## Kars on the Rideau School Council Meeting Minutes

The Kars on the Rideau School Council met on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held in the library at Kars on the Rideau Public School at 6680 Dorack Drive, Kars, Ontario.

## Present

Rick Haggar
Denise St. Jules
Kim Cable
Robin Churchill
Elizabeth Pasch
Mike Blois
Diane Dey
Eric Madore

Jen Ball
Megan Dodge
Michelle Crogie
Michelle Farncombe
Rowena Pearl
Shereene de Rosayro
Steve Montero

## Regrets

Sonia Williams
Paula Panetta
Bonnie Fiarchuk Jennifer Mercer

Meg Lamont
Robert Biemans
Shauna Carty

## Chair's Report

Focus of the meeting is to review the council calendar of events and to decide which ones are fund-raising events and which ones are for school/ community building. Also, review needed to solidify who is running each event. Please refer to chart below.


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## Treasurer's Report

Hot lunch forecasted profit is $\$ 10,000$ less than previous years. Robin Churchill is currently investigating why this is.

Cake Walk was a huge success! We raised $\$ 2600.30$ thanks to our event coordinators/volunteers and our generous parents! Suggestion was made to make ticket prices at future events round numbers to make it less time consuming for those counting the money.

Forecasted profits for all events in our budget are very conservative, based on previous years profits.

MASC grant forecasted income has been changed from \$2000 to \$200 as we missed the deadline. The $\$ 200$ grant is still available. Jen Bell informed council that the deadline has been extended to November 30/15. Sonia Williams and Jen Bell are planning to submit for the $\$ 2000$ grant before this deadline.

There is a reimbursement request from Sonia Williams for the Archive Committee of $\$ 22.58$. This will cover her out of pocket cost for the DVD's required for Mr. Bryant's interview.

## MOTION: Robin Churchill <br> SECONDED: Shereene de Rosayro MOTION PASSED

## Principal's Report

Rick Haggar's comments:

- He believes integrity of our treasurer's book is a top priority. Many thanks to Robin Churchill for taking on this task.
- After the first staff meeting since the recent job action, it is clear that the teachers and staff at KOTR are a cohesive and motivated team for our school.
- Calendar of events will be updated by Friday, November 20th.
- Concussion protocol (from the Board) will be a link on the school website.
- Many thanks to the Cakewalk team.


## Current Business

## a) Review and Approval of October Minutes <br> MOTION TO ADOPT: Diane Dey <br> SECONDED: Steve Montero <br> MOTION PASSED

## b) Council Event Planning (goals for each)

Dance-a-thon
Will be council run, with proceeds going to school council.

## Year-end Celebration

Will be school run, with proceeds going directly to the school.

## MOTION TO REMOVE YEAR END CELEBRATION FROM BUDGET (INCLUDING \$500 EXPENSE) : Diane Dey <br> SECONDED: Jen Bell MOTION PASSED

All council run events will have the goal of fundraising, with the exception of The Hot Turkey Lunch and the Teacher Appreciation Lunch.

## c) School Website Update

Kim Cable asked members of the council, especially event coordinators, to check the council website to ensure details listed are correct. Input and feedback is needed.

Suggestion was made for a KOTR School Council Facebook Group. Michelle Farncombe will start this group.

Discussion about whether to post budget on website. We are required to have it accessible to the public, and as such, it is in our council binder in
the office. There is concern that the budget may be taken out of context and that is why we have not posted it on the website in that past. Priority for the council is to be transparent and we decided as a whole that we should look to posting it in the future. Also, suggestions were made to add an explanatory note to the budget to encourage those who have questions to get in touch with the council. Further suggestions included making the budget more readable for the public, to provide other info to support the budget, and/or to provide budget only $3 x / y e a r$. To gain further input on this, Michelle Crogie and Robin Churchill will attend the November OCASC meeting and ask what is appropriate. We will come back to this issue next meeting. For now, we will continue to put the budget in the council binder, but not post it on the website.

## d) Literacy \& Education

## Programs

Council had asked Sonia Williams to ask the teachers what they wanted this money to fund. The teachers came back with the following request, with a slightly higher ask (\$422.05) and with different grade participation. Council agreed that we should support the teachers in what they deem to be most appropriate for the educational programming money. Please see new spending request form below. Comment from Rick Haggar is to rotate events so that we do not repeat the same events year after year.

