

Katimavik School Council Monthly Meeting

Thursday, Feb 27, 2014 20:00, school library

In Attendance (VM-voting member)

- Claudette Nyenhuis (VM)
- Sheila Ball (VM)
- Kathleen Reid
- Megan Venner (VM)
- Chantal Kaye (VM)
- Irene Jarovzuk (VM)
- Kim Esdaile (VM)
- Harry de Roo
- Kathleen McDonnell (VM)
- Jenna Reid
- Wendy Jewell

Minutes:

1. Welcome Meeting called to order at 2005
2. Motion to approve agenda by **Claudette Nyenhuis**, seconded by **Jenna Reid**. **Motion Carried.**
3. Motion to approve the minutes as printed on the blog by **Jenna Reid**, seconded by **Kathleen McDonnell**. **Motion Carried.**
4. Chair report
 - a. Book fair date to be set by March break
 - b. Teachers luncheon date, Wednesday May 21. Chantal and Teri to organize.
 - c. CES/KES Community Festival on June 12. Looking for committee members. Next meetings Tuesday, March 18th at 9am at the Burbs on Hazeldean Rd.
5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Circulated report for questions. Calls it a good news story, more profits than expected on hot lunches. \$300 set aside for the rink expenses was not needed after all.
 - b. Chair pointed out that after the last meeting and vote by email was conducted and a motion to donate \$300 to the CLIK for the fundraising dinner was passed.
6. Principal's Report
 - a. Survey of school climate going on with students Monday through Thursday. Expect the data within 48 hours.
 - b. Installation of the security key cards on the outside doors is going well. Principal says it has been completely seamless.

- c. Called the CLIK event a fine example of leadership and community events. Sent three students to a conference within the board about leadership. Part of a push to ensure that students have a voice in their own learning.
 - d. Big focus around learning is the school learning plan. That work continues. The teachers have all met within the past few weeks to plan next steps. Each teacher is getting time to do a resource review so as part of the school in the middle funding, everyone is taking 100 minutes to review the bookshelves. Will plan to evaluate afterward to see how valuable this kind of exercise has been.
7. Teacher's Report
- a. Request from Mrs. Irwin for Gauss mathematics contest. Test takes place May 14, 2014. She will be hosting a math club until the test. Asking for \$120 dollars to cover the cost of the test booklets. **Sheila Ball** moved to approve, **Chantal Kaye** seconded. **Motion approved.**
 - b. Teachers wanted to thank council for paying for the Salamander theatre performance in April.
 - c. Rink is being well used, teachers are grateful to be able to use it. Wendy mentioned there were some skates for students to use. It was also noted that the school would be grateful for any skate donations from families to leave for students to use as needed.
 - d. Candy grams raised \$546.50 for the heart and stroke foundation.
 - e. Variety show sign-ups are starting this week.
 - f. Robotics clubs looks like it will have four teams of six. There is an engineering challenge where students are designing a drop (similar to an aid drop). Students have to drop an egg without breaking it.
 - g. Yearbook photo of council to be taken April 24th meeting.
 - h. Question asked about the grade fours. Parent commented that other grades seemed to have a large activity.
 - i. Comment regarding skiing and about girls shying away of the activities because of fear. It was suggested that there be more information and promotion around other options for children who were nervous about the large hills (like tubing and potentially skating). Also a suggestion that three days of skiing might be better for kids who are learning, to help cement their skills.
8. OCASC – The OCASC representative was not able to attend the meeting but chair read from the written report from the OCASC meeting.
- a. OCASC made some decisions about spending some money sitting on the books. \$3000 for updating the website, another \$3000 on speakers and \$1000 for a joint speaker with catholic board.
 - b. School bell review – Katimavik is slated to change to a 915 start time to streamline all the bus routes. The hazard rating review is to help determine busing so it will no longer be just a distance issue. It will be calculated on a points system. Don't assume that just because you were bused in 2013 doesn't mean you will be in 2015, and vice versa. December 2014 the final bell adjustments will go to council. By Feb 2015, we should all have the information. There will be an effort made to have the same driver for am and

pm pick up. Public consultations identifying maps and routes will be available March 3rd. Consultations will be between April and June. The newsletter will be coming with proposed dates and maps. The Castlefrank crossing will no longer be considered a hazard in relation to determining busing eligibility because of the crossing guard. It is recommended that people wishing to speak to the public consultation plans to give the specifics about how the proposed changes will affect families. Feedback must be specific and detailed to be effective. There are detailed recommendations on the OSTA (Ottawa Student Transportation Authority) website about how to submit feedback. Email for feedback is feedback@ottawaschoolbus.ca.

9. New Business

- a. Jenna, student council rep, reports there are a number of spirit days coming up. Valentines Dance was very successful. Student council made a donation to CLIK from Halloween Dance profits. Bake sales have made more than \$800 for CHEO. Students are planning a trip there to see the facility and hear a speaker.
- b. Blog – parent asked about a stationary calendar that updates the main things happening in the near future at the school. Wendy Jewell likes the idea and will look into the idea of how to do that within the blog.

10. Adjournment at 2110. Next meeting Thursday, April 24, 2014.