



APPROVED
November 10, 2020

Kars on the Rideau School Council

Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Minutes were taken by Ashleigh Calberry.

Present: Jennifer Barrel-Benoit (Principal), Jen Shipley (Vice Principal), Chris Hiltz (Teacher Representative), Carrie Desormeaux (Chair), Shereene de Rosayro (Vice Chair), Marianne McLeish (Treasurer), Mark Pearson (Web Administrator), Leslie Pattermore, Erin Duffin, Megan Reilly, Ashleigh Calberry, Ani Sanchez, Vicki Arkinstall, Kate Duggan, Rowena Pearl

1. Welcome, Introductions and Co-Chair Updates

Everyone was welcomed and all participants made introductions.

2. Principal's Report

- Safety procedures:
 - no visitors in the building; call into the school to sign child in/out
 - some issues on Dorack (turns)
 - more parents are putting children on bus now
 - students are doing amazing job wearing masks
 - phys ed outside, along with recesses; assigned washrooms
 - grades 6-8 using classroom exits
 - no lockers/cubbies being used: as weather changes, adjustments will need to be made
 - no major lost and found like usual; everyone's bringing items home
 - hand sanitizing before leaving and entering rooms, before eating
 - current pause on phys ed equipment; students being more creative outside
 - grades 1-5 students eat first, then recess; grades 6-8 recess first, then eat
 - yard zones: most students respect zones, but some struggles with grades 6-8 students
 - physical distancing and mask wearing stumbling block
- Halloween coming soon, will receive email about costumes (no weapons, no masks, not allowed to change at school). No dance party, no parade through school but will try to do a virtual option, no sharing food.
- more communication than normal from teachers to ensure families are comfortable with virtual platforms (e.g. Google Classroom), in case of the need for class/school to go virtual
- if there is a positive case at school, will receive an email from her, along with further communication if your child is a close contact

Vice Principal Update

- working extra hard this year to ensure school life gets out to community (videos)
- spirit days each Friday: students are making suggestions and having fun with it

3. Treasurer's Report

General overview:

- raise money through hot lunch program and other events; lunch program is very labour intensive, so higher profit margins
- not last year, but previous two years, raised around \$33,000 which goes back into the school
- annually, give each FTE teacher \$100 to spend on classroom supplies (almost \$4500 last year), approx. \$3000 to reading and literacy programs, subsidize buses for trips (approx. \$5000), take in funding requests from teachers (e.g. science materials, new electric piano) and vote on approving or not
- last year, profit almost \$19,000, including refunding payments for cancelled lunches
- about \$7800 in account now, should be a priority to keep some money in account at the end
- will be different this year in terms of what money can be used for, and what ways we can fundraise

Carrie spoke about the turkey lunch: served turkey lunch to all students at the community centre, cooked and served by volunteers. Other fundraiser highlights: cake walk, book sale, Little Caesars, loonie toonie sale.

4. Council Elections

Carrie asked for new parents who are interested in getting involved, and spoke about roles and responsibilities.

- Chair/Co-Chair/Vice Chair: chair meetings, encourage parent involvement, inform parent community about role of school council
- Secretary: minutes, monitoring gmail account, uploading documents to Google Drive
- Treasurer: all money, mostly online now

Discussion about Kars bylaw: not more than 3 years on executive or 2 years in same position, possibility of sharing roles (e.g. co-secretary). No secretary last year.

Asked for voting parent members, to have quorum to vote on executive tonight. Megan, Erin and Ani volunteered as voting parent members. Asked to fill out form and send to Carrie.

Nominations:

MOTION to accept Ashleigh Calberry's nomination as Secretary:

Motion made by Carrie

2nd: Shereene

Motion **PASSED**

MOTION to accept Carrie Desormeaux and Marianne Mcleish as Co-Chairs

Motion made by Shereene

2nd: Mark

Motion **PASSED**

MOTION to accept Leslie Pattemore as Treasurer

Motion made by Shereene

2nd: Mark

Motion **PASSED**

MOTION to accept Shereene de Rosayro as Backup Secretary

Motion made by Carrie

2nd: Mark

Motion **PASSED**

5. Current Business

- 1) Would like to include Google Meet as an option for parents who can't attend in-person meetings, for snow days, etc. Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month. Usually take December off (busy month).
- 2) Would like to continue Little Caesars fundraiser, with coordinated and socially distanced pickup. \$5 per kit goes to the school council.
- 3) Discussion about fundraisers and need to adapt this year. Need for funds this year will be different (e.g. no busing to subsidize, no presenters coming to school, virtual presenters and subscriptions may be needed). Additional technology will be needed.
- 4) Discussion about obtaining technology via donations (monetary or devices). Must be tendered through school board. Have loaned out about 100 devices from school. Donations of devices have to be sent to IT to be imaged. Impact of different devices on wifi, speed, age.
- 5) Discussion about possible fundraisers and impact on families: some can afford to give more right now, some can't give huge amounts but smaller might be ok. Can still make them fun somehow.
 - FlipGive: Get percentage back from online purchases, great for stuff parents are purchasing anyway.
 - Vista VIP: Purchase gift cards and get a percentage back. Limited contact, no food, no cash to handle, right before Christmas is a good time.
 - info: vistavipfundraising.ca

ACTION: Leslie offered to look into Vista program

- 6) Need to update emailing list for council (for sending minutes, etc.)

6. Teacher Representative Report

- Osgoode Youth Association making connection with Ottawa Art Gallery: event Nov. 17, can include on school council website for info
 - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/gallery-c-tickets-125959589523>

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

The next meeting will take place on November 10, 2020 from 6:30-8:30pm via Google Meet.