

Minutes Jan 24, 2018
Katimavik School Council

Attendance: Teri MacDonald, Claudette Nyenhuis, Tiffany Smith, Neville Smith, Xiang Sun, Jeff Gervais, Kim Esdaile, Carla Backmeier, Glen Ashworth, Stephanie Nasmith, Megan Venner, Chantal Kaye, Leah Laframboise, Sheila Ball

1. Welcome. Meeting called to order: 7:00pm.
2. Approval of agenda. Under other business add: Ice rink, and Milk
3. Approval of minutes from Nov 22, 2017- Teri and Claudette
4. **Chair's report - Leah Laframboise**

Valentine's Day Event: Jennifer and Bruce will meet on Friday to discuss event and send out volunteer requests via sign up genius. There will be 3 Zumba instructors with an international flare, doing 14 songs. Xiang will bring a speaker and there will be a reminder to bring indoor shoes.

Carol, Apple Basket Program: The program is going very well, and there are only a few dates in May and June available.

Carol had a question regarding the ski trip, that was submitted via Leah. Why is it that only parents who can volunteer both days were selected? Jeff will follow up with the teachers involved and verify. There might be some confusion about volunteers who would like to attend on their own, and those who are required to be on the bus for ratio. Jeff will get back to Carol with the information.

5. Principal's Report - Jeff Gervais

Ski trip / Winter Activity Days : 210 skiing and 120 remaining at school
Bruce Gray and Mary Leclerc will organize the winter activity days. Activities will vary depending on weather. There will be a Pencil Crayon workshop, and similar events as last year. Jeff will collect a fee of \$5 per student to cover costs.

It is a busy time for teachers. Report cards go home Feb 14, IEPs the week after.
The grade 8s will be going by bus to Earl for a grade 9 orientation.

Wish list items: Rocks and Rings in December, Scientists in the school, and other initiatives are in the planning stages.

Student Well Being/Wellness: Details in Jeff's newsletter

At the end of Feb, all students will participate in a workshop "Improve with Improv" that helps students with conflict resolution. This fits in with the "Zones of Regulation", the "WITS" and the "LEADS" programs. They are designed to give students the tools necessary to deal with conflict resolution.

“Mailbox” - After receiving feedback from the KCrew, Jeff has installed a mailbox where students can leave anonymous notes. These notes can be suggestions, or things they like, and can be anonymous or signed.

All staff has been trained on “Safe Talk”. This is alertness training to be suicide alert helpers. It is designed to identify kids who are in need of help. Jeff and Kim have received additional training on how to escalate the situation if necessary.

Camp Arrowhead and the Band Trip are proceeding and information nights have taken place.

Jeff made a special announcement: Mary Leclerc will be retiring after 30 years at KES!

Occasional teachers: There are province wide problems with the call out system. We now have a D.O.T. A Designated Occasional Teacher. Danielle Szelar is with us 3 days a week. She is shared between CES, Glencairn and KES. If she is not required to replace a teacher who is absent, she gets to remain at KES for the day as extra support.

6. Teacher’s Report - Kim Esdaile

Valentine’s Day extravaganza: Bruce Gray will be responsible for the collection of all money raised on Feb 14. He is asking parents to make sure that we have covered all bases and ensure that we have communicated the event successfully to the Katimavik and Castlefrank school communities.

EF7A - Entrepreneurial Venture to support the Ottawa Mission. They will be hosting an Art and Used Book sale. A formal request for funding will be presented to Council soon. In the event that they need the funds between now and the next meeting, there was a motion to set aside \$300.00 of our outreach money to support their effort. Motion by Teri, seconded by Carla, all in favour. A formal presentation by the group requesting the funds will still be made to Council.

There are Basketball and Volleyball intramural events taking place.

A thank you to the teachers involved for supporting the events, and for enlisting the services of the Intermediate students to help referee and mentor the Junior students. This is a great opportunity for all students.

Mr. Touabi is hosting a Computer Coding Club for the Juniors.

There is an Intermediate Math Club supported by Mrs. Esdaile. They will be competing in the University of Waterloo, Gauss competition.

