



## **Kars on the Rideau School Council Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Present: Kim Cable, Rick Haggart, Robin Churchill, Sonia Williams, Michelle Crogie, Jenn Mercer, Rowena Pearl, Denise St-Jules, Steve Montero, Diane Dey, Megan Dodge, Jen Ball

**Regrets:** Shauna Carty, Paula Panetta, Sheerene de Rosayro, Robin Churchill, Mike Blois, Leeanne Van der Burgt, Michelle Farncombe

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### **Chair Report**

No report this month.

### **Treasurer Report**

Kim went over the latest financial report. Under "Other" school funding requests, \$1145.06 has been spent to date. A total \$2939 has been committed to the school for un-budgeted, non-tech purchases (BBQ, light tables, etc.)

We reviewed a spending request form from Jolene Kosloski. University of Ottawa has an Engineering Outreach Program where engineering students come in and offer curriculum-based workshops. \$75 per class. The request is for \$750 for classes spanning grades 2 to 6 (may be a \$50 rebate as well for group discount).

There is another grant for MASC to do a one-day arts performance; we would only need to pay \$250 with the grant.

The kindergarten teachers ordered additional supplies to support the light tables, however they overspent Council's original finding by approx. \$762. This request was also tabled.

## Principal Report

- a) The school is beginning to look at next years calendar and has started to claim some dates for Council events. Denise will bring the calendar to the next meeting.
- b) Rick shared that the Diane Dey's husband made 4 light boxes for the kindergarten classrooms. The school is appreciative and the light boxes are a hit. The kindergarten program ordered additional supplies to support the lightboxes, however more than the funded amount was spent. Rick tabled additional funding to help support the extra purchases.
- c) June 8<sup>th</sup> is the year end BBQ; planning to begin. There will be 3 Monday night meetings. Look for the email to sign up. Sky Ranch, Bouncy Castles are booked. Other ideas: fire trucks and tractors, Candy Land, BBQ, the band will perhaps play, baskets to draw for, 3 big raffle prizes, outdoor sports/games/activities. Michelle Crogie is coordinating between Council and the school for volunteers etc.
- d) Pre Band Event: with a potluck & performance will be at the school June 12<sup>th</sup>
- e) The Board is beginning to do a high school review that may affect what programs are offered at elementary schools in the area.

## Current Business: Minutes of March 22, 2016

**MOTION** to adopt the minutes of March 22, 2016 as presented.

1<sup>st</sup> Jen Mercer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Diane Dey

Motion PASSED

## Funding Requests

**MOTION** to pay for Adventures in Engineering Students Workshops from U of O:

Motion made by Rowena Pearl.

1<sup>st</sup> Jen Mercer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Montero

Motion PASSED

This leaves Council with approx. \$1500 to start the new school year in September. Council did not want to spend any more at this time. We will review our financial position next month when last fundraiser (Book Sale) is tallied.

## Council Event Review for 2016/17

Discussion was if council wants to add or take any events out. Mainly feelings seemed to be to keep all current events except the Cheese Drive. We'd like to replace it with a similar fundraiser that requires low organizational effort.

Jen B gave an update regarding St. Albert cheese. We are still waiting on a cheque that was supposed to reward our percentage of the sales. It has been over 4 months we have been chasing this item. We will not be using St. Alberts' to fundraise again.

Will need to think about the lunch program differently, perhaps in a committee with more people to support the weekly lunch distribution. Megan still willing to organize and coordinate but it would be good to have a schedule of volunteers on deck every week to help when orders come in.

Megan has people in mind to start transitioning her events to over the next couple of years she is here. She has been working with Rick to plan Loonie/Toonie Sale & Hot Turkey Luncheon dates if they stay on our agenda. She is stepping back from the Book Sale next year and has been working with Diane & Rowena to potentially take over.

We talked about Dance-a-thon being before the holidays next year. Rick will follow up with Paula and talked about the potential future success of the event as we continue to do it. Many teachers and students are now familiar with the event and will look forward to supporting it even more.

Council supports doing BOTH walks next year, as we did this year, if we can find coordinators to organize. They are much-anticipated events for the students and an easy way for parents to get involved.

We need to find better ways to a) promote our events and get parents to understand what they are and b) secure reliable volunteers earlier in the planning stages. Kim and Megan to work on the outgoing Volunteer Sign Up form (in September) and look to create a separate Volunteer Committee that serves the other event committees. Events shouldn't have to spend so much time securing their own volunteers.

## **Coordinator Updates**

### ***Teacher Representatives***

Marjorie Loughrey Artists in the Schools Program – can apply for a grant for next year for the stained glass workshops or other art sessions. Sonia to confirm if we are eligible after winning the grant 2 years ago. If so Michelle C. and Kim can help with the grant application.

Sonia also spoke about the short term rural grant that we can now apply for under MASC (for a one day performance).

Sonia will be retiring shortly and is looking for a replacement as School Council Rep for next year. She will pass on the MASC and other grant info she has been taking care of for us to date.

### ***Hot Lunches/ Book & Bake Sale***

(See discussion re: Volunteers above.) Also the Lunch Survey is ready for general distribution and Rick will distribute the survey link under its own cover before the end of the week.

### ***Book & Bake Sale***

Happening this weekend. Megan will forward names of high school volunteers who want to help Saturday.

### ***Greening Committee***

No report.

### ***Research and Funding***

(See Grants discussion above under Teacher Representatives)

### ***Gr. 8 Grad Update***

\$780 was made at bake sale. Freezie Fridays still in the works. Grad Committee will also use the money that is in the council budget. Parent council will reimburse funds for food and DJ.

### ***Staff Luncheon***

Kim is coordinating the Pot Luck Luncheon this June 10th (A PA day) with Robin and Michelle C. She is asking all members of council to contribute food dishes. More on the luncheon will go out later.

### ***Website***

The Parent Resource Library Listing is now on the council website under the menu tab LIBRARY. Sonia showed a demo to the group and Kim mentioned that Leeanne is still planning to separate the listing into categories. Many thanks to Leeanne for tackling a big job!

### ***Other Business***

No other items for discussion.

***The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.***

***The next meeting will take place on May 17, 2016.***