



APPROVED
September 14, 2021

Kars on the Rideau School Council Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm. Minutes were taken by Ashleigh Calberry.

Present: Jennifer Borrel-Benoit (Principal), Jen Shipley (Vice Principal), Chris Hiltz (Teacher Representative), Marianne McLeish (Co-Chair), Leslie Pattermore (Treasurer), Ashleigh Calberry (Secretary), Mark Pearson (Web Administrator), Kate Duggan, Shereene de Rosayro

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes

February – approved as is.

MOTION: Motion made by Marianne

2nd: Ashleigh

Motion **PASSED**

2. Teacher Representative's Report

- summer school directed toward students in grades 6-8
 - different OCDSB sites, busing provided in past
 - focused on literacy, numeracy, ESL, for students not achieving provincial standard in math, English
 - 15-17 days in July; principal on site
 - parents who are interested can reach out to student's math or English teacher
 - application form will come out soon; approved by school principal
 - https://ocdsb.ca/continuing_education/summer_school_programs/summer_school_grade_6_7_8
- some reach-ahead credits for students going into grade 9 next year available based on numbers and location (110 hour credit)
 - https://ocdsb.ca/continuing_education/summer_school_programs/summer_e_learning_program
 - https://ocdsb.ca/continuing_education/summer_school_programs/virtual_reach_ahead_credit_program
- request: phys ed asking about possibility of getting larger portable speaker (for outdoor use for phys ed, dance), [\\$350 on Amazon](#)
 - **MOTION:** approve up to \$400 to buy a speaker
 - Motion made by Leslie
 - 2nd: Marianne, Kate, Shereene
 - Motion **PASSED**
- request: French Immersion resources for grades 4-8, "Le Monde en Merche"

- has been paid for in past
- 3 titles, each is \$210
- already approved money for literacy resources, so this will be included in that

3. Principal's and Vice Principal's Reports

Principal Update

- covid updates:
 - consistent reminders to home to send masks and water bottles
 - 2 recent cases, ended up closing a class last week (students and teachers go online)
 - Principal communicates directly with OPH to follow processes
 - OPH determines day of close contacts, traces any staff and students in contact that day
 - some families have decided to keep students home this week
 - Q: If a student is identified as high risk, what happens with rest of family?
 - A: family can still leave for essentials: work, groceries, etc.
- staffing allocation for next year will be received tomorrow
 - small number of students planning to choose OCV for next year (approx. 4.8% of students vs approx. 10% this year)
 - projected 682 students for next year, currently at 591 (last year, projected at about 680 for this year)
 - 29 classes cut to 26 classes this year due to online learning, don't anticipate the same next year
 - Kindergarten registrations have come in with roughly same numbers, just earlier than usual in the year
- lockdown presentations a little bit different this year: no practicing
 - intended to let families know before
 - still doing 3 more fire drills this year
- Speaker Series available that might be of interest to our parents
 - accessible through PRO grant
 - topics:
 - Media Smarts Virtual Speaker Night
 - Parents for Diversity Virtual Speaker Night: Understanding Equity in Education
 - Paul Davis Virtual Speaker Night: Social Networking Safety
 - Rideauwood Addiction and Family Services Virtual Speaker Night: Mental Health and Addiction
 - School Council Choice of a Virtual Speaker Night
- grade 8 photos happening on Thursday (the only photos done this year)

Vice Principal Update

- commitment to equity, inclusion and diversity: resources, language and content of lessons
 - reflecting on bringing head and heart together, educating and exposing students at a younger age
 - reflecting on our own unconscious biases
 - purchased [More than One Story card games](#) for all staff to use in classrooms
 - allocating funds for new resources
- shared [video: "To Speak Up for Inclusion, we need to speak about inclusion"](#)
 - will continue to spend time on inclusion and equity in staff meetings
 - asked staff to share one goal for inclusion/equity
 - Valuing Voices survey open to staff and parents (has already gone through students) to see what can be done to make positive changes

- Q: do you give tools for students to use with people in their lives who don't have the same values?
 - A: highlight "what do you have in common?" and then respect differences
 - we have to point out when somebody says something that is not ok
 - conversations with older students about exposure and education, understand what they're saying and why that might negatively impact people around them

4. Treasurer's Report (Marianne)

- no changes to financials due to no fundraising yet

5. Fundraising

- Marianne contacted local businesses for gift cards and items for fundraising (discussed last meeting)
 - found spinning wheel online for drawing random names
 - discussion about possible need for lottery license for a raffle rather than draw: we'll call it a draw
 - five prizes: \$200, \$150, \$75, \$50, \$25
 - \$5/ticket, can buy tickets through School Cash Online
 - when: send out info May 24, buy tickets by June 4,
 - draw June 8 during day at school (classes can join via Google Meet to watch live draw)

ACTION: Kate offered to pick up gift cards in North Gower

ACTION: Shereene will make a poster to send to families
- Shereene: Little Caesars fundraiser, pickup May 11
 - plan worked out for curbside pickup, can do some during school day as well as after
 - will try to get this email out before Friday, ordering online (directly to Little Caesars)

6. Current Business

- any funds from School Council for greening front of school (planters)
 - in the past, have approved \$1500, but recently only used \$300

ACTION: Marianne (and Leslie) will look at budget to see what we can afford
- staff appreciation
 - allowed: individual things (e.g. sandwiches, Red Dot dinners, Franks sandwiches)
 - June 4 is report card writing day

ACTION: Marianne will look at budget to see what we can afford

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next quick meeting: May 4, 2021 at 6:30 (topics: fundraisers and funding)

The next regular meeting will take place on June 8, 2021 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm via Google Meet.