

Katimavik School Council
Monthly Meeting Agenda
Thursday, April 24, 2014 – 1900 – School Library

1. Welcome
 - a. Called to order at 1905
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve agenda by **Teri MacDonald**, seconded by **Carla Backmeier**.
3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting
 - a. Motion to approve minutes of the last meeting by **Kathleen Reid** and seconded **Carla Backmeier**.
4. Chair's Report Claudette Nyenhuis
 - a. CES/KES Community Festival – Wed, June 11: Another planning meeting was held this past Tuesday. Volunteer signup genius sheets are online.
 - b. Scholastic Book Fair – April 28-May2: All is underway, looking for volunteers still.
 - c. Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon – Wed, May 21: Chantal Kaye has made beautiful invitations and work is well underway.
 - d. PRO Grant: Parents Reaching Out, grants are available if there is someone willing to take this on. It is a \$1000 grant available to put on speakers for parents to bring them into the school. One suggestion is to have someone to come in and teach math the way the kids are being taught, or technology or other issues. Deadline is May 15th. Mme Viel has offered to show the parent volunteer what is needed to be done.
 - e. Meeting with Christine Boothby:
 - i. Council chairs had a meeting with School Board Trustee Christine Boothby. Big thing on the agenda was the bell times and hazards review. The Board is looking for feedback. Parents can view all the maps for all the schools and see the information on line. Claudette encourages parents to look at the maps, even if their child is currently bussed. There may be impact on families that they are not expecting. Once the decision is made, it will be final. There is some concern the maps are not accurate so parent review is even more important. The public consultation for this area is June 21st from 9 to 11am at Holy Trinity High School.
 - ii. Extended day care program: The Y program will be open to anyone from grade 4 to 6.
 - iii. Play structures: The school board does provide up to \$7500, you can also get grants from the city up to \$7500. She had some resources for schools looking to replace school structures. Katimavik is not currently looking to replace its play structures.
5. Principal's Report Wendy Jewell/Harry DeRoo
 - a. Tell Them for Me survey: Results were on par with Canadian norms. 80% of students reported a high sense of belonging. Students reported slightly less than national average on watching TV and slightly higher in reading books.

- i. Found two primary areas, grade 6 girls and grade 4 boys that need some attention to how the school can help them feel more a part of the school community and help them feel safer.
 - ii. Much higher than the norm was students reporting an intent to go to college or university (78% versus 68%).
 - iii. Survey still open to parents until the end of April. Link will be posted again on the blogs.
 - iv. Harry reports the survey was really great to learn what makes the school tick and help them get a bigger picture of the environment.
- b. Y program registrations for next year are ready
- c. Sand Area at the school has been damaged. There is a proposal to replace it with asphalt. If there is a desire to keep it as a sand area or if there is another proposal for the space, there can be discussions around this.
- d. The 30 year old curtains that remain in the building have been taken out and are being replaced with blinds.
- e. Synervoice (automated voice message service) will be more accessible to elementary schools. There will be a review of how the school uses the system and the possibilities it opens.
- f. Education Week: There is a lot of work underway in the school to make the student work available for display with parents.
- g. Breakfast program: it is underway at the school. It is run by a volunteer who makes the menus, prepares the meal and works with students. The volunteer has left suddenly. A new volunteer is needed as soon as possible. Forty kids currently access the program.
- h. Leadership: Wendy admits an error she made by not presenting a wrap up of the school budget to the parent council last year and apologizes. She gave an oral version reporting that when she came to the school four years ago there was a deficit and is pleased to report there is a balanced budget this year.
- i. The principal reports that both she and Harry deRoo will continue in their positions next year.
- j. The school purchased 63 Chromebooks, they are laptops but the only functionality they have is to work on the internet, it is run through the school system so there is no access to Facebook and other social media. Students log on with their Google accounts and can access all their google docs, etc. The numbers break down so that there are three per class. The school is moving more and more towards using google accounts so that it works on all devices and so that teachers can access accounts. There is a lot of thought around finding creative ways to use it. New technologies are not intended to replace traditional learning devices but to augment teaching. Wendy says the school is really learning as they go and trying new ways to use technology both for communication among educators and in the classroom.
- k. School organization: there will be 18 classes; that is a reduction of 5 classes. Don't know yet about portable allocations, technically all the classes can fit in the school but there are two rooms that are too small for a class to fit comfortably. Projected

