

Katimavik School Council Meeting

Meeting Date: Thursday, May 28, 2015

Attendance: Megan Venner, Sara Cummings, Claudette Nyenhuis, Jeff Gervais, Laura Quirk, Natalie Ramsden, Stephanie Nasmith, Violet Cai, Teri MacDonald, Carla Backmeier

- 1. Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.**
- 2. Minutes from April 22nd, 2015 approved:** Claudette Nyenhuis and Sara Cummings
- 3. Chair's Report:**

The Book Fair was successful and raised \$6,500. Helen will decide on how to spend the money for the library.

- \$350 direct
- \$1000 credit with Scholastics
- \$1200 cashes for purchases for library

Labour Issues:

Christine Boothby was at the Zone Meeting and explained that government now has bargaining legislation in place:

- central level – the bargain with provincial government and unions
- local level – anything agreed on at the central level can't be touched at the local level

School Council Orientation is Saturday, October 3. Anyone is welcomed to attend.

New Vice-Principal for the Grades 7 and 8 at Earl of March: Joanne Frizzle.

Special Education is reviewing the geographic model so that students are not sitting on the bus for hours. It is very costly and not sure how it will role out.

Graduation Rate: The OCDSB is reviewing the certification rates as the school board and the provincial ministry of education track it differently.

The Volunteer Reception was attended by Teri MacDonald who commented that it was very inspiring.

The OCDSB mentioned that they will be building 2 new schools in Kanata and one of them will be an EFI.

4. Principal's Report:

Education Week took place May 4th to the 8th, 2015 and was successful. The Junior Luv2Groove Dance workshop took place all week. During Open House on Wednesday, May 6th, an open ended question was posted to the entire school community. Answers were taken on paper from students, staff and parents and posted on a bulletin board to show just how open-ended these questions truly are.

Marian Small who is a math guru met with staff on May 1st, 2015 and worked with them on open ended questions demonstrating how they allow for multiple entry points answers.

A Technology Coach has been assigned to the school and he came in to talk about the IPAD and how it can be a teaching tool. It was a 2 and ½ day training.

Crystal Bay Visit on Monday, May 11th to watch the Grade 8 band perform.

Proud to Me Foundation sponsored Josee Lindsay, author of Super Spark to come to KES to speak to the students from Grade 4 to 6, with a message to encourage children to accept themselves, and be empathetic and compassionate towards others.

Members of the Ottawa Fury came to KES on May 19th, 2015 as part of the school's ongoing Resilience Building Initiative.

The Junior Track and Field day took place on Wednesday, May 20th. Students chose their top 3 events to participate in, including ball throw, long jump, and various distance track events.

The school-wide Jump Rope for Heart event took place on Friday, May 22nd, 2015.

Arrowhead Camping Trip will take place from June 1 to 3.

The Annual Variety Show will take place Monday evening June 15th and during the day on Tuesday, June 16th. We have close to 50 acts, the majority of which are Junior students!

The Grade 8 Band Trip will be from June 17th to 19th.

The Tennis Workshop for the Juniors will happen from June 17th to 19th.

Grade 6 Trip to Saunders Farm will take place on June 19th.

For the transition of Castlefrank Grade 3 students, Jeff visited Castlefrank on May 11th. On May 13th the Grade 4 staff met with staff at Castlefrank to go over student profiles and transition plans. On June 12, the Grade 3 students from Castlefrank will be coming to KES (school council has allotted \$150 for snacks).

Information Night will take place on Wednesday, June 17 (6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.) for parents and students new to Katimavik ES. This was the last of several opportunities for students and parent to learn more about KES.

Student Agenda will continue to be the communication tool and more French will be added to the agendas for the next school year. Parents have commented that they don't

know of the extra-curriculum activities and KES is looking into ways that staff, students and parents can be informed and have access via the Google Platform. There are privacy issues. For example, student's names listed in the clubs would need to be removed from public notices.

