

Katimavik School Council
Wednesday Oct 28th, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Teri MacDonald, Claudette Nyenhuis, Megan Venner, Carla Backmeier, Jeff Gervais, Deirdre Mander, Harry DeRoo, Stephanie Naismith, Rebecca Leclerc

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03pm.
2. Approval of Agenda - Teri and Carla with the addition of 6a-Principal Profile
Approval of Minutes from Sep 23rd - Carla and Claudette

3. Chair's report - Megan Venner

Megan presented the Council's annual report from the 2014-2015 school year. It will be submitted to the Board, with a copy to Jeff.

There was a meeting with Christine Boothby and the school councils in the area. The meeting was dominated by discussion regarding the proposed changes to the EFI program. For details regarding the changes, please see the Council blog for links.

4. Principal's Report - Jeff Gervais

Labour update: There will be no extra curriculars. All sports and clubs are on hold. Unsure of how the music program will be affected. We are very fortunate to have completed the Fall sports activities. The Premier has set a deadline of Nov 1st. Mr. Gervais is unsure of how fall progress reports will be affected. Q: What is part of the job description of a teacher, that is not happening? IEP,s , report cards, meeting with the principal, professional development days. The job description of a teacher is very gray. There is no defined work day. Q: How is morale? The atmosphere is positive, and teaching and learning is still happening. There is a desire for normalcy. There is some frustration that they want to get things started, but are being held back due to the circumstances.

Oct 20 was the first lockdown practice. The staff and students did a great job, and everything went quite smoothly. Oct 19th was voting day, and our school was a polling station. Oct 21 the public health nurse was here to give needles to the intermediate kids. After speaking with the public health nurse, Jeff is looking into the possibility of new bike racks. He is also working with the public health nurse to see if the staff can get training on how to identify kids at risk for mental health related issues.

Jeff updated the school blog on the guidelines for Halloween parties. There will be an intermediate dance in the afternoon. There was a discussion about who would be included in the dance, and the reasons as to why the Jrs were not included.

Fall Sports: Thank you to Mr. Harry for taking on the paperwork role regarding the fall sports programs. There were 300 forms alone for just Cross Country, and without Mr. Harry it would

not have been possible. Parent volunteers played a huge role, and Mr. Harry would like to send out a big thank you to all of the parents that helped.

Run Club will end this week. There have been 50 students, 5 teachers, and some parents participating. Thank you Mr. Harry for keeping the run club running!

5. Teacher's Report

Wed is job action day for the teachers, so a representative was not available. There is the possibility that the meeting date could be changed. We will wait until after the Nov 1st deadline to decide.

6a) Principal Profile:

The updated profile was presented by Megan. The group had a chance to review it. Motion to accept: Carla and Claudette, all were in favour. Teri to add to blog.

6b) Treasurer's Report - Claudette Nyenhuis

There is a conversation taking place with the bank regarding banking fees. The laminator billing issue has been resolved.

7. Outdoor Classroom - Jeff Gervais

The portables will remain. The sandpit area where the old JK structure used to be, would be a good area for an outdoor learning space. Jeff is starting to investigate the possibility of changing it into an outdoor classroom. Jeff is meeting with the facilities people to see how much it would cost. He is thinking of wood chips, rock circle, growing tall grass and plants. He is thinking about possible grants and fundraising ideas.

8. Wish List

How do we want to handle the wish list issue? There was a discussion regarding how to spend the money. There was a presentation from Stephanie Naismith regarding "Jungle Sport". <http://www.junglesport.ca/> She has had personal experience with the Jungle Sport program and spoke highly of the activity. She presented a fact sheet, and a price list. There were some questions regarding if the Board allows these types of programs, and the inclusivity aspect. We need to be careful when allocating money to wish list items that there is no overlap with Jeff and what he has money for. Teachers can request through Jeff, and we can sort from there. Claudette will forward a possible form to Jeff for distribution to teachers. We will review any wish list items in November.

9. Chapter's Fundraiser - Thursday Nov 5th 2015

Megan will send out a personal invite to teachers. We will receive 20 percent of the sales in Chapter's gift cards. The fundraiser is targeting "Literacy". Our librarian, Helen, would like to

see us address two areas. 1. Series books. 2. How do we entice the “reluctant reader”. - graphic novels and a special area in the library for these books.

10. Book fair: week of Nov 16 at CES

This was a challenge at CES, due to the labour situation. Our KES teachers will not walk down, as it stands now. It will be Scholastic books only. Promoting will continue at KES.

11. Holiday Elves project

This can be anything we want it to be. The amount has been adjusted to reflect the accurate pizza revenues. We will now call it “Community Outreach” so we are not limited to a December activity. This will be delayed so that we can discuss it again at a future meeting.

12. New Business:

OCASC rep: Stephanie can be the OCASC rep for both CES and KES and can have a vote for both schools.

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13. Adjournment: 8:40pm