

Katimavik Elementary School Council Minutes
Wednesday February 22, 2017

Attendance: Teri MacDonald, Sheila Ball, Megan Venner, Leah Laframboise, Duncan MacFarlane, Jasmine Quirk, Jeff Gervais, Harry deRoo, Chantal Kaye, Marie Leclerc, Claudette Nyenhuis, Deirdre Mander, Jennifer Guerra

1. Welcome back 7:03.
2. Approval of agenda: Sheila and Teri
3. Approval of minutes from Jan 25th meeting: Claudette and Leah
4. Chair's Report - Leah Laframboise

PRO night: to be discussed later in the agenda. Megan: Has the Librarian spent any money on books from the Chapter's Fundraiser night funds? Jeff to verify and report back. Megan has been sending out a monthly newsletter on behalf of the Council. The newsletter will continue monthly, and she will advertise the jobs available in the next newsletter.

5. Principal's Report - Jeff Gervais

It has been a busy month for teachers, with report cards and IEPs. Daniel Richter visited the Jr division with his "Talking Stick". He was well received by students and staff. The staff appreciated the coffee and treats that were supplied by the Council on Feb 9th. The staff attended different activities on the PD day. The Toonie Tuesday promoting has begun. Posters are on display advertising the event on Feb 28th.

The Winter Activity days were extremely successful, both at the school and on the hill. There was a workshop by artist, Amy Talbot, that was enjoyed by the students who remained at the school. The majority of the kids that did not go on the ski trip, attended school. Jennifer: Thanks to the staff for planning a great day for the kids that remained at school. Harry: The kids that went on the ski trip did a great job, and a staff member at the hill commented on how polite the KES kids were. Megan: Thanks to Mme. Leclerc for the great outdoor programming for the kids at the school. Mme Leclerc would like to thank Jasmine and Emma for designing the "Katimavik Cup".

Outdoor classroom update: The staff survey went out and is almost all completed. The next step will be to gather the feedback from the survey and meet as a group. Ian Urbach attended the site planning workshop and came back with some useful information. The goal is to have a complete plan, including fundraising ideas, by the end of June.

Asbestos: all schools have some form of asbestos. The amount is depends on when the school was built. There is an asbestos awareness protocol and staff are aware of what to look for, and what precautions are required. There is a logbook that the school is required to maintain, and the staff are aware of the mandate in the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

7. Teacher's Report - Mme. Leclerc

Math question of the week in the school newsletter: there was only one person that answered the question last month. Get the word out, submit your answers. The Librarian is reminding us of the need for a Learning Commons committee. Mrs. Macke entered the grade 6 math students in a contest this week. The grade 4s and 5s will compete in April. The kids were

extremely engaged by the presentation from Daniel Richter and his talking stick. The winter activity days went really well and were liked by staff and students. There were three finalists in the Spelling Bee: Leah Shea, Ray Xia, Samantha

6. Vice Principal's Report - Mr. Harry

Thank you to Joe and his team of volunteers for a spectacular skating season. Intermediate basketball is coming up. The Jr. boys volleyball team came in first place, the girls play tomorrow. There is a chess club tournament on Mar 8. M. Touabi is sponsoring a computer group. There is a Talent Show coming up.

8. OCASC Report

There is no report available this month. Please visit the OCASC website for any details.

9. Treasurer's Report - Claudette Nyenhuis

Only one teacher has submitted their receipts for their \$50 allowance. Grillmaster has provided us with a cheque for \$232.00 from the profits of the festival last June. Half has been given to CES. There is a total of \$1675.00 in the Outdoor classroom line item. The Council would like to have an update on what Mr. Thorp purchased with the \$300.00 that was allocated last month. Jeff brought in the "Tech Tubs" for a demonstration. There are 5 chromebooks per tub, with a total of 20 Chromebooks.

10. Presentation Grade 8 project - Jasmine Quirk and Duncan MacFarlane

"Forget me Not" - grade 8 project from Mr. Gray's class to raise money for Alzheimer's under the umbrella of the "Entrepreneurial Adventurer's Program". The event will take place at the end of April. The cost of the tickets will be \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. The group is requesting \$300 from Council to help cover some of the upfront costs so that they can focus on raising as much money as possible for the Alzheimer's cause. Motion by Claudette, seconded by Leah, all in favour, to grant the group \$300.00 from our community outreach funds. Receipts to be provided to Council.

11. "Screenagers" - Jenn Guerra

Fisher Park school is hosting the documentary on Mar 1st. The rights to the movie are \$500USD. Is our school community interested in hosting a screening? Jenn to contact Earl of March, and Megan to come up with a survey to gauge interest.

12. PRO Night - March 29

A BIG thank you to Mr. Harry for running with this. There are speakers lined up, and a plan in place.

Other Business:

Reminder - The annual Castlefrank Katimavik Community Festival is to take place on June 13. Staff Appreciation Luncheon - May 18 at 12:50 during second break, Megan Venner is the contact.

Chantal: Is there a drug awareness program in school? Harry advised that the next topic on the Health curriculum is drug awareness.

Adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Next meeting April 26, 2017