

Katimavik School Council Meeting
Thursday, January 30th at 7:00pm in K.E.S. Library

Attendance:

* - Non voting member

Claudette Nyenhuis

Jenn Hall

Wendy Jewell *

Dorothy Forsyth *

Carla Backmeier

Alex MacDonald *

Teri MacDonald

Harry DeRoo *

Sheila Ball

Jenna Reid *

Rebecca Leclair

Kathleen Reid *

Kim Jenne *

Megan Forsyth *

Carmen Brubacher

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03pm.
2. Approval of agenda: motioned by Carla, seconded by Rebecca
3. Approval of minutes: motioned by Rebecca seconded by Carla
4. Chair's Report

Rink: There is a desperate need for volunteers to help with the rink. So far this year, Solomon plus 3 other men have run the rink. They are there on Sunday nights from about 9:00 – 10:30 pm to flood the ice. They attempt this 3 times a week, weather dependant. If we would like to continue to have the rink in our school yard, we have to commit soon. Solomon is looking for a replacement coordinator and more volunteers. Please consider sharing some of your time. Katimavik_rink@live.ca

Pizza Day: We are looking for volunteers to help with pizza distribution. One hour, from 1220-1300 once a week. We need at least 3 volunteers, 2 minimum. The same three volunteers have been rotating through (Chantal, Irene, and Claudette) and we are looking for some additional help. We have raised \$12 000 this year on pizza, of which \$3400 was donated back to the community via the Holiday Elves project. (sign up genius link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4CA8A82FA75-katimavik2>)

Pita Day: Friday. Volunteers are needed for a very short time to place pitas on tables, they are already organized per class. (sign up genius link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DABA72AA02-pita>)

CES/KES Community Festival: June 11th 2014. There will be a committee meeting on Tues Mar 18th at 9:00 at The Burbs restaurant on Hazeldean Rd.

Christine Boothby Joint North/ South Kanata meeting: In January Christine had a meeting with all the school council chairs from both North and South Kanata. The changing of **bell times** was discussed. The School Board will get back 90% of the costs of transportation from the Province, if they get a better efficiency rating. OSTA is looking at changing some of the bell times in order to better use buses. Implication for us: CES would continue to have an 8:30 start, and KES would change to 9:15 start and 3:45 finish. This would affect the times that the crossing guards are present, and we need to consider the amount of families that would walk between the two schools. There could be a mix of younger and older kids on the bus. This would be for a Sep 2015 implementation date. They want to hear from the community. feedback@ottawaschoolbus.ca 115 Run changes equates to \$3 392 500.00 in savings. The possibility exists to change meal/break times to better suit the new bell time. This would be up to the staff at the school affected.

The **7/8 extension at Earl of March** is scheduled to be completed for the 2015 school year. Kanata South kids are not included in this addition, they would remain at KES and enter Earl of March in grade 9.

Spring Book Fair: Megan Venner is looking at two possible dates. Apr 28-May 2 and May 5-9. The date is still to be determined, however, it was noted that there are better sales when there are parents in the school. May 5-9 is education week.

Teacher's Luncheon: Possible date May 21,22,23. Looking for a volunteer coordinator.

Earl of March Information Night: Wed Feb 12th at 7:00pm

Feb 27th : Talking to Teens about Sex – for adults only at Earl of March. Presenter: Jocelyn Wentand

5. Principal's Report

WellBeing

A security system with key card access was installed. For students in portables, the doors are programmed to be open during recess, but locked at other times. They have an access card that is to be used. The nursery school door will remain unlocked for now, but a pinpad system will be installed. All traffic should enter the school through the front door. These decisions were all made keeping in mind that there needs to be a balance between providing a welcoming environment, and being secure. The system has been active for one week, and there have been no issues to report.

“Tell them from me Survey” Last year the survey was completed by CES and KES students. The results were forwarded to Wendy. There will be another survey next month. Parents will also be able to participate. A letter will come home next month fully explaining the process.

There were some zone changes for recess time due to the limited sight line in certain areas.

Engagement

Two years ago there was a system wide survey, and the results have now been provided. Wendy has the detailed results for both CES and KES. There are similarities between the two schools. There is a better sense of equity between the two genders, and less of a gap.

Leadership

Budget: The school deficit has changed over the years. It has gone from 45 000 to 29 000 to 24 000 and this year there will be a balanced budget. ARC money has helped balance the budget, and the labour issues last year resulted in some savings due to the limited amount of extra-curricular activities.

Learning

Wendy added a blog post regarding the School Improvement Plan. The definition and criteria for an “issue” was posted in the classrooms. The idea of there being more than one perspective and it is reasonable, is being discussed. How can we be persuasive? What can we do to create something to persuade someone? There will be a big finish during education week.

