

Katimavik School Council Minutes - Draft Copy
Wed, Nov 25th 2015

1. Welcome to all attending and introduction of participants.
2. Agenda approved by all.
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting: Claudette and Carla.

5. Principal's Report - Jeff Gervais

A special welcome to the 3 student reps present. There is the possibility of a "Student Council" type body. It is still in the planning process, and Jeff is looking at including a rep from each home room. The frequency of meeting has yet to be determined. There will be a corps group of students to start brainstorming, and sub-committees to help plan events. It will have a name other than "Student Council". There are a few teachers interested in helping with this group: Mrs. Esdaile, Mme. Hart, and Mrs. Massie. This will all be determined and communicated in the new year.

Outdoor classroom update: The area supervisor put Jeff in contact with a green space consultant. Jeff is looking into some greening workshops. More information to come.

Partnership with Earl of March: Jeff has been in contact with Principal Harris. They have discussed some possibilities for academic and social connections.

Jeff presented a graph on KES school priorities. It included sections on wellness, school community, school budget, curriculum, technology, communication and projects.

Q. How do we get parents involved and into the school? (both extra curricular and school activities) This is a priority on how to encourage parents to participate in different ways.

6. Vice Principal's Report - Harry DeRoo

Bully Awareness and Prevention Week: Mon was the "I have" message. Who is in your life? Tuesday focused on "I am". Who are you? (resume) Wednesday was "I can". What can I do? Thursday was a presentation from Jeremy Hanson of the Canadian Space Agency. He reinforced the resiliency theme, and focused on "believe in yourself". This also tied in the the Grade 6 curriculum.

Q. How is "resiliency" trickling into the classroom? What do students look like? Are we focusing on solutions instead of the problem? Harry sees growth in several students on a discipline level.

4. Chair's Report - Megan Venner

The proposed changes to the EFI program have taken up a lot of discussion time at the Trustee's meeting. The Committee Of the Whole decided to extend the consultation period, but the effective date of any changes will still be Sep 2016. If you want specific information, please see Megan and she will provide the links to the Board Website.

Chapter's Fundraiser: We received %35 of the sales in gift cards. Total \$2600.00 so each school received \$1300.00 to spend on their school library. There was a great turnout and many families attended. There were staff from both CES and KES that attended. Many children were excited to see their teachers outside of school. It was noted that there were only two staff members that attended from KES.

Book Fair CES: This has been the most successful book fair yet, in terms of attendance and profit. There was over \$9000.00 in total sales. Result: \$1000.00 to spend on French Books, and \$3700.00 in English product. More than 55 books were purchased as part of the Teacher's wish list requests. The Pyjama Patrol book drive netted over 750 books that were donated to the Kanata Food Cupboard to be handed out with Christmas hampers.

7. Student Council Report

The 3 student representatives reported to the group on the success of the Halloween dance that was held during school hours.

8. Teacher's Report - Kim Esdaile and Marie Leclerc

They had the first team meeting of the school year on Thursday. Nothing to report at this time, more to come. Q. How do parents get in touch with the teacher after report cards come home on Dec 10th? Parents are always welcome to contact the teacher at any time. The term one report card will come home in Feb 2016. Q. Are there any plans for Scientists in the School or field trips? A final decision has not been made. There is a long range plan, to ensure that classes are not conflicting with each other. Details to follow.

9. OCASC Report - Stephanie Nasmith

From the "chalk it up" section: a proposed Family Skate night once the rink is up and running. This would be a great linking event with CES and KES and we could even include EofMarch. The OCASC team shared that some schools choose to share the money they raise with other schools that don't have a Council. Example: if a school Council raised \$30 000 in the year, they would give back \$1000-\$2000 to a needy school.

There was a discussion about outdoor classrooms. There is a speaker series, and there is a website "Evergreen" that has some information.

Stephanie has a copy of the Board Improvement Plan if anybody would like to see it. It was noted that the Junior Math results are alarming. There is a big jump from primary to Junior, and the Board is focusing on this group.

10. Treasurer's Report - Claudette Nyenhuis

Claudette presented a detailed spreadsheet of our finances. We have approximately \$2500.00 to spend on wish list items. She is still working with the Bank on reducing our fees. We received the PRO grant money.

11. Wish List - allocation of funds.

The staff was asked to think about what items the school council could purchase, that would help enhance learning and the overall school experience for students. Megan presented a list of requests from both the Junior team, and the Intermediate team. There was a tight turn around from when the offer went out, to when the groups could discuss options. It was recognized that it is a Board Policy, that a School Council can not pay for release time, or Professional Development.

This will be a regular agenda item, so that we can follow up with all of the items that have been purchased.

Q. Mental health training. Is something that parents can be a part of? There was a discussion regarding the benefits of mental health training, and including parents to that there can be a partnership and connection with home life. Jeff is looking into a model of training that can benefit as many teachers as possible.

The following motion was made by Megan, seconded by Stephanie, there were no oppositions.

Approval for spending: \$1000.00 towards Scientists in the School. \$315.95 to purchase 12 Weather Forecast log Stations. \$750.00 to purchase a portable audio system. \$400.00 towards DPA/ Sports Equipment.

Jeff advised that he is paying for "Luv to Groove" and the Forest of Reading series.

12. Fundraising

Megan is looking to set up a subcommittee that could focus on Fundraising. Ian and Rebecca offered to help.

Stephanie presented an option to sell popcorn in order to raise funds for new sports jerseys.

This would tie into a school spirit day. If we sell each bag for \$2.00, and 215 kids order popcorn, the profit potential is just over \$1800.00 in 6 months. Stephanie will set up the order form and distribute.

Holiday Elves: We have \$1500.00 to allocate towards a community outreach type program. We can choose to support several causes. There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of supporting refugees. There was also a discussion regarding CLIK and supporting their food and winter clothing drive that benefits the Kanata Food Cupboard and the Snowsuit Fund. There was a motion by Megan to support CLIK's charitable campaign with a \$500.00 donation, seconded by Teri. Motion carried. Megan will advise Mrs. Blasseg. The remaining \$1000.00 is still available to be allocated.

13. Adjournment 9:10.