

Katimavik School Council
Minutes from meeting
Wednesday, Jan 27th 2016

Attendance: Teri MacDonald, Anna Zinck, Kim Esdaile, Alana Zinck, Carla Backmeier, Sheila Ball, Andrea Bortnowski, Robyn Strongitharm, Stephanie Nasmith, Deirdre Mander, Harry DeRoo, Jeff Gervais, Claudette Nyenhuis, Megan Venner

1. Welcome
2. Presentation by Mr. Harry, Mr. Gervais, Mr. Thorp, M. Touabi and our public health nurse Carrie Innes on the new Health and Sexual Education curriculum.
3. Approval of agenda- Claudette, and Sheila
4. Approval of minutes from Nov 25th 2015 - Carla and Claudette

5. Student Council Report - Anna Zinck

The grade 8s are in the process of taking a “Healthy Transitions” course. It is going well, and the students are listening and taking in the information. The grade 8s attended an Earl of March information session. It was well received and the students can appreciate just how big the school really is. On Tuesday, Principal Harris and Mr. Barnaby from E of M visited KES to explain the process of starting High School. There were feelings of confusion and some felt overwhelmed. After the presentation and question period most students felt much better about the process.

Jeff explained that the Student Council will meet the 1st Thursday of every month. Their first meeting was at the beginning of January. Many students showed interest, there was no election process. Any student who wanted to be in the Council, was accommodated. They will take turns or double up or alternate so that everyone has a chance. There will be a **“Spirit Committee”** attached to Student Council. They will be **announcing a theme for the next popcorn spirit day on Feb 10th.**

6. Chair's Report - Megan Venner

The community outreach part of our Council fundraising was a huge success. We matched the CLIK contributions in the amount of \$500.00 donation to the Kanata Food Bank. Mrs. Quirk's and Mrs. Baker's class won the prize for highest point contribution and were awarded with cupcakes made by Chantal Kaye. Thanks again to Chantal Kaye for her delicious contribution. The first week of May will be the Book Fair. The Community Festival will be on Wed June 8th.

7. Principal's Report - Jeff Gervais

Report cards will be coming home soon. There will be no formal teacher interview night. Parents are encouraged to reach out to their kids teachers if they would like to discuss the report card. Sherri Wilson is organizing the Winter Outdoor Activity days. Approximately 95

students will stay at KES to take part in special activities. Approximately 200 are going to the ski hill. There are many parent volunteers attending, which is fantastic.

Grade 8 transition: Mr. Gervais has been in touch with Mr. Harris and Mr. Barnaby at Earl of March. The grade 8s will go to EofM on Feb 1st to visit the technology department. On Feb 9th there will be an open house for all grade 8s. The students will also be introduced to "Career Cruising" and will receive their usernames and passwords next week.

Mr. Gervais and Mr. Harris have also discussed how to get our grade 8s involved with different social activities. They would like to see some mingling with the grade 8s that are already at Earl. There is a general anxiety within the group, so any way to have them make connections now will help put them at ease. There are support systems in place.

School Learning Plan: It was a late start to the year, Mr. Gervais and the staff are still finalizing the school learning plan, and choosing an area to focus on. Jeff is considering a survey to parents.

There will be some changes to the hallway. There will be some display cabinets installed to help showcase student achievement. The gym floors are due to be replaced over spring break, and the gym walls will be painted.

Wish list update: 12 out of 14 classes have booked Scientists in School. The DPA bags have been ordered, but still waiting for some components. The portable speaker was purchased for \$315.00. It has bluetooth capability and a wireless microphone. It has been well used already, and the staff are enjoying it. It was used during the community skate night and was enjoyed by everyone. The weather systems have been delivered.

7a: Megan took a minute to quickly introduce everyone at the table, there were a few new attendees.

8. Vice Principal's Report - Harry DeRoo

On behalf of all of the students and staff, Harry would like to thank Joe Nyenhuis and his team of volunteers for all of their hard work on the ice rink. The Community Skate Night was a huge success, and the ice was in great condition for everyone to enjoy. There was a big turnout and positive feedback from everyone. The grade 7s managed to raise just over \$400.00 for their end of the year trip. Thank you to Deirdre for organizing the prize for the volunteers of the ice rink.

9. Teacher's Report - Mrs. Esdaile

There were several grade 7 and 8 students that entered the Legion Contest. They submitted poetry, essays, and artwork. They were featured in an article in the Kanata Courier.

Mrs. Baker's class had Scientists in the School come to her classroom to discuss bones and owls. They were able to dissect owl pellets. The kids loved it, and were fully engaged.

Clubs: Mrs. Quirk is running a technology club. They are using green screen technology. They will have something to present to parents. There is an Art Club with the help of a grade 8 student. Jay Quirk is running a Chess club.

10. OCASC Report - Stephanie Naismith

The OCASC meeting focused on insurance. We, as a Council, currently have insurance under the Board. It was also discussed that anybody we bring into the school for special events also needs to hold insurance. Example: the Community Festival. The inflatable company also needs to have their own insurance.

11. Treasurer's Report - Claudette Nyenhuis

There is still some extra money for wish list items. There are some items that have come in under budget, and a few hundred dollars still in the account. We have approximately \$600.00 to spend.

There is \$1000.00 left in the community outreach line item. The bank fees seem to have been reduced since the beginning of the year.

Q: Money for jerseys? **Mr. Thorp has taken on the jersey ordering. Harry will follow up with Mr. Thorp and report back at the next meeting.**

Q. Can bulk ordering help with CES? The consensus was no, because the items will have a different design.

There was an email vote that took place just before Christmas break. The motion was to pay \$63.27 for the hot chocolate that was used for Terry Fox day. Nine voting members responded with a yes. There were no objections. The motion was passed.

The next popcorn day will be Wed Feb 10th. We will need a spirit day idea to go with popcorn day.

Q. In regards to the Community Outreach money, can students come up with an idea and we can match the contribution? **The message was passed on to Anna to go back to Student Council.**

There was a motion by Claudette to have Twonie Tuesday be our next Community outreach recipient. The motion is for Council to match up to \$500.00 of whatever the students donate. This motion was seconded by Sheila. All were in favour. This leaves us with \$500.00 in the Community Outreach line item. **Jeff will come up with a blog post that explains what the Education Foundation does, and how they have helped our school community.**

12. Campbell's Labels

We had some points left in our account, and there was nothing in the catalogue that we needed. Jen Guerra and Megan decided to use the points to buy two cases of soup which were donated to the Kanata Food Cupboard.

13. PRO Grant

The initial target date was Mar 2nd. It has now been changed to the first week in May during Education week. This will also run in conjunction with the Book Fair in hopes of reaching as many parents as possible. **The organizing committee will meet mid Feb.**

14. Outdoor Classroom

Jeff would like to have an Outdoor Classroom where the old JK play yard used to be. There is currently sand, outlined by wooden sides. He is looking for fundraising ideas and to create a committee. There is a seminar on Mar 2nd at St. Patrick's High School on "Financing your Project". He is currently in the process of planning what it will look like, and deciding how much money the project will need. Sheila has offered to be part of the committee. **Jeff will come up with a blog post that includes some pictures.**

Q. Can students use it? Yes. It can be used during recess, class time, and off school hours.

Anna will solicit feedback at the Student Council level.

15. New business

None.

16. Adjournment: 8:26pm