



APPROVED  
April 6, 2021

## Kars on the Rideau School Council Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2021

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

**Present:** Jennifer Barrel-Benoit (Principal), Jen Shipley (Vice Principal), Chris Hiltz (Teacher Representative), Carrie Desormeaux (Co-Chair), Marianne McLeish (Co-Chair), Leslie Pattemore (Treasurer), Ashleigh Calberry (Secretary), Mark Pearson (Web Administrator), Erin Duffin, Ani Sanchez, Shereene de Rosayro, Ivonne Zarza

### 1. Welcome, Introductions, and Co-Chair Updates

#### Minutes

November– approved as is.

#### **MOTION:**

Motion made by Carrie

2<sup>nd</sup>: Leslie

Motion **PASSED**

### 2. Principal's Report

- one positive student covid case so far: during online learning period, so no impact I in person at school
- 12 students joined in person from OCV
- reminder of protocols/new protocols transitioning back to school:
  - many grades 1-3 students were already wearing masks, so mandatory masking wasn't a big adjustment
  - masks outside: just a few reminders
  - nice to have clean, dry masks after recess; have given out some and reminding students to bring them each day
- transition to virtual happened quickly
  - 94 Chromebooks went out to families at home
  - hotspots from the board took longer
  - Google Meet training from the spring made transition easier
  - everyone adapted well
- this is the time of year we're preparing for next year
  - Kindergarten information night last week
  - Kindergarten registration numbers currently higher than the last couple of years
  - MFI night tomorrow night
  - transition events for students from Manotick PS and North Gower PS coming (likely virtual)
- PD day this Friday; agenda already shared with school community (equity and inclusion, health and safety)

- last year's thank you cards for turkey lunch from School Council was delivered to RA Centre today
- board is looking at possibility of grade 12 students, then grade 8, and then possibly rest of students getting pictures taken this year

#### Vice Principal Update

- resilience in the students with all the new protocols and procedures (e.g. no lockers, individual bins)
- still lots of joy, fun and happiness happening in the building:
  - several classes had a songwriting workshop with Craig Cardiff
  - National Gallery joined a couple of classes for a virtual tour
  - grade 3 classes had David Finkle join for Indigenous storytelling
  - Diya Lim (author) joined a couple of classes
  - a few gr 3-6 classes had virtual dance classes with Momentum Dance
  - OttawaU science and Scientists in the School
  - South Carleton joined grade 8s for info session with interactive slideshow
    - very realistic student-made Minecraft tour of South Carleton HS
  - community partnerships allowed now, so a few classes went ice skating today
    - grades limited by how many parent volunteers are allowed vs students able to do up skates on their own

#### Teacher Rep. Update

- pivot to online learning went well (from teachers' and students' perspectives)
  - lots of engagement from students
  - teachers found new tools to use online and face-to-face
  - thanks from teachers to parents for support from home
  - transitions from class, to lunch, to recess has all become natural now (sanitizing, masks)

### 3. Treasurer's Report (Marianne, while transitioning to Leslie)

- nothing new yet
- hotlunches.net subscription \$300/year: wondering about administrative fee for dropping out and rejoining later since it's not used this year  
**ACTION:** Marianne will check with Kim and Amy about cancelling/reinstating later, and instructions for setup

### 4. Current Business

#### School Council funding

- discussion about PIP funding and potential to use for online
- PRO grant (linked to literacy and numeracy)

#### Little Caesars pizza fundraising

- they have suggestions for pickup with covid: [pizzakit.ca/landing/covid19-CA](http://pizzakit.ca/landing/covid19-CA)
- alphabetical and by grade for quick pickup
- aiming for while while it's still cold outside (so kits remain frozen, better than in warmer weather)

#### Other covid-friendly fundraising

- board is encouraging school councils to keep fundraising minimal this year
- school costs have been lower with board taking on cost of many subscriptions, lower spending, no field trips, etc.
- raffle with local gift cards, collect \$ through School Cash Online (Debby will set up)
  - gift cards for local businesses
  - \$5 per ticket, can buy as many as you'd like

- multiple prizes for more chance of winning
  - 1st: \$400, 2nd: \$100, 3rd: \$75
- should let parents know there are **2 fundraisers** (pizza, gift cards) for this year, try to have them a month apart
- will figure out how to include staff and virtual students
- online virtual draws, maybe live?

**ACTION:** Marianne to get gift cards, send a blurb to Jennifer to send out to school community

#### School Council meetings

- school councils must have at least 4 meetings/year
- discussion about choosing mandatory months now or later and allowing other months to be flexible
  - September and October more crucial (wrap up last year, nominations, set up this year)
- this year: April and June; next year: September and October
  - then decide in October about dates for the year
- possibility of in person and virtual options for attending meetings next year

### 5. School Spending Requests

- staff wondering about reimbursement for consumables
- no new requests

### 6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

*The next meeting will take place on April 13 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm via Google Meet.*