

Katimavik Elementary School Council Minutes  
Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Attendance:

Teri MacDonald, Claudette Nyenhuis, Carol Mothersill, Carla Backmeier, Deirdre Mander, Kim Esdaile, Chantal Kaye, Rebecca Leclair, Glen Ashworth, Neville Smith, Tiffany Smith, Jennifer Guerra, Leah Laframboise, Xiang Sun, Leo, Sheila Ball

1. Welcome : 7:04pm.
2. Agenda - Moved item 7 to 3A.
3. Minutes from Sept 27 approved : Carla and Leah

3A. Treasurer's Report - Claudette Nyenhuis

Claudette provided a detailed copy of the finances. In short, the total available for the wish list items is: \$2147.72.

4. Chair's Report: Leah Laframboise

Dates to remember:

The Festival will take place on Wednesday June 20, 2018 at CES.

The band will be in Toronto from June 13-15.

Camp Arrowhead will be from June 4-6.

Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony Wednesday June 27th, Holiday Inn

Staff Appreciation - 1st choice Thursday May 10, 2nd choice Friday MAY11. Leah to book the Barista.

Hot lunch programs are well under way. The first hotdog day was Wednesday, and it was a huge success. Parents please remind your kids to make arrangements for their hot lunch delivery if they happen to be away at an extracurricular event.

Chapter's Fundraiser - Chapter's indicated that they are too busy before Christmas, they will reconsider a date in the New Year.

Apple Basket location. There was a discussion regarding the feasibility of leaving the apple/fruit basket in the office. Jeff has offered to check with the hall monitors on duty to see if they can each take a basket to the Intermediate and Junior wings. Carol to look into setting up a sign up genius. Carol also mentioned a grant from Metro for \$1000.00 that supports healthy eating.

School Spirit Clothing- Leah has taken on the ordering of the school spirit wear. The prices will be similar to last year. This will not be done as a fundraiser in order to keep costs down so that the clothing is more affordable. She will pick a Tuesday/Wednesday am recess to allow kids to try on different sizes. She is targeting an end of October order period.

Wish List - amount available \$2147.72

There are 208 junior students and 120 Intermediate students.

Junior wish list:

Math workshops with Scientists in the School - 7 sessions \$1400.00

Ethno Mathematics - First Nations Beading workshop - \$900.00

Tennis Lessons - \$1000.00

Rock n Rings curling activity \$200.00

Senior Wish List:

Medicine pouches - \$800.00

Foundations of B-Boying - \$1100.00

Paul David guest speaker Social Network and Online Security - cost unknown  
(Socialnetworkingsafely.net)

There is a possibility for the tennis lessons to be sponsored, so that item was put off to the side for now. Jeff can use some of the student levy money towards the items.

Motion by Leah to support all of the items listed above with \$2300.00 from Council funds.

Seconded by Tiffany. Carol abstained-she is an employee of Scientists in the School, so possible conflict of interest. All were in favour. Jeff will cover the remainder with Student levy funds. Jeff will report back to the teachers, and investigate the Social Networking speaker and the tennis lessons.

#### 5. Principal's Report - Jeff Gervais

There is a new grade 5 / 6 class. They are settled into their classroom and it was a successful transition. The staff have been busy preparing and sending home the IEPs. Progress reports will go home on Nov 9th. Mr. Thorp is looking into an online booking tool so that parents can book their interviews.

K-Crew: a team of students that Jeff meets with 2 times a month and act as a Principal advisory committee. There is also a separate Spirit Committee. Jeff is appreciative of the importance of student voice.

There will be a Portable classroom removed tomorrow, so we will be left with just one.

Spanish after school language program has begun. There were not enough interested in Mandarin, but enrolment is still open.

The Outdoor Classroom is still on the radar.

WOCRC homework club on Tues and Thurs starts tomorrow. NO fee, open until 5:00pm.

Breakfast program begins next week.

Extracurriculars: Games day twice a week, Chess club on Fridays, many sports opportunities

Band Trip - June 13-15

Arrowhead trip- June 4-6 with Mrs. Massie and Mr. Grey

Suggestion from Neville: having students write down anonymous submissions to deposit in box in classroom. Leo (student) supports KCrew from a student perspective.

Q from Carla regarding Cyber bullying. Has there been an increase? Her child advised her that they spent 45 minutes talking about cyber bullying. Chantal advised that an incident did occur.

Jeff was aware and assured the group that all is under control, and not unusual. Jeff spoke with the students and noted that the timestamps on some of the emails coincided with class time. Q from Carla. The next council meeting cannot take place in the library due to the book fair. The meeting will be moved to the staff room.

Request from Carol and CES: their warm clothes program is looking for donations of gently used or new hats, mitts, scarves, socks, and snow pants. These can be dropped off in the office at CES.

Special note: CES will be having their holiday movie night and charity event on December 8th.

#### 6. Teacher's Report - Kim Esdaile

High School transition sessions are being booked for Canterbury and Earl. Also to be discussed at skilled trades and pathways.