Voluntary School Fee discussion was led by Jeff. The fee would be \$25 per family with a maximum of \$60 per family. The fee would be used for speciality supplies that are hard to find, cover the costs of field trips, workshops (i.e. Scientists in the School, Luv2Groove). The goal of the voluntary fee is to only collect money once a year and to better plan for the school year's activities. There was also discussion of reduce the number of items on the "back to school" supply lists. Jeff commented that he may put this out prior to end of the school year.

International Language Program after school program would offer Mandarin and/or Spanish language classes starting in September 2015. This is an enriching and academic program offered by Continuing Education to prepare our youth for participation in the global village. This program is open to all students in grade 4-8. The program can only run if there are enough participants. A completed form must be returned to the school office by June 17, 2015.

KES Music Program is reviewing the timetable for September 2015. Mr. Ferguson will not be teaching the Junior classes. The Junior classes have 1 period of music per week and the Intermediate have 2 periods per week. There is grant money for music resources. School Council has \$342 on its books for music.

Lunch/Recess time slot change may be implemented in September 2015. Jeff mentioned that he is considering swapping the nutrition break and recess times. Students would go out for recess and then return to the classroom for their nutrition break. It was also discussed that lunch might happen in the first timeslot.

School Operating Budget is allocated based on school enrolment and the money is used for occasional teachers, office supplies, photocopying and EA.

School Generated Funds is the place to put money for school activities. Everything that KES buys they get the HST back.

5. Teachers' Report:

Parent Volunteer Appreciation was once again recognized by the KES teachers. For parents/guardians and community volunteers who had the opportunity to volunteer at the school this year, a THANK YOU card went home with one of the children. A total of 148 cards went out to thank everyone who has supported KES by chaperoning field trips, running book fairs, laminating, supervising Scientists in School, playing piano for Glee club, coaching teams, etc.... A donation was made to the Red Panda Society which is an independent project done by Mrs. Quirk's class. The teachers also made and handed out cupcakes. Beautiful bookmarks were made by the students which they sold and donate the money raised to the Human Society

6. Treasurer's Report:

By the end of the school year, the school council budget should have left in the bank account a balance of \$2000 to start off the next school year.

Fall Tulip Budget: A motion was put forward to allocate \$120 to buy tulips for the fall.

- Sara Cummings approved the motion
- Megan Venner seconded the motion.

No one opposed the motion and the motion was carried.

Banking Motion: A motion was put forward to proceed again this year that the school council will have a separate bank account.

- Carla Backmeier approved the motion
- Sara Cummings seconded the motion

No one opposed the motion and the motion was carried.

7. Discussion Regarding Hot Lunch Programs:

Given that nutrition breaks and recess timeslots may change, discussions were held with moving lunch to the earlier time slot and if our current hot lunch programs would still be able to provide the hot lunches at the earlier timeslot.

a) Pizza Volunteer Manager: Teri MacDonald volunteered for this position.

b) Pita Pit: In the last couple of weeks, pita pit sandwiches went missing. For the remainder of the school year, the sandwiches will be dropped off at the office. Pita Pit has mentioned that they will be opening a store in Kanata which will change the delivery time and there will not be the long delay between when the sandwiches are dropped off and lunch time.

8. Laminator Update: The repair part for the laminator was \$1000, however, since the original service call was \$200, the supplier reduced the amount to \$800. The laminator is now fixed.

9. Chapters Fundraiser Update: The Chapters Fundraiser will not happen prior to the end of the school year. It will be something to look into for the next school year (possibly in November). It was also suggested that this might be a fundraiser that could be done jointly with Castlefrank and split the proceeds. Megan Venner commented that she will contact Castlefrank.

10. Community Festival: The community festival will be held at Castlefrank on Wednesday, June 10th, 2015 and KES band will be performing. There is a rain date plan.

11. School Council for 2015/2016 School Year: Megan Venner is willing to be co-chair again next year. Another co-chair will be required. Claudette Nyenhuis agreed to retain her position as treasurer. The next school council meeting will be Wednesday, September 23rd, 2015.

12. Adjourn the meeting