

Katimavik Elementary School Council Minutes
Wednesday, November 22nd, 2017

Attendance:

Teri MacDonald, Claudette Nyenhuis, Carol Mothersill, Carla Backmeier, Deirdre Mander, Kim Esdaile, Glen Ashworth, Neville Smith, Tiffany Smith, Jennifer Guerra, Leah Laframboise, Xiang Sun, Sheila Ball, Jeff Gervais

1. Welcome: 7:08 p.m.
2. Agenda – no changes were required
3. Minutes from October 25th, 2017 approved : Neville and Tiffany

4. Chair's Report: Leah Laframboise

School Spirit Clothing - The school spirit wear has been ordered. 133 pieces of clothing were ordered. Delivery is expected before Christmas. Jennifer offered to help Leah sort the clothing into classes when it arrives. There will be a small profit from the sales.

Apple Basket Initiative - The Apple Basket Initiative is getting underway. Carol has a blog post that she will provide to Jeff to send out through Synervoice. The signup genius is also ready. We will try it until the end of December to see if there is sufficient interest. If there is, it will continue in the New Year. Carol has mentioned that apples or any other fruit (i.e. oranges, bananas, clementines) in season can be donated and dropped off at the office. The lunch monitors will distribute the fruit – one basket in the junior wing and one in the intermediate wing.

Book Fair - The Book Fair is underway at KES. There was over \$2,000 in sales today. Another book fair coordinator will be needed for next year. Or a book fair committee can be formed. Carol will let Castlefrank know that a coordinator is required for next year.

Outreach – Claudette put a motion forward to donate \$200 to the Snowsuit Fund and \$500 to the Kanata Food Cupboard. Neville second the motion and no one was opposed.

Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony – The Holiday Inn for the evening dinner/dance portion has been booked for June 27th, 2018. No deposit is required at this point unless they get another inquiry for that date. The Earl of March prom is June 30th, 2018 so there is no conflict with our date chosen.

Community Festival – The Community Festival will be held at Castlefrank on June 20th, 2018. Grillmaster and Circus Delights have been booked.

5. Principal's Report: Jeff Gervais

Parent Teacher Interviews – The parent-teacher interviews are happening on Thursday evening (November 23rd) and Friday morning. This year the school went with a school wide on-line booking system (“katimavik.youcanbook me”. While the rotary teacher weren't included it was possible the type them in. The feedback around the table was very positive concerning the on-line booking system. Please forward any feedback to Jeff.

K-Crew - a team of students that Jeff meets with 2 times a month and act as a Principal advisory committee to allow Jeff the opportunity to hear the student voice. Jeff provides some guiding topics for discussion as well as time for wide open communication. He plans to give staff a summary of what was shared during the meeting.

Before School Breakfast Program – The breakfast program has been going for a few weeks and is being coordinated by one of the lunch monitors. They have been inviting kids and it is run out of the staff room. While it is not advertised they will not turn kids away.

Remembrance Day Ceremony – Rob Hamm coordinated the Remembrance Day Ceremony that was student lead with student performances on November 10th, 2017.

Grade 7 – The grade 7s had a Healthy Transitions workshop and their vaccinations will be on Friday, November 17th, 2017.

Treaty Week – Treaty Week was held in the school 2 weeks ago.

Bulling Awareness Week - Andrew Thorpe brought Cody Coyote, a First Nations hip hop artist and motivational speaker to speak to the school about his experience with bullying, resiliency and self-belief. It was well received by the students.

Ski Trip – The permission forms for the ski trip have been sent home this week and it is expected that everything will be in place before Christmas and ready to go in January. For the students remaining at the school there will be winter activities on the sky days (February 8th and 15th) that is being coordinated by Bruce Gray and Mme Leclerc. The pencil crayon lady has been booked for one of the days.

Spirit Days – Spirt Days are being coordinated by Lisa Baker.

Police Checks – Police Checks are required for parent volunteers on the Arrowhead and Grade 8 Band trips.

6. Teacher's Report: Kim Esdaile

FNMI – As Jeff mentioned the presentation by Cody Coyote was well received.

Indigenous Proverbs – Mme Hart has put Indigenousness proverb on the wall near the library. More will be added in coming weeks.

Partnership with a Nunavut School – the grade 7s are preparing pen pal letters to be sent to a school in Nunavut.

High School Transition – Some of the activities include:

- International Baccalaureate Program at Colonel By High School: November 22 & 23 at 7:00pm
- Skilled Trades Programs at Sir Guy Carleton: December 7 at 6:30pm
- Arts Programs at Canterbury High School: December 6 at 7:00 pm
- Earl of March High School: Date will be given later

Ribbons – Natalie Ramsden asked if school council would fund \$200 on ribbons for track and field. Jennifer put a motion to spend up to \$200 on ribbons. Carla seconded it and none were opposed.

Tennis – It was confirmed that there would once again be free tennis lessons for the Juniors.

Wonder – The Grades 4, 5 and 6 will be going to see the movie "Wonder" on December 5th, 2017. The students will be bused to the cinema.

Thank You – Laura Quirk would like to thank all who helped clean up the photocopy room. Thanks to Teri McDonald and Carol Mothersil for photocopying all the Wonder permissions forms.

Toy Drive – The Junior Team is meeting to discuss the upcoming Toy Drive in the school.

Lodge – The Juniors are running a lodge as part of a friendly competition.

7. Treasurer's Report: Claudette Nyenhuis

Two of the three NSF cheques have been recovered.

The invoice has been received from Lunch Lady for the hot dog sales. \$662 will go to support the band trip and \$662 will go to support the Arrowhead trip.

We are spending what was approved at last council meeting in October 2017.

8. OCASC: written submission from Ian Urbach

Ian dropped of the OCASC membership fees cheque at the Board Office. Ian wasn't able to attend the OCASC meeting on November 16th, 2017. Sara Brearey from Castlefrank Elementary School did attend.

Mike Carson, CFO, spoke about Board Finances. There will be a review of the school council financial process towards recommending that school councils bank through their school. Consultations are planned for the New Year. Currently, KES School Council has banking services apart from the school. There was an update from the Gifted Advisory Committee regarding have a Universal Program of Giftedness. OCASC has filled most of their positions but there are still some positions to be filled. There will be no meeting in December. Ian has signed up to the OCASC Facebook as there is good information available there.

Popcorn Day on November 10th went well. The next one is December 8th.

9. PRO night:

A finalized date has not yet to be determined. It will be at the end of February. Heather Massie will come up with the date and decided what the math centered evening will look like. Carol Mothersill noted that Castlefrank's PRO night is February 21, 2018 with a snow date set for February 28th.

11. New Business:

Zuma – Xiang Sun has offered to do a free Zumba lesson in the New Year that could be done as a possible fundraiser for Arrowhead. Xiang will provide a proposal for Jeff and the logistics for the evening will be worked out at a later time. It was suggested that the 3rd or 4th week in January may be a good time to have it.

12. Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 24, 2018 in the library