

**Kars on the Rideau Public School
School Council Minutes
April 14, 2015**

Present:

Angelo Buffone
Kim Buffone
Paula Panetta
Rick Haggar

Bonnie Fiarchuk
Elizabeth Pasch
Kim Cable
Sara Kenney

Shauna Carty
Sonia Williams
Steve Montero

Regrets:

Denise St. Jules
Meg Lamont
Michelle Crogie
Michelle Farncombe
Jen Mercer-Haluke
Robin Churchill

Withdrawn:

Karrie Moore
Megan Dodge
Rob Maxwell
Sarah MacKeigan

1) Approval of the agenda:

Motion to approve agenda: Elizabeth Pasch 1st and Steve Montero 2nd. Motion passed.

2) Approval of the February minutes

Motion to approve minutes: Bonnie Fiarchuk 1st and Shauna Carty 2nd. Motion passed. Approval of the March minutes was deferred to the May meeting.

3) Report from principal (Rick Haggar):

Rick noted that it has been very busy with the staffing process. The staffing and teacher assignments will be ongoing until September. The school population is growing. The projected numbers for September is 714 kids. The school is projected to get another portable.

The community wall is continuing well. The objective of the community wall is to applaud children and families. The year-end BBQ is on June 9th. Circus Delights and Sky Ranch has been booked for the BBQ. The grade 6, 7 and 8 will have an activity day on June 9th with a 3 on 3 basketball which should continue on at the BBQ.

Rick would like to allocate the funds in advance of future fundraising events. The proceeds raised from the BBQ on June 9th has been allocated for the purchase of 10 ipads and or tablets/ Chromebooks.

Rick provided an example of textbook purchasing and how fundraising funds could be assigned for the coming year Rick is aware of which books and the associate costs in June, which will be required for September.. Rick prefers to make these purchases prior to September so that the teachers have what they need as of the first day of school.

4) Treasurer's report (Meg Lamont):

Paula Panetta provided the report on Meg's behalf. Meg wanted to inform everyone that the grade 7 and 8 had used up their education fund for the year

5) Report from chair Robin Churchill):

The report from the chair was deferred to the next meeting.

6) Brought fwd: motion to hold one council led fundraising event per year (All):

The Council agreed with the motion to hold one council led fundraising event per year. in which the funds would be given for use at the discretion of the principal. This motion supersedes February's motion.

Steve Montero 1st and seconded by Shauna Carty. Motion passed.

7) Update from Book sale (Megan Dodge):

A reminder was mentioned if anyone was available to volunteer to help at the Book sale.

8) Update from the gardening committee (Bonnie Fiarchuk):

The date for the spring cleaning is May 23rd in the morning. The rain date is May 30th. Bonnie will send out an email to the gardening committee regarding the need for volunteers. Rick will add a note in the weekly newsletter to parents and staff. The Kars cleaning the Capital will also be in the next newsletter.

9) Initial thoughts on council fundraising events for next year? (All):

A calendar for fundraising events is being developed. Steve Montero suggested small and big compost bags and leaf bags as a fundraising idea. Bonnie discussed gift cards. Paula suggested a poinsettia drive around Christmas time. Rick added that he would like to raise awareness amongst the school by rotating other fundraising initiatives that affect the school population (ie. Cystic fibrosis).

11) Other (All):

Paula noted that, as per the Bylaws, Robin sent out advisories to Council members who have not been to 3 consecutive council meetings and who had not expressed regrets in advance of those meetings. The following council members have withdrawn: Karrie Moore, Rob Maxwell and Sarah MacKeigan. Megan Dodge has also resigned from Council.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 pm

Next meeting: May 12, 2015 in the library.