

Kars on the Rideau School Council Newsletter

October 23, 2014

Dear Parents,

Near the end of, what for very many of us, has been a difficult week dealing with the events of Wednesday at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Parliament Hill, and struggling with explaining to my children what happened, I sit here and count my blessings for all the things we have and for how lucky we are that we live in a country where this is an unusual situation. My condolences to the family of the fallen soldier, and my congratulations to the school staff and administration in dealing with the situation in a way that was responsible and kept the kids calm and promoted a proper level of understanding for each age group.

Thank you!

KotR School Council for 2014-2015:

I'd like to formally welcome the incoming council for 2014-2015:

Chair: Robin Churchill

Vice-Chair: electoral irregularity identified - to be confirmed at November meeting

Treasurer: Meg Lamont

Secretary: Kim Buffone

Fundraising coordinator: Megan Dodge

Parent Members:

Paula Panetta

Elizabeth Pasch (Council website guru)

Cindy Nutt

Jennifer Mercer-Haluke

Steve Montero

Sarah Kenney

Michelle Crogie

Rob Maxwell

Greening committee:

Bonnie Fiarchuk

Sarah MacKeegan

Education coordinators:

Karrie Moore -Primary/ Junior

Michelle Farncombe - Primary

Shauna Carty-Primary

Angelo Buffone - Intermediate

Teacher representative: Sonia Williams

Upcoming Council Meeting Events

At the November 11 Council meeting, we will be discussing and ratifying the School Council By-laws, a document that sets out the parameters for the roles and responsibilities of the Council and how Council will function.

We may also, based on the results of the ratification of the By-Laws, have an election for the position of Vice-Chair. All parents have a right to vote in the election of council members. If you are interested, please join us!

Council Website

Have questions about Council? Council Events? How money from fundraising initiatives has been spent? Ways to get involved? Ways to be informed? Or just need directions on where to get support? The KoTR School Council website is under construction and will soon be unveiled! We are excited about being able to share some of the things that happen at Council and at the School as well as make information more easily available to parents. If you have ideas, please let us know! (contact Elizabeth Pasch: Elizabeth@madore.ca)

Parent Resource Library

One of the more notable initiatives of School Council is the maintenance of a Parent Resource Library. Every year, based on advice from teachers and parents, Council adds a few more books to this library for the use of parents. Subjects include but are not limited to: dealing with anxiety and anger, explaining non-traditional family situations to a child, and dealing with mental illness. The Resource Library can be found just around the corner from the librarian's desk. If the librarian is not around and you would like to remove a book, just fill out the logbook that is clearly labelled on the librarian's desk.

If you have suggestions for additional books for the Parent Resource Library, we'd love to hear them. Either leave a note with the librarian, or send me an email.

Next Meeting

And finally, the next council meeting is November 11, 7pm in the library. Meetings are open to the public so please come and share your ideas.

Sincerely,

Robin Churchill
Chair, KotR School Council

