



Kars on the Rideau Parent Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
 September 22, 2015 7:00 pm

Present:

Bonnie Fiarchuk
 Denise St. Jules
 Diane Dey
 Elizabeth Pasch
 Eric Madore
 Jen Ball
 Jennifer Mercer
 Kim Cable

Kim Crewe
 Leeanne Van der Burgt
 Lynne Scott
 Meg Lamont
 Megan Dodge
 Michelle Crogie
 Michelle Farncombe
 Paula Panetta

Richard Kaminski
 Rick Haggar
 Robert Biemans
 Robin Churchill
 Rowena Pearl
 Shareene de Rosayro
 Shauna Carty
 Sonia Williams

Regrets:

Steve Montero
 Kim Buffone
 Angelo Buffone

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<p>Principal's Report</p> <p>Rick welcomed all the parents to the table and provided an update on improvements to the school and equipment over the summer. He also provided council with the text books that have been purchased for the year; these books will be funded by the upcoming joint Council/School Dance-a-thon in November. A list of library books that were purchased over the summer was provided.</p>	Rick Haggar
<p>Report from Lynne Scott, School Board Trustee</p> <p>Lynne provided an update on upcoming consultations about modernizing the Ontario school curriculum to be more inclusive of all students. Two of the consultations would be on: 1) teaching JK/SK with a common language profile across the province so that parents would pick the language stream for their children in Grade 1 rather than JK, providing an opportunity to discover children's learning abilities prior to choosing a stream; 2) the province is also determining whether to introduce English math earlier in the curriculum.</p> <p>Lynne also an early report on what is happening in the board review of schools as well as the secondary school accommodation plan.</p> <p>Lynne advised parents that updates from on the labour dispute would be put on the Board website. Robin and Elizabeth confirmed that these were also posted on the Council website.</p>	Lynne Scott
<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Meg provided an initial budget for the year.</p> <p>Council confirmed that it had agreed to provide funding for the Bags to Food Program as well as funding for the library. A cheque is still required for the RAZ Kids and A-Z learning program, once the conversion factor is determined for the US funds.</p>	Meg Lamont
<p>Election</p> <p>The following make up the 2015-16 School Council Parent Representatives:</p> <p>Bonnie Fiarchuk Diane Dey Elizabeth Pasch Eric Madore Jen Ball Jennifer Mercer Kim Cable</p>	

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<p>Meg Lamont Megan Dodge Michelle Crogie Michelle Farncombe Paula Panetta Robert Biemans Robin Churchill Rowena Pearl Shareene de Rosayro Shauna Carty</p> <p>School Representation: Principal: Rick Haggar Vice-Principal: Denise St. Jules Teacher Representative: Sonia Williams</p> <p>Council Officers (all acclaimed): Chair: Kim Cable Vice-Chair: Paula Panetta Treasurer: Robin Churchill Secretary: Elizabeth Pasch</p> <p>Signing Authority for School Council: Any two of Robin Churchill; Kim Cable; Paula Panetta; Elizabeth Pasch</p>	
<p>Round Table Lynne Scott Provided a suggestion to change the rules of quorum in the by-laws to ensure quorum can be met throughout the year. Kim will bring this back to council in October.</p> <p><u>Council Fundraisers:</u> Kim provided a list of initial thoughts on Council Fundraisers to be discussed at the October meeting. It was agreed that if possible, a Council member should generally take the coordination lead for each activity, with the greater school parent population providing support. Paula suggested that at least the first couple should be discussed at this meeting as they are coming up quickly.</p> <p>Leads to date (who will coordinate the activity and report back to council):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hot lunch and milk: Megan Dodge* • Cake Walk - November 6: Michelle Farncombe*; Michelle Crogie • Joint School/ School Council Dance-a-thon – November 25: Paula Panetta*; Jenn Mercer; Shireene de Rosayro • Loonie-Toonie Sale – December 4,7: Megan Dodge* • Cheese sale – December 11(Lynne Scott to provide details): Jen Ball* • Turkey Lunch – December 15: Megan Dodge* • Jar Walk – February 26: Robin Churchill*; Michelle Crogie • Teacher Appreciation Lunch – June 10: Michelle Crogie*; Robin Churchill • Greening: Bonnie Fiarchuk* • Website support – looking for volunteers • OCASC Representatives: Robin Churchill; Michelle Crogie and Michelle Farncombe will split the job starting in October. 	
<p>Meeting Adjourned 8:50 pm</p>	<p>Kim</p>

* Lead – other names have committed to providing support to the lead

<p>Forward Agenda 1) Leads for Council Events 2) Open by-laws to change quorum</p>
