

Katimavik School Council Minutes
Wednesday, March 29, 2018 7:00pm

Attendance: Teri MacDonald, Leah Laframboise, Claudette Nyenhuis, Chantal Kaye, Jeff Gervais, Laura Quirk, Carla Backmeier, Carol Mothersill, Xiang Sun, Sheila Ball, Megan Venner, Ian Urbach

1. Welcome: 7:00pm
2. Approval of Agenda: Teri and Claudette
3. Approval of minutes from February 28 meeting: Teri and Leah

4. Chair's Report: Leah Laframboise

There were a few KES parents that attended the Katimavik Hazeldean Community Association (KHCA) meeting. The rink arrangement will continue as is. We will be the "operator" and will receive the funds from the KHCA minus \$100.00 administration fee.

The Teacher Luncheon will be May 10. The Barista has been confirmed. The menu will be determined. Leah will send out a sign up genius.

5. Principal's Report: Jeff Gervais

Toonie Tuesday - \$2265.00 was raised by CES and KES. Overall a total of \$63 000.00 was raised, and 130 schools participated. The CES grade 3s came over to KES for the assembly.

Upcoming planning - Jeff has received the staffing numbers for next school year. By the April council meeting, he thinks he will have a staff list ready to share. In mid May, the class lists will be created. Jeff will invite parents to share any concerns or requests by the end of April via email.

EQAO - May 22-25 and May 28-30

Guest speaker - Chris DSouza on April 5. He will talk about Human Rights, Inclusion, Equity, Gender Identities and Inclusive Clubs.

Beading and Math Initiative - 4 teachers are being trained. A few classes will be participating. It is a pilot project for now.

Medicine Pouches - the kids learned some excellent sewing skills and were very engaged.

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Parent School Climate Survey - coming soon. Jeff will email parents around the end of April. The survey will be out in May. The board is looking for parent feedback. Jeff asked the Council if we had any ideas for a specific question. Megan suggested something to do with Bullying and

Xiang suggested something to do with “anger management”. Jeff did mention that the kids have been going through the “zones of regulation” to help with anger issues. They will also be introducing some new strategies: WITS and LEADS programs. They are looking at connecting parents, kids and teachers so that a common language is used.

Technology Integration - The Board is trying to simplify and integrate all forms of communication: Email, Twitter, Synervoice, website. There will be an APP (coming soon) that you can download, that has all of the communication options in one spot. There will also be a way to link up school council websites. It will be a “one stop shopping” for parents.

School cash online - a program that allows parents to pay for school related activities and items on line, will be introduced shortly. Jeff will roll out the program slowly. To help introduce the program to parents, the first step will be to simply register. More details to come as we get closer to launch date.

6. **Teacher’s Report: Laura Quirk**

Thank you to school council and parents for your effort and support. Thank you to the parents organizing the Grade 8 leaving ceremony.

Math teachers - “**Number Talks**” will be starting after Easter. The teachers use this program 10 min every day in order to help with speed, accuracy, and strength.

JR - Basketball and the Intermediate - Badminton

The intermediate Math Olympics meets in the library to practice every morning recess.

The Public Health Nurse, Carrie Innes, was in the school last week to deliver health classes. Positive feedback from students and parents.

Laura: **Equity and Inclusiveness** - Many kids wait until they are in grade 9 to come out. Why is this? Safety issue? Are kids worried about bullying? A few kids have approached Mrs. Quirk about developing a club at school that focuses on Equity and Inclusiveness. Jeff mentioned that there is an “inclusive kit” that can be made available. Please reach out to Laura Quirk if you have any ideas or suggestions.

Track and Field committee: requesting \$350.00 from council to paint the track and field lines. To be discussed under Treasurer report.

Math Game Night: May 8, 2018

There will be 2 classrooms in each wing, each wing with the identical set of games. 45 min and then you would switch wings. There will be 5 different games in each wing to play. A big **Thank you to Laura Quirk and Heather Massie** for all that they are doing for Math Night!

Learning Commons:

Megan and Rebecca weeded through all of the books. Teachers were offered the chance to go through the discarded books to take any books that they wanted back to their classrooms.

7. Treasurer Report - Claudette Nyenhuis

Motion to pay for line painting \$350.00, Claudette. Seconded by Megan, all in favor.
1 NSF cheque for the second payment for the school lunch options.

8. OCASC Report - Ian Urbach

The Parent Council banking consultation process has been delayed. There were many opinions as to how OCASC should be involved in the process. There are approximately 150 schools in the Board, of which several bank through the Board.

There are several Facebook posts daily on the OCASC page. Any parent can request to receive updates from OCASC. Ian will keep an eye on the posts and report back to the KES Council if anything looks interesting and applicable.

The popcorn program is going well, and Ian is pleased with the customer service from Kernels.

9. PRO Night - May 8 -

Covered under Teacher's report.

10. New Business

Grade 8 leaving ceremony. 41 students confirmed and paid. Expecting a few more in the next week. That should bring the total to 45 students. The number of parent chaperones has not yet been determined. That amount will depend on the number of students that confirm.

11. Adjournment: 9:05 pm.

Next meeting: April 25, 2018

