

Katimavik School Council

Thursday, May 22, 2014 – 19:00 hours

1. Welcome - Called to order at 1904 hours
2. Approval of Agenda
  - A few amendments made. Agenda changed to reflect them. Motion to approve made by Terri MacDonald moved, seconded by Carla. Motion Carried.
3. Approval of Meetings of last meeting
  - Motion to approve by Kathleen Reid, seconded by Jen Hall. Motion carried.
4. Chair's Report Claudette Nyenhuis/Jen Hall
  - Email vote on Jump Rope for Heart - \$200 was approved by email
  - CES/KES Community Festival June 11: The last organization meeting was held this week and plans are well underway. Volunteers are still needed. Claudette is encouraging people to sign up.
  - Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon Update: The luncheon went really well. A few teachers who had left or were on maternity leave came for lunch. Chantal Kaye did an amazing job with decorations, centerpieces, invitations, etc. Wendy says the teachers really love the event and they look forward to it. It is a nice opportunity for the teachers to take an opportunity to sit and chat with each other. She thanked the volunteers on behalf of the teachers. Retiring teacher M. Pelltier was given a \$100 gift certificate to Bushtakah. Of the \$500 budget, there was a \$250 donation made to Plan Canada in the name of the teachers in order to set up a classroom in developing countries (in lieu of individual gifts), the rest of the budget was spent on door prizes.
    - i. One recommendation for next year is to hold the lunch later next year. Serving food for 1230 would be plenty of time.
  - Scholastic Book Fair Update: total sales for the Spring book fair were more than \$6300. That means an influx of more than \$1600 for new books the library. Librarian Helen Bowes has identified French novels for grades seven and eight as an area of need for the library so she plans to use much of the money for those.
  - Christine Boothby Update: at the recent meeting with Christine Boothby the bell times and the new hazard/walking maps were discussed. Still encouraging parents to give feedback to both Christine Boothby ([Christine.boothby@ocdsb.ca](mailto:Christine.boothby@ocdsb.ca)) and OSTA at [feedback@ottawaschoolbus.ca](mailto:feedback@ottawaschoolbus.ca). Deadline for email feedback is July 15. There is also a meeting at Holy Trinity High School on Saturday June 21, 2014.
  - Volunteers for next year: Looking for volunteers for next year.
    - i. coordinator for hot lunches
    - ii. all executive positions are available
5. Principal's Report Wendy Jewell
  - School Improvement Planning for Wellness: this is a document from the Board at which the school will be looking at more deeply in terms of student wellness.

- There will be an extended day program before and after school program at the school next year and registrations are being accepted. The program is being run by the Y.
- Tell them from me survey (parental piece): The staff reviewed these results at the most recent staff meeting. There were only 17 responses which makes it difficult to get good numbers. There is discussion of repeating the survey next year to try and get better results.
  - i. Parents feeling welcome in at the school - 7.5/10.
  - ii. Parents are informed - 6.6/10.
  - iii. Supporting Learning at Home - 5.6/10 (Harry identified this as a potential concern to be discussed).
  - iv. School Supports for Learning - 7.6/10
  - v. Safe School - 8/10
  - vi. Inclusive School - 6.5/10
- Thanks for the teacher appreciation luncheon, particularly grateful for the donation and noted it as a thoughtful and generous gift.
- Also passed along gratitude for the book fair and talked about how successful it was and how it is something to which kids look forward every year.
- There is a renewed doctrine for renewing the vision for education in Ontario. There is a document available called Achieving Excellence from the Ministry. It can be found on the ministry of education webpage. Teachers have already started reviewing it and incorporating the ideas at the last staff meeting.
- Education week open house went really well. The students were able to show off a wide variety of work on the issue and persuasion and point of view and each class took a unique direction with the persuasion piece. The reviews from parents and visitors were great. There is a link to a report on those reviews on the blog. There were great reviews about how the students were able to describe their work orally and about the level work and how deeply they chose to explore the issue.
- Google: there is a staff support person helping teachers to migrate over to google mail and documents, over the summer this work will continue.
- Jump rope for Heart. Topped the goal of \$9000 so Wendy will be kissing 'something gross.'
- EQAO is taking place across the province in the next few weeks.

#### 6. Teacher's Report

Sharon Kirby

- Students are working on a contraption that will drop an egg off a 6 foot ladder without breaking, hope to do it next week.
- Robotics competition is being held on Friday June 13<sup>th</sup>. Still looking for an engineer willing to be a volunteer judge.
- Thanks again from the staff for the luncheon

#### 7. OCASC report

Teri MacDonald

- June 5 is the OCDSB volunteer reception at Algonquin College. There is an RSVP requested.

- School Council training day has already been set for next year: October 25, 2014
- OCASC is joining with the Catholic parents to do some joint speakers events.
- There was a big discussion about construction workers at schools and why they don't have background checks. Some school boards require outside workers in school to have police record check, OCDSB does not. This was a hot topic at the meeting and there is a mother looking to get some movement on this. It was an interesting conversation. Wendy did remind parents that anyone who is an employee of the Board must have a criminal records check and must fill out annual offense declarations, also all non-parent volunteers must have checks.
- There was a discussion about options for school security such as buzzers, locked doors, etc. The issue of a lack of training for staff about what to look for in terms of a secure environment. Teri says we may see some more training come out in the future.
- OCASC managed to fill all of their executive spots except for secretary at their Annual General Meeting.

#### 8. Treasurer Report

Irene Jaroszuk

- The money available for wish list spending is \$1575
- \$200 more than forecast for pizza revenue, expect \$150 more in profit for milk than expected, \$554 from lunch lady came in this month (expects the year-end report will reflect higher than actual profits because some of those profits came from last year). There is \$1600 sitting in the account from the book fair which will need to go to the library. The treasurer and the school will work out the details as to how this will work.

#### 9. Student Council

Alex MacDonald/Jenna Reid

- Been focusing on spirit days. Yesterday was jersey day. Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> is Katimavik clothing and colours day. School shirts and black and gold. There is a new group in the school called Stopping Worldwide Poverty dedicated to helping kids in Canada and overseas, collecting donations for both Unicef and the food bank. There will be a grade 6/7 dance to support that. Currently has a healthy bank balance and is looking for places to spend the money in order to bring that down before the end of the year.

#### 10. New Business

- Question about getting the milk orders done potentially before the September council meeting. Claudette says she'll get things organized for the fall in the hopes someone will take over in September. This is the first year the program was run by council and there has been a much higher profit than expected (likely \$950). There was discussion about perhaps identifying a target for those monies next year.
- The Eco club is planning to plant a few trees with the \$451.50 profit from the movie night.
- The school has earned an Eco School status, due to the work by the students. Good job.
- There is discussion over the need for handover from the current treasurer. Claudette and Irene are making arrangements.
- Looking at an informal social June meeting on the evening of the 16<sup>th</sup> for council members with tea/coffee and dessert at Darcey McGees at 630.

11. Adjournment – 2050 - Next meeting: Thursday, September 25, 2014.