Closing the gap: Math: Network learning for teachers. Grade 3, 5 and 6 teachers took part in a focus group.

With full day kindergarten starting board wide in the fall, there will also be an Extended Day program. (before and after school program) The board will either provide staff, or use a 3rd party. KES will have an extended day program, but Wendy is not sure if the Y will continue. There is no cap, and the program is offered as long as there is a minimum of 3 students signed up.

Wendy then lead the group in an exercise on “persuasive” thinking. The group had to answer questions about what is “criteria” and “non-criteria”.

6. Teacher’s Report: Wendy Jewell

Mme. Ramsden would like to thank Council for the Puppet Play that we supported. The grade 3 teachers are taking part in the Swim to Survive program. The grade 8s are going to the Earl of March High School on Wednesday.

7. OCASC

OCASC Notes from Jan 23rd meeting

On **Thursday February 27 at 7:00pm, the Earl of March** will be hosting a parent information session on '(How to) Talk to your Kids about Sex'(no kids or teens for this learning event for grown-ups)

www.Scientistsinschool.ca – Hands on workshop that could include parents. This would qualify for a PRO grant.

Trustee Mark Fisher – Cyclical Replacement of Play Structures.

- There is a lot of time being spent by school council raising money for play structures, when their efforts could be spent elsewhere. She also wanted to note that the Board seems to be moving - towards having councils raise less money, and focus efforts in other areas.
- the process to be equitable, so it does not produce a climate of “have” and “have-nots”. A play structure is a big part of a child’s education, and the process needs to be standardized.
- surprised by the removal of their play structure. They would like to see schools notified well in advance of the removal date, so that they can plan for a replacement. There seems to be a disconnect between the inspectors, and the school councils. The School Councils need to know the realistic time frame so that they are not caught off guard.
- a lot of fundraising, and would like to raise the point that there are a lot of long term effects regarding too much fundraising. There is burn out within the community, and there are repercussions to other fundraising needs.
- would like to know if “play stations” would be included in the proposal just like play structures. It was recognized that accessible play structures are more expensive, and Trustee Fisher advised that would be built into the process.
- they could not duplicate any of the structures within a 1.5 km radius. They could not have any of the features that were on those structures.
- would like Trustee Fisher to be prepared for the critics who will say that the play structures can only be used for 4-5 months of the school year is it worth the money?

Marie-Claude Lang – Active Transportation

- Ottawa Public Health would like to encourage students/parents to use “Active Transportation”. Some parent councils have introduced “International Walk to School Day” in Sep/Oct. There is a “Winter Walk to School Day” on Feb 5th, and “Walking/Wheeling Wednesdays”. There are “walking clubs” and “walking school buses”. Resources can be found on the Ottawa Public Health website, and each school has been assigned a public health nurse. The Ottawa Safety Council does pedestrian safety talks.

We are in need of a Secretary and a Communications Officer. (facebook, twitter, social media) To revisit next month.

- Treasurer: current balance \$ 17 000.00 of which \$ 7000.00 is a PRO grant. The allocation of funds will be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Play Structure discussion covered under OCASC update.

9. Student Council update: -Next dance is February 14th

-Richard Perkins is DJing again for us

-Student Council is reimbursing him for the cost of the equipment rental

-Parent council could have a community dance or movie night that night to save on speaker cost.

-Students are choosing the top ten songs again and student council has a different way of running that contest which is moving along nicely.

10. Treasurer’s Report – Claudette

The forecast for hot lunches was reduced to reflect the current numbers. Laminator repairs were completed. **Thanks to Irene** for providing a concise, accurate, easy to read summary.

11. New Business

CLIK Update: Megan Reid

The “Winter Wonderland Charity Dinner” will take place on Thursday Feb 27th. The meal will consist of spaghetti with meatballs, there will be live entertainment and education tables. Tickets will be for sale shortly. The cost will be \$10 per adult, \$5 per child, \$25 for a family of 2 adults plus kids. The Food costs will be donated by a local grocery store, and Cody Party Rental will offer a 25% discount off of the costs for cutlery, glasses and plates. They are planning for 150 people. A request was made on behalf of CLIK for \$300.00 to cover the costs of the dishes etc. There were not enough voting members present to provide quorum, so Claudette will conduct a vote by email later in the week. The event will start at 6:00. Dinner will be served at 6:30 and the event will go until 8:00. There will be an abbreviated Council meeting (8:00-9:00) on the 27th so that anyone interested can attend the CLIK dinner.

Carla: Problems with her child receiving frozen milk in his portable, or receiving items with not enough time to eat them. There was a brief discussion and Wendy indicated that this was not a school wide issue, and would address the issue with the classroom involved.

There was a discussion about announcements being loud enough for all students to hear, and relevant to all students.

Harry to add the calendar that indicates the Number day of the week to the school blog.

Adjournment: 9:10pm