



Kars on the Rideau School Council Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Present

Rick Haggar
Sonia Williams
Denise St. Jules
Robin Churchill
Paula Panetta

Kim Cable
Michelle Farncombe
Michelle Crogie
Shereene de Rosayro
Elizabeth Pasch

Michael Blois
Diane Dey
Eric Madore
Jen Ball
Jennifer Mercer

Regrets

Bonnie Fiarchuk
Meg Lamont
Megan Dodge

Robert Biemans
Rowena Pearl
Shauna Carty

Chair's Report

Kim Cable asked attendees to review the Bylaws in advance of the January meeting. Bylaws will be reviewed, and revised, if required, at the next Council meeting.

She also reminded members that council committees maybe formed, however, a proposal for such would need to be brought to council in advance of its formation and that all members are provided the opportunity to participate. Kim also advised members that the Council Executive members meet in advance of each meeting and should anyone wish to participate in these meetings, they are welcome to do so.

Treasurer's Report

Hot Lunch/Milk Profit projections are better than expected based on updated milk numbers. Total forecasted annual profit is \$13,112.22.

Loonie/Toonie Sale profit was \$3414.64.

Cheese Sale profit was \$690.25.

Turkey lunch turnout was significantly better than previous years. Profit was \$1515.41 due to this better turnout and lower expenditures.

Principal's Report

Turkey Lunch attendance was wonderfully attended at a 95-96% rate. Thanks to all the parent volunteers and to school council for extending a donated lunch for teachers.

Digital Learning Committee has been formed with 20 staff members. They have worked out a game plan for technology at all grade levels. Current technology that has already been implemented includes projectors, screens, ladybugs, iPads, Chrome-books, lap-tops, etc. Goal is to go by division and look at succession planning.

Toy Mountain, Giving Tree and Snowsuit Fund initiatives are progressing well.

Rick Haggar provided a copy of the yearly "Snapshot" to council members. He noted that it matches council's Google Calendar, and it is also posted throughout the school for reference.

Denise St. Jules reviewed the school's current Concussion Protocol. The protocol will also be presented to the school in the New Year. Links to this information can also be found on the Home Page of the school website.

Current Business

a) Review and Approval of October Minutes

MOTION to adopt the minutes as presented

1st: Shareene de Rosayro , 2nd: Michelle Farncombe

Unanimously PASSED

b) Council Event Planning

Jar Walk and Dance-a-thon dates have changed. Jar Walk will be Jan 21/16; Dance-a-thon will be Feb 26/16.

c) Education Funding

Kim Cable provided an alternative dance instructor option to council for the primary grades. The alternative is more cost effective and offers what would seem to be the same programming as Luv2Groove. Council agreed to try her out.

d) Milk Price Increases

Discussion about current milk prices: Currently, we charge 70 cents for white and 80 cents for chocolate. Feeder schools charge about 75 cents for all milk. North Gower charges \$1.00.

MOTION to raise standardize milk prices to \$0.80/carton for all milk

1st: Kim Cable, 2nd: Jen Ball

Unanimously PASSED

It was also discussed and agreed that milk orders and billings discrepancies with the current supplier should be looked into, and if required addressed.

e) Monthly Funding Requests

i.) Rick prioritized his funding requests, placing technology as his main initiative. He mentioned that a BBQ for events, line painting and balls for the yard are still required but can be deferred until spring.

MOTION to put forward \$4000 towards the Tech purchases

1st: Jen Mercer, 2nd: Robin Churchill

Unanimously PASSED

ii.) Sonia Williams proposed Council consider including in the funding provided to teachers for consumables. Currently, there is one full-time and one half-time EA.

MOTION to provide \$150 for EA consumables

1st: Jen Mercer, 2nd: Shareene de Rosayro

Unanimously PASSED

Will further discuss next month whether to include this as a standing motion in the Bylaws.

iii.) Kim Cable presented a request on behalf of Megan Dodge for council to consider providing Kars RA with a goodwill donation as they extend the use of the hall at an extremely discounted price. Council members were reminded that regulations do not permit us to provide funds in this way. We remain very appreciative of our relationship with Kars RA and all that they do for our school.

f) Carry Forward Items

- Posting of monthly financials on the Council Website are under discussion and were deferred pending further input.
- New Banners for School Events (see Round Table discussion below)

Coordinator Updates

a) Teacher's Representatives

Nothing further to add.

b) Hot Lunches/Loonie Toonie/ Turkey Luncheon

Nothing further to add

c) Cheese Drive

Jen Ball volunteered to run it again next year.

d) Jar Walk

Robin Churchill requested that rules be posted on council's website.

e) Dance-a-thon

Paula Panetta suggested we consider including a Food Bank drive in conjunction with the Dance-a-thon.

f) Greening

No update

g) OCASC

No update

h) Research and Funding

Nothing further to add

i.) Website (Facebook Group)

Council needs to conduct due diligence prior to proceeding in the development of a Facebook page.

Round Table

KIM CABLE - Council was successful in receiving a PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) Grant of \$500. The funds must be used for council and parent events.

JEN BALL - Question as to why the children and teachers were not sitting together at the turkey lunch (who was supervising the children)? Rick reassured council that teachers are also guests and that parent volunteers were supervising, however little was needed as the students were very well behaved.

SHEREENE DE ROSARYO - Suggested the need for school banners providing the school with a visual presence at various onsite and offsite events. Council is supportive and pricing will be brought forward for council consideration.

MIKE BLOIS - Thanked council on behalf of the teachers for the Turkey Lunch.

MICHELLE CROGIE – Extended a thank you on behalf of Shauna for council's kind gesture.

SONIA WILLIAMS - New pictures are available for the website and will forward to the webmaster. Council received the \$850 MASC Grant in support of "Feel the Heartbeat" drumming and dance workshop for Grades 7 and 8. Scientists in the School have been coordinated by the teachers.

JENNIFER MERCER - Question asking if we can get busses to take kids to events such as Volleyball tournaments, Cross-country. Cost is too prohibitive and it is very difficult to coordinate timings for these events due to the nature of tournaments.

ROBIN CHURCHILL - Advised Council that she will provide a draft guide for future treasurers on how to manage/count event finances

Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:00 PM

1st-Elizabeth Pasch, 2nd- Eric Madore

MOTION PASSED

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 @ 7pm in the school library.