## MOTION TO ACCEPT NEW REQUEST: Elizabeth Pasch SECONDED: Rowena Pearl MOTION PASSED



## e) Current School Dance Format

Kim Cable raised a point about the current school dance format. Currently the dances involve Grades 6-8 and include slow-dances. There are alternatives to the dance as well, including a movie, computer lab use and free work-time. The concern is that there may be undue anxiety generated by the dance portion, in that this age group may not be ready for this type of social anxiety. After much discussion, it was agreed that this social event is promoting healthy relationships in a place where kids can learn how to establish healthy limits before entering high school.
The dances are well chaperoned and well-lit. Rick is amenable to limiting the number of slow-dances and speaking to the students at an assembly to discuss expectations.
f) New Banners for School Events

Tabled until next meeting due to time constants.

## g) Monthly Funding Requests

Request from Rick Haggar and Denise St. Jules
Hydro Cost is to cover out of pocket expenses for the family that donated time in their Florida home for the Ready to Run BBQ fundraiser. As the forecasted council profit for this year is in the red, we asked Rick if he could defer the last three items to further meetings as they are not needed until later in the year. This will give council time to run events and see what the actual numbers are. He agreed.
MOTION TO ACCEPT FUNDING REQUEST FOR HYDRO COST ONLY: Shareene de Rosayso SECONDED: Diane Dey MOTION PASSED


## Coordinator Updates

## a) Teacher Representatives No Update

## b) Hot Lunches / Loonie-Toonie Sale / Turkey Luncheon

Turkey Luncheon
Discussion of whether the Hot Turkey Luncheon should be a fundraiser this year or remain an event that's focus is on school/community building without looking to make a profit. Currently, the cost of the event is $\$ 5.00$ and this covers the cost, assuming an $80 \%$ participation rate. Past years have shown participation to be around $80 \%$. There is an estimated profit of $\$ 1200$, which is a buffer in case estimates are incorrect (see estimate number below - provided by Megan Dodge)
General consensus was reached to keep cost of Turkey Luncheon to \$5.00.

Extra Notes about the Luncheon:

- Three seatings: first two seatings included Grades JK thru Grade 6. All kids, including those who do not purchase a Turkey Lunch, go to the Kars RA for the lunch. Kids will either eat their own lunch packed from home or the purchased Turkey Lunch.
- Discussion of providing a gluten free option for the cupcakes and rolls. Robin Churchill and Michelle Crogie expressed interest in providing these.
- Paula Panetta was unable to secure free turkeys.

Hot Lunches

Kim Cable reported that there has been questions posed to her regarding whether we can change what is offered for lunches. This cannot be done this term as orders have already be placed, but this can be looked into for next term/year. Megan Dodge is open to this, but would like others to present what they would like. Suggestion was made to check the participation rate for each lunch item to see if we can change out a less popular item. There was also a consensus that we should continue to support local businesses.

## Loonie/Toonie Sale

Donations are down. Currently, we do not have enough donations to run the event. We agreed we need more advertising. Rick Haggar will provide hard copy flyers to be sent home with the kids. Agenda reminder stickers decided against. Suggestion to put it out on social media as well.

## c) Cake-Walk

Wonderful success! Template of how event was run is now available.

## d) Cheese Drive

We need more advertising! Currently only have $\$ 243$ in orders. A hard copy flyer will be sent out with the students and we are encouraged to advertise on social media.

## e) Dance-a-thon

Date change to February 26/16 (change with Jar Walk). Jar Walk will now be January 21/16

## f) Greening

No Update (Bonnie Fiarchuk not present)

## g) OCASC

Robin Churchill and Michelle Crogie will be attending November meeting.

## h) Research and Funding

Jen Ball reports that a grant is available called the Sirius XM Canada Instrument Fund. It is a $\$ 3000$ grant that is used to purchase instruments, sheet music, supplies, uniforms, etc. Proposals are accepted between Dec

1/15 and Jan 31/16. Rick Haggar will speak with the appropriate teachers and Jen Ball will pursue this grant if there is interest.
i) Website

Already discussed in current business.

## Round Table

No Round Table due to time constants

## Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:25PM: Elizabeth Pasch
SECONDED: Eric Madore MOTION PASSED

## Next Meeting

Tuesday, December 15th, 2015. Location to be determined.