Mrs. Quirk is heading to the Beaverbrook library, and would also like to thank the following volunteers for their effort in the library and photocopy room.

Megan Venner, Jennifer Guerra, Michelle Rodrigue, Sasha LowenCook

A big thank you to Mr. Grey who stepped up to help with sports and intramurals.

Mr. Hamm is coordinating the Remembrance Day assembly on Friday Nov 10th. He is looking for any families that might have a military member that would like to speak.

#### 8. OCASC - written submission from Ian Urbach

Popcorn update

Ian's Notes for Council Meeting – Oct 25th.

Once again I apologize for not being able to make it tonight in advance.

(I am working out some arrangements to hopefully be available for upcoming meetings)

Popcorn Update:

1st Popcorn day went very well.

We are pretty much doing our own thing, just shared dates with CES, otherwise we are working separately, with offer to help out each other if needed.

Only a couple of small issues with deliveries, no issues with last minute class changes (thank you again to office staff – very helpful getting new classes sorted out)

Laurie Giroux (parent volunteer) is up to speed on delivery and sales will be in for Nov. 10th day (Laurie has offered to do many of the dates/ with me filling in. I need to take time off work to be at school for delivery time.. Very helpful thanks again Laurie)

Walk up sales of approx. 20 bags

Hope to provide a better breakdown for next meeting on sales / and lost sales / grades buying etc..

Bruce Gray is ordering thru council pre sold/ popcorn for upcoming Halloween dance (Ian placing order on Friday Oct 27th – Funds going to students fundraiser- Claudette in loop)

Some left over popcorn from first day – will make available to Bruce Gray for walk ups if he wants/ rest will go towards Nov. 10th

## OCASC Update – 19th October Meeting

\*\* I took our membership cheque to meeting but forgot to print out registration form prior to meeting and they had run out of printed copies

\*\* Asked to hang on to cheque and bring both in for next meeting- many others doing the same thing)

Was actually able to attend pretty much entire meeting due to change of work schedule.

New E-board working out process / still looking for a treasurer and a Membership Chair

Secondary School broke off after meeting started to elect E-Board ( will decide in future if they will continue to meet with Elementary group or have their own meetings)

Talk It Up Session will be changing to an online format

–help with quicker response to questions and sharing of ideas

Pro Grant 82 Schools received yearly grant

New Facebook group is being updated / Ian joined to keep in the loop

- this is a public forum/ private group being formed as well shortly

Nov 18th Parent Conference – Info on board website under Parent Portal Tab – suggest we look at seminars and perhaps send a couple of representatives to cover off anything we are interested in (I believe I am unavailable have to work at this point, but may change)

Special Presentation from Michele Giroux and Dave Miller

– New Board Website – which will update all schools websites as well

– KES and many others will be off line until Oct 30th

Will this website update be better than last update? – Concern from board and developers to make this a better easier and more functional tool.

- Bayview P.S is up and running if you want to see an example of a new school site.

–Spoke to Jeff briefly this morning – he is trying out new website/ still lots to learn

–Parent Council positive points ( all aspects to be worked out with Principal)

- Parent Portal - School Cash Online – Payment for field trips and council hot lunch programs.

(According to one school rep- they use it works amazing)

- Potential also for Field Trip forms to be processed this way as well.

- Link under School Council to our Site or place spot (See Bayview PS)

Board Site will also be key locator for Board Notifications – Snow Days etc.

Also School site will have specific info for parents concerning personal school ( ie Glebe situation last week)

Also a link to a School Council Funds Management Guide – I made a note about this to look into. ( I forget details on this/ have inquired to Michelle Giroux's team to give me a refresher on this topic)

Board also developing a Board APP for smart Phones – means of communication (better form of alerts/cinder voice) - Online by January I believe..

Dave Miller then gave a quick update and took questions on the IT situation in schools and goals for the board on providing the tools and means for schools and students and teachers to be able to work more efficiently in a on-line world. (Tech Tubs/ Board goal to have a 4:1 ratio of student to device in 4 years)

Chalk it Up Segment Postponed to next meeting –due to interest from group on Website questions.

9. Book Fair : set up will be the evening of the 21st of November. Julie Qi has stepped up to be the coordinator during the day.

10. PRO night: Our grant was approved for \$1000.00. Teacher input is required in order to plan the evening. How can we as families, support our kids in everyday math/numeracy? Getting kids confident with numbers is essential. It was suggested that we have a “games night” that can link mathematics to different games. Choosing a night in February was proposed. There are a team of teachers that might be interested in helping. Mrs. Quirk, Mrs. Massie, Mrs. Brown. Jeff will check with the teachers to see which night in February is best, taking into consideration the ski trip. Once a date has been selected, Council will reach out to parents to form a committee to help organize the evening.

11. New Business : none

12. Adjournment : 8:50pm

Next Meeting : November 22, 2017 - Staff room at 7:00pm