kenney
Sarah MacKeegan

Sonia Williams
Steve Montero
Shauna Carty
Denise St. Jules
Michelle Farncombe

Regrets:

Megan Dodge
Rob Maxwell
Karrie Moore
Sarah MacKeigan

Elections:

Vice-Chair: election irregularity identified - Election will be held at the next meeting for this position.

1) Approval of the minutes - All

Motion to approve minutes: Angelo Buffone 1st, Michelle Crogie 2nd - Motion passed

2) Expectations / code of conduct - Robin/ Rick

A discussion took place that no negative discussions will be accepted at the meeting. A code of conduct will be written and distributed to all Council members. The code of conduct will be incorporated into the By-laws.

3) Report from the Principal - Rick

A freezer for the school has been ordered, the freezer becomes a fridge when required. The freezer/fridge was ordered for special events.

Projectors, lady bugs have been ordered and every room in the school will have one installed. The cost for the projectors, lady bugs and installation is \$7,252.

50 laptops have been ordered. Rick received a deal with the government, the cost for each laptop is \$150. The laptops will be used by adults, students and students with special needs. The cost for the laptops is \$7500?. Ipads have also been ordered. 35/40 computers are no longer serviced.

Rick is grateful for all the help he received organizing the Kars on the Rideau Fundraiser. \$15,000 was raised on the day itself, plus a further \$15,000 in separate donations. There are still some auction items to be auctioned. The full cost of the track is \$80,000-100,000; the school has now reached this target with the money raised on the Fun Day. The city gave \$7,500, the Legion \$5,000 and the RA Centre \$500. The land where the track will be is still being decided.

The Education Foundation donated \$2,000 for the stained glass project.

There will be an update in a few weeks regarding the bell time review.

4) Approval of the budget - Meg

Meg reviewed the budget. The year end BBQ and potential dance-a-thon fundraisers are not included in the budget. Meg stated the budget was balanced but it was not final. A revised copy of the budget will be circulated before the next meeting. A discussion took place regarding the line item for Bags and Food. Rick stated the \$1,000 should be kept, it is used very discreetly for families in need.

Motion to approve budget: Robin Churchill 1st, Steve Montero 2nd - Motion passed

5) Fundraising committee - Robin on behalf of Megan

Megan has asked for help with fundraising events. Meg will continue to manage the Book Fair and the hot lunch program but would like some help with all the other events. A discussion took place if it would be easier to offer the hot lunches 3 times throughout the year or 2 times.

Paula is going to take a look at the plan for fundraising this year and talk about potential date options for the dance-a-thon. Council agreed that if a date doesn't work for this year, the idea will be retained for next year.

6) By-laws update - Robin/Rob

Robin stated the By-laws sent to the Council were not the correct version. Robin will send a version of the by-laws that has been compared to all pertinent provincial regulations and Board policies to Council for review by the end of the week. By-laws should be discussed and approved at the next meeting.

7) Electronic discussions portal - Elizabeth

Elizabeth stated the School Council website was not very welcoming. Elizabeth is willing to build a new website and has done some research. Weebly can host the website but there is a cost, \$11.99 per year for the domain name and \$6.99 per month to host the site. The Weebly website could be linked to the OCDSB website. Kim Cable suggested using Wordpress. Rick suggested Elizabeth speak with Kelly Lanthier at the school who maintains the KotR website about whether there were better options within Google sites. Rick to organize a meeting with Elizabeth and Kelly. In the meantime Elizabeth will do more research and cost options. Elizabeth will provide an update at the next meeting.

Robin suggested the Council use an electronic discussions portal to be used instead of sending emails when there is a need for council discussions/ decisions between meetings. The portal could be used to review the draft Student Council By-laws. The Council agreed to discuss the electronic discussions portal at the next meeting.

8) Year End BBQ / Dance-a-thon - All

Michelle Crogie agreed to organize the Year-End BBQ; Paula Panetta, Michelle Farncombe and Robin Churchill will start; Council will solicit the help of other parents on the committee. Paula to work with Megan to find out which month would work to have the Dance-a-thon. It was agreed by the Council to discuss the Dance-a-thon at the next meeting.

9) Greening Committee - Bonnie

Bonnie circulated to the Council an idea regarding a garden. Bonnie will provide dates to Rick to add to the calendar of events.

10) Other Business - Sonya

Sonya will send an email to teachers inquiring if they require any educational items.

Forward Agenda:

Budget

Fundraising Committee

By-laws

Electronic discussions portal

Dance-a-thon

Next meeting: November 11, 2014, 7pm in the library