

Katimavik School Council – Minutes

Meeting date: Wednesday April 22, 2015

Attendance: Teri MacDonald, Megan Venner, Sara Cummings, Harry DeRoo, Claudette Nyenhuis, Deidre Mander, Jeff Gervais, Lianne Wallace, Stephanie Naismith, Lisa Parsons, Janice Godde, Mary Leclerc, Laurie Giroux, Erin Yamazaki, Lori McCarron, Sheila Ball

1. Meeting called to order at 5:04.
2. Approval of agenda: Teri/ Claudette
3. Minutes from Feb 25th meeting approved: Sara / Claudette

4. Chair's Report

Book Fair May 5-7

A signup genius link for parents and teachers will be available, from both CES and KES blogs. Teachers are encouraged to let Megan know if there is a problem with scheduling, so that she can help to make it work. If the information gets to Jeff by Sunday, he can forward it to the entire staff.

Zone meeting: there was no zone meeting this month, the next meeting will be May 11.

Pizza Volunteer Coordinator required. Claudette will take care of the initial order process and set things up at the beginning of the year. A volunteer is required to ensure that there is somebody there to hand out the pizza each Monday.

5. Principal's Report

The Intermediate division had a chance to take part in the Luv to Groove workshop. The junior division will get at turn during education week. There is a Running Club that will be running on Mon, Wed and Fri. This is open to all students and parents. The staff are currently taking part in some different types of extra-curricular activities. (Yoga, Pilates)

Education week is approaching. There will be an open house type format, more information to come.

School Learning Plan - the students have been working on open ended questions in Math. They have been practicing using different strategies to come up with answers to some very interesting open ended questions. Marion Small, a math guru, will be at the school on May 1st to work with the staff.

There will be a talent show in June, courtesy of Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Wilson.

Grade 6 EQAO testing will be from May 26-28 June 1-3.

Harry, Jeff and Ron Henry (CES) have been working on a transition plan for the grade 3s. Harry and Jeff will be visiting CES and the grade 3s will visit KES. They are also looking at Fall transition activities. Feel free to send ideas via the blog.

KES is looking at organizing a ski trip that would include all grades from 4-8.

The next Metup at CES will be on Friday at 11:30. The topic will be partnership between CES and KES in the future.

There will be a decrease in enrolment next year, and changes to staff. The following teachers will be leaving to teach at the new grade 7-8 wing at Earl: M. Bedard, Mme. Kirby, Mrs. Irwin, and Mrs. Ross. The effect will be felt on the different programs that can be offered at KES. Jeff encourages parents and students to fill in the google survey on the blog. You can fill in the survey more than once. Jeff will send the survey link to the grade 3s at CES.

Jeff cannot mandate which extra-curricular activities the staff choose to support. This is above and beyond the work day, and therefor will be up to the individual teacher. This does not exclude parents from volunteering. The school and school council can certainly advertise that parents can volunteer to help coach or support a club. There is a process to be followed, but it is possible.

Jeff did confirm that there will be a Principal and Vice Principal (1/2 time) next year.

There was a question regarding the computer lab. The music room used to be a computer lab. The school board is moving away from having an actual computer lab, and encouraging the "Bring your own device" or "choose your own device" type model. Jeff has recently purchased one additional ipad per class. All classes have chrome books, and wireless keypad and mouse.

Staffing: there will be 2 teachers leaving and 2 teachers coming based on qualifications. (language and special education considerations) We will have an LST and an LRT. Educational assistants will not be known until the end of April. By the end of May, the staff should be determined. Jeff announced the following classroom structure:

English - 5 homerooms.

4/5

5/6

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7/8

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French – 7 homerooms.

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The question was asked: Will we know before the first day of school, who will be in each class? There was a discussion about the level of possible anxiety with the current grade 3s. Is it better to know in advance, even though there is a possibility it could change? Is Jeff willing to post the lists a few days before the start of school? Jeff will discuss with Ron, and think about how best to help the kids feel comfortable with the changes.

There was a discussion regarding the change from being designated as a primary grade, where there is a cap of 20, to moving to a junior grade, where there is no cap. Jeff bases his decisions based on the projected numbers from the staff at the board. They have projected 338 students.

Can Mr. Ferguson introduce music at the Grade 6 level? Challenge: French vs English minutes in the day. There needs to be enough minutes of French to meet the criteria. There is a concern about the equality and consistency of the music component. How can we keep everyone happy?

Will there be the same opportunities for our grade 7 and 8s as the grade 7 and 8s at Earl? Can we form a partnership with Earl that is similar to the CES/KES partnership? There is a concern that when grade 9 comes, our KES 7 and 8s will be a small group joining a well-established larger group. How can we get the kids together in advance of that transition? Example: dances, sports activities, academic extra-curricular activities. How do we connect? Mr. Harris (Principal-Earl) and Jeff will meet. This is a good discussion to have.

International Language program: We will be able to offer an after school program similar to the one at CES? This type of program is based on interest. Jeff will contact continuing education and advise.

There was discussion regarding a homework help program.

The May meeting will be a good time to discuss the need for volunteers in the fall.

6. Teacher's Report – Mme. Leclerc

Mrs. Quirk is running the Math league for grade 4 and 5. M. Bedard reports that Intermediate Basketball is taking place, Track and Field will be coming up in May. There is Intermediate Badminton at recess, and soccer is also coming up. M. Bedard passes along the following message: After 18 years at KES, I will be leaving the school at the end of June to head the new Phys. Ed. program at Earl of March. I would like to thank this school council as well as the previous ones who have always supported

the Athletics at KES . Your support help built a very strong program that I hope will continue to improve in the years to come. S. Bédard

7. OCASC

There is no report available this month. Please visit the OCASC website for details. <http://ocasc.ca/>

8. Treasurer – Claudette

There is an extra \$600.00 that we can allocate. Motion by Claudette to add \$100.00 back into the Staff Luncheon to cover the costs of gifts for the four parting teachers. Second-Sheila. All in favour.

9. Laminator:

There is a heat shoe that is broken on the laminator. The cost to fix it is \$700.00 / or \$1000.00 with a warranty. There is a possibility to have a “Chapters Night” as a fundraiser. We would get a 10% cash back profit. We could raise anywhere from \$100 to \$700, depending on the turn out. We are looking at a late May time frame. Megan to follow up with details. Motion by Sheila to fix the laminator for \$1000 plus tax and the warranty: second by Sara, all in favour.

11. Campbell’s labels.

This initiative is now over. Megan and Jenn to determine how to spend the remaining points.

12. PRO Grant

Sara has completed the application form. There were strict guidelines to follow. The proposal has been broadly written so that the future council has some flexibility when planning the event.

13. Teacher’s Luncheon – May 15

“Around the World” is the theme. Drop off can be at the beginning of the day. Food will be served during the 2nd nutrition break.

14. Adjournment – 6:45pm.

Next meeting : Wednesday, May 27th 2015.