Mrs. Quirk has been purging the library of old books. There are new shelves in the Literacy room, and the Math manipulatives have been organized and labeled.

Mrs. Reid is organizing “Candy Grams”. They will be .50 cents each and %100 of the proceeds will go towards the Education Foundation. There will be a table set up in the hallway where students can purchase the candy grams for delivery on Valentine's day.

Chrysalis house sent us a lovely thank you letter.

7. Treasurer's Report - Claudette Nyenhuis

The cheque for Rink Maintenance has not yet been received. Claudette has sent an email to follow up with the City.

A cheque was received from Grillmaster for profits from last years Festival. Half has been shared with CES.

\$300.00 profit from school clothing orders.

We have money left in our community outreach line item. We have spent \$700 to date. We allocated \$300 tonight for the Ottawa Mission project. We have \$450 remaining.

Motion by Megan, seconded by Leah, all in favour: School Council will match the amounts collected on Toonie Tuesday and the money collected from Candy Grams, upto \$450.

Toonie Tuesday - Feb 27, 2018. Last year the grade 3s from CES came over to KES for a pie throwing competition. CES now has a new principal - Sara Pope. It was mentioned that last year, the grade 3s really enjoyed the outing, and that they especially enjoyed the presentation by KES staff regarding all of the extracurricular activities they can enjoy when the transition to KES.

8. OCASC Report - Ian Urbach

Ian submitted via email, read by Leah, the following report.

OCASC met on January 18th

I arrived about 50 mins late , at that point Mike Carson from the board was in the middle of his presentation on liquating board properties and how the process works.

Discussion on process for liquidating surplus properties (unconfirmed about 7 or 8 properties coming up)

Mike Carson could not confirm all the properties, report coming out shortly (DA Moodie, and an empty lot out near Munster I believe are the closest to us)

Lots of questions in terms of the revenue that is gathered and selling price of properties, not much revealed at meeting

Interesting discussion as the same day there was the news release about the new Stittsville H.S. plans.

Mike's next topic was on **School Council Funds management**

- The board is perhaps changing how school council funds are managed due to some unfortunate issues with a couple of councils
- Report coming out in February (expected just prior to next OCASC) expected to be a big topic of discussion,
- Board maybe forcing school councils to use school bank accounts

- Likely take 2 years to implement
- Most other boards already do this apparently
- This will affect mostly bookkeeping and banking
- Principals are supposed to be briefed , don't know if Jeff is up to date or not yet.
- ** I have some paperwork that I can bring with me if I make it or scan for later distribution if people are interested

Small presentation by Algonquin College recruiting team

- Trying to get students to start thinking about post-secondary options College or University
- Algonquin is working hard at creating open house days to show programs (first was last weekend) others will be posted on website.

Committee is looking ahead to future meetings and what the OCASC could provide for meetings

- Working on a Pro Grant application process night (do's and don'ts)
- Potential community partners (looking for ideas)

A discussion took place regarding the possible changes to the way the Council does banking. Jeff has not received any information about the possible changes to the banking procedure. Jeff assured the Council that no matter what changes occur, we can continue to approve spending as a Council, with the support of the School administration.

9. PRO Night - Leah Laframboise

Laura Quirk and Heather Massie - Math contacts for the evening.

We are planning a "Game Night" to encourage Numeracy. We could then use the games in a "lending library" type scenario. We are looking at a possibility of 120 attending.

Leah will approach Heather and Laura with some possible dates: April 10,11,12, 17, 18, 19.

10. New Business

Ice Rink - Claudette

We are in need of volunteers for February. Teri will update the blog, Leah will update the facebook page. Contact: Katimavik_rink@live.ca

Joe will be looking for a mentor for next year.

Milk - Neville

There were some issues with milk that had gone bad, the first week back at school. Some students reported receiving bad milk. It seems to be ok right now. If your child has an issue with the milk, please report the issue to the teacher so that we can address the situation.

11. Adjournment - 8:50 pm.

Next meeting: Feb 28, 2018

