

Katimavik Elementary School Council Minutes
Wednesday, February 28th, 2018

Attendance:

Teri MacDonald, Claudette Nyenhuis, Carol Mothersill, Carla Backmeier, Glen Ashworth, Neville Smith, Jennifer Guerra, Stephanie Nasmith, Laura Quirk, Chantal Kaye, Leah Laframboise, Sheila Ball, Jeff Gervais

1. Welcome: 7:05 p.m.
2. Agenda – added Entrepreneurial Presentation by 2 grade 7 students, removed OCASC
3. Minutes from January 24th, 2018 approved : Carla and Claudette

4. . Principal's Report: Jeff Gervais

Hand Washing Only Signs – Schools have water tested for lead every year. While water fountains, bathrooms and areas where food is prepared get tested other areas that are not tested will get a Hand Washing Only sign.

OCDSB 2018 Capital Priorities – There is a manual outlining the capital projects for the school board. It was recently announced that Fernbank will get a new school that should ease the overcrowding at John Young School in Glen Carin. A link is available on the Board's website. They are looking for feedback.

Winter Activity Days – The 2 winter activity days went very well. Thanks to all the parent volunteers for the ski trip. Bruce Grey and Mme Leclerc organized the winter activities at the school. The pencil crayon lady went over well again this year.

Improve with Improve – All grades over 2 days participated in the 100 minute workshops that were held in the library.

Grade 7 Valentine Evening – The Grade 7 were awesome and carried out their responsibility very well. The evening was a lot of fun. The skating went well and there were 15 who took part in the paint class. The evening raised \$1000 for Arrowhead trip.

Staff Updates –

Kim Esdaile, our Learning Support Teacher (LST), is now working as a Learning Support Consultant at the board office.

Lisa Baker who taught the Intermediate Learning Disabilities Program moved into the Learning Support Teacher position. Lisa will continue to work with Natalie Ramsden, our Learning

Resource Teacher. Lisa Baker has a lot of special education experience and has worked as a LST in the past.

Joanna Ritchie, who was part-time at KES, is teaching the Intermediate Learning Disabilities Program.

The 40% vacancy is being filled by Nancy Reid for Math and Science.

Jeff is already doing staffing for next year and will have more details at a future council meeting.

Twoonie Tuesday – Twoonie Tuesday was held on February 27th, 2018 and raised \$502. For Valentine’s Day, the students sold Candy Grams raising another \$270 that will also go towards Twoonie Tuesday. School Council agreed to match the fund raising amount up to \$450. The grand total for Twoonie Tuesday is \$1222.

School Assembly – On Thursday morning, March 8, 2018 there will be school assembly with the Grade 3s from Castlefrank coming over. One activity will be the pie in the face to the principal for the school that raised the less funds on Twoonie Tuesday.

5. Entrepreneurial Adventure

Esmé and Emma, grade 7 students, did a presentation called “Katimavik Mission Support Team - Budget Proposal”. They asked the council for \$200 to fund material for their fund raiser to support the Ottawa Mission. The fund raiser that will take place on April 18th, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. will include a book sale, an art sale and sale of a cookbook. The cookbook will include recipes from the Grade 7 class. During the presentation the students mentioned that they would also hold a “Pay and Play” and be selling gum. If they didn’t use the money for the supplies (i.e. canvas, gum) all extra money would be donated to the Ottawa Mission. They hope to raise \$1000.

School Council made the motion at the last council meeting to set aside \$300. Council told the students that the extra funds could be donated to the Ottawa Mission.

6. Teacher’s Report: Laura Quirk

Thank You - Mr. Grey would like to thank council for all their support for the Valentine’s Day Event.

Another thank you to Jennifer Guerra, Andrea and Rebecca Leclair who helped to clean out the library room.

A big Thank You to the Joe and all of the ice rink volunteers!

There is a bin in the portable that has used ice skates and helmets for kids that don’t have (or who forgot) their skates. If parents have any skates or helmets that are no longer needed you can donate them to the school.

Track and Field Ribbons – Mme Ramsden would like to purchase ribbons again for track and field. \$200 has already been set aside by Council.

Phys-Ed Equipment – Mr. Wong has been organizing the phys-ed equipment and he has been finding some treasures such as King Ball. This equipment has probably been thanks to Council so it is good to see it in use again.

Learning Common – The library is being cleaned-up with removal of books to have an interactive centre in one half of the library. They are looking to get some new furniture and more tech hubs. The existing computers in the library are no longer supported.

Computers – Every teacher at KES was given a portable laptop.

7. Treasurer's Report

Last month Claudette mentioned that there was too much money in the budget that was attributed to not clearing out the Scholastic amount. Jeff has been given a cheque for the sale of hot dogs that was split between Arrowhead and the Grade 8 Band trips.

There is \$400 above the year-end budget target.

School council received a cheque for the rink maintenance in February but \$1000 is still owing.

Everything else is status quo.

8. PRO night: Math Family Game Night

The date has been set for Tuesday, May 8th, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:30. Laura Quirk and Mme Massie are looking at what games to purchase. Heather Massie has an inspirational video on the new math rage by Joe Boaler that will be shown at the beginning of the evening.

It was agreed that Laura and Heather should pick 10 games up to \$1000.

9. New Business:

Ice Rink – The Katimavik Hazeldeen Community Association has a new president. It is the Katimavik Hazeldeen Community Association who is the sponsor for the rink and we are the operator. It was learned that every year the Association holds back some money but has, in the past, given KES a cheque for \$2760 (the city gives the Association \$2946). The Association has provided KES with a cheque for \$1760 but still owes KES \$1000. At this point it is unclear if the Association will release the 2nd portion. When the new president asked the city what is required to release the funds they indicated that an expense report was required. The city does

not audit the money but they do a site inspection to ensure that the rink is up and running. The Association is indicating that there is a \$500 deductible on insurance that they Association would like to hold back. Joe is completing his report for the rink and has written up a letter to go with it. There have been 240 hours in volunteer hours for the rink this season.

Claudette ask what Council would like to do. The Council indicated that we would like to have the money that was expected for this year. Currently, the sponsor only fulfills one duty and us, the operator, has taken care of the rest. If the Association would like School Council to continue for next year we want to know how much money will be provided and any agreement will need to be in writing.

TD Park People Grants – Teri applied for the grant on behalf of KES. It is a grant for \$2000 that needs to be spent on 3 events that ties into the community. By June 2018 we will have completed two, the Valentine Evening and the Community BBQ.

10. Adjournment: 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 28th, 2018 in the library