enrollment is 409. Teaching staff will be 25.1 and 1.5 admin staff and 1.5 office staff. Library allocation may well reduce from 0.5 to 0.4.

- l. Wendy reports she is incredibly impressed with the learning results taking place this year and the work around issues and issue based learning.
 - m. March 7 PD Day: Took two students from each class and gave them questions around a Bring your Own Device policy. Each student had to develop a position from a student perspective about the policy. One group made a movie, others made power point presentations, and another did a mock TV interview. On the PD day the staff reviewed this and plan to present portions of this to the parents.
 - n. Grade 7/8 class won an Ontario Hydro contest and won \$1000. Students are planning to buy iPads for the class.
6. Teacher's Report Kim Esdaile
- a. Next week is the dance program Luv to Groove, teachers will be sending a message to parents about when they can come observe the students.
 - b. Thanked the parent council on behalf of teachers for getting the live performance of The Last Drop. The juniors and the grade threes saw this.
 - c. Battery drive was hugely successful. Over 28,000 batteries came in.
 - d. Jump Rope for Heart event is coming up on May 16th.
7. OCASC Report Teri MacDonald
- a. May 15th is the AGM of OCASC. The council is looking to fill all the executive positions. Teri encourages new people to consider getting involved with OCASC.
 - b. Connaught Public School will be transitioning to a dual track school in September 2014. There were two representatives from the school who are looking to speak to people who have been through this transition. They are very interested in speaking with KES/CES about the experience. They plan to put together a report of sorts of "best practices" to help future schools make the transition. They haven't been able to find such a document in existence. Email responses to: heath8407@rogers.com
 - c. Discussion around outdoor play structures and other options that would be accessible year round.
 - d. OCASC holding discussions around Bring Your Own Device policies... parents were concerned there were holes around teaching digital citizenship and device security. <http://www.ocdsb.ca/ab-ocdsb/technology/Pages/default.aspx> Draft copy of the OCDSB Technology plan including BYOD (bring your own device) and CYOD (choose your own device)
 - e. Huntley Centennial pilot project with technology... learning environment in school has blossomed, bullying has gone down. Technology was introduced into the classrooms. (Ipads, Chrome books) A parent from the school gave a testimonial about the positive effects on the students. The principal gives monthly technology update at the Council meetings, so parents have the option to stay informed.
 - f. Roch Carrier is having an e-waste fundraiser May 3rd
 - g. Stittsville – upcoming speakers Westwind School 111 Hartsmere Dr. Stittsville Thurs May 1st 7:00pm “Mental Wellness” presented by Lou Macfarlen of Fawg Forest

Therapeutic Farms, Thurs May 15th 7:00pm “Walk a mile in my shoes” presented by the Learning Disabilities Assoc. of Ottawa-Carlton

8. Treasurer’s Report Claudette Nyenhuis
 - a. Report presented. Spending is on track with budget. No major new items to report. Pretty much on target to hitting the projected \$2,000 bank balance at the end of the year.
9. Student Council Report Alex MacDonald/Jenna Reid
 - a. Crazy hair day, April 25, Jersey Day on May 21 and June 17th is Katimavik clothing day.
10. New Business
 - a. Wendy reports that there has been some money because of Katimavik’s designation as a “school in the middle” to provide professional coaching around math instruction so some teachers have been released from classroom duties for extra learning.
11. Adjournment – 2040 pm - Next meeting: Thursday, May 22, 2014