

Katimavik School Council Meeting

Thursday, October 24, 2013, 1900

Attendance:

Claudette Nyenhuis
Teri MacDonald
Sheila Ball
Jennifer Hall
Carmen Brubacker*
Chantal Kaye
Irene Jaroszuk
Richard Perkins
Alex MacDonald*
Kim Esdaile
Wendy Jewell*
Harry deRoo*
Megan Venner
Rebecca Leclair

*non-voting member

1. Welcome Called to order 707
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting
4. Chair's Report
 - Confirmed Jen Hall as co-chair
 - School dance – To be held November 1st – 630 to 830. Students \$4 or family \$10, tickets at door, encouraged to wear costumes. **Jenn Hall** to look into ordering pizza. **Richard Perkins** taking the lead. Discussed selling tickets in advance to prevent line-ups and the possibility of giving drink and chips with a ticket. **Teri MacDonald** volunteered to set up a sign up genius.
 - Fundraising – Discussing ideas about potential further fundraising. The idea of Fundschrift (gift cards with partial profit to school) was posed.
 - Rink Update – Soloman is looking for someone interested in taking over the rink responsibility for next year, understudy this year. Also looking for volunteers for upkeep. Contact him at Katimavik_rink@live.ca for further information.
 - School Council Training Session – Five people from Katimavik attended. Claudette reports there were a number of useful sessions. Participants were given the book *The Pampered Child Syndrome*, Claudette offered it to interested parties to read.

- Meeting with School Trustee – kids from Katimavik will continue to go to Earl of March in grade nine, those on the other side of the 417 will start in grade 7. In regards to busing, the School Board is considering options for providing busing for high school students more than 3.2 km away from the school. A decision is expected soon.
- Play Space – In response to a parent inquiry, Chair reports there is nothing planned for the space where the playground was removed in summer of 2013. It will stay as is for the moment. One parent suggested thinking about that space in the future with the goal of providing some kind of specialized space, envisioned with the involvement of the students (ie: climbing wall or other option for older kids).
- Principal Profile – Claudette put out a draft Principal Profile for input and is seeking feedback before November 11th. The Profile is essentially a job description of what the parent council wants to see in a principal when new candidates are being considered. It will be brought back to council for final approval at the November meeting.

5. Principal's Report –

- Wellbeing –
 - i. The 7s and 8s have been having sessions with public health nurse with regards to sexuality and sexual relationships. Wendy says there have been a lot of opportunity for the kids to ask questions and points out there has been a very high quality of the questions asked. Also discussed the balance of power in relationship and how this can go badly.
 - ii. Reports there has been more focus on safety on the school ground. Working on improving communication between adults on the property.
 - iii. Nov 6, there is a presentation at Sacred Heart in Stittsville on sexting. This was given to Katimavik students last year. Wendy highly recommends it to both parents and students.
 - iv. Inclusive, Safe and Caring committee lead by Harry. Meeting in November to look at whats happening in school but also planning activities for anti-bullying week.
- Engagement –
 - i. first meeting of learning buddies happened today. The groups will be getting together every couple of months. The program is meant to break down some of the barriers between age groups and compliment the school improvement program. Both Mr. deRoo and Mrs. Jewell spoke about the benefits they see on the playground and within the school community of making connections with kids across the grade.
 - ii. Says the school dance is another wonderful example of engagement.
- Leadership –
 - i. A meeting will be held November 6th for Clik representatives from various schools to meet to share ideas and successful programs.
- Learning –

- i. School Improvement Program – This was the focus of the Professional Development day. Working on exercises helping children to look to the wider community and understanding social issues. Looking to be inclusive to the whole community. Parents will be included in the development of the School Improvement Plan. During Education Week (May) the administration will invite parents to come in and look at student work that will be issue based and require students to take a point of view and use the element of persuasion. Details have yet to be worked out.

6. Teacher's Report –

- Kids surpassed the Terry Fox \$2000 fundraising goal so the money approved last month was not needed from council.
- Grade 6 class took part in a live teleconference with Chris Hadfield
- The principal is looking to get some picnic tables for the intermediate students and asked if there was any objection from using money from the school generated fund to purchase those. Council had no objection.
- Mrs. Bowes is asking the council if it is willing to give the library \$1000 for the forest of reading program. It would be a total of 90 books read by selected students for the judging and then the books go onto the library shelves. Wendy offered to use the school generated funds for the program.
 - i. Treasurer is proposing a new method of allocating wish list monies in order to get a bigger picture of the needs and a better idea of whether further fundraising might be necessary. Council agreed to have the funds for the Forest of Reading program to come from the school improvement fund if she needs the funds before council allocated wish list money.
- Ecoteam – The eco team is looking for liners to make the green bins easier to use for the ecoteam. **Irene Jaroszuk** motioned to approve \$200 for the ecoteam, **Terri MacDonald** seconded. **Motion carried.**

7. OCASC report

- The issue of the OCASC chair working for the school board was resolved by appointing a vice chair to step in when there is a perception of conflict of interest.
- The idea was broached about the milk program being run through the school rather than council cheques to save the HST. It could be a significant savings so council decided to look into that for next year.
- OCASC discussed the idea of locked doors in schools and security. **Terri MacDonald** expects it to come up for further discussion.
- OCASC has facebook and twitter accounts for interested community members
- Secondary School busing policy was discussed, there was discussion that numbers in the public board may change if busing is offered for the public high school students.

8. Treasurer's Update

- Went through the monthly report. Council praised the Treasurer for her reports and how clear and easy they are to read.

- To date there is more than \$325 from the BBQ revenue, plus \$450 to come from Grillmaster. **Irene Jarosczuk** motioned that those monies be allocated to be used to next year's event. Seconded by **Claudette Nyenhuis**. Motion carried. The date of this year's community festival will be held Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at Katimavik.

9. New Business

- Book Fair update – will be held November 12 to 15th at Castlefrank. Both schools will be invited to take part. Plans are well underway.
- Pita Pit – the company wants to have a half price pita day to try to drum up more business, it would mean less profit for one day but the hope is that it would result in more business. Council approved the concept with a proposed date of the first Friday back in January.

10. Adjournment – adjourned at 9:12pm

- next meeting: November 28, 2013 at 7pm