



APPROVED
September 14, 2021

Kars on the Rideau School Council

Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2021

The meeting began at 6:35pm. Minutes were taken by Ashleigh Calberry.

Present: Jennifer Borrel-Benoit (Principal), Jen Shipley (Vice Principal), Chris Hiltz (Teacher Representative), Carrie Desormeaux (Co-Chair), Ashleigh Calberry (Secretary), Heather Parsons, Kieran Lightfoot

1. Principal's and Vice Principal's Reports

Principal Update

- staff thankful for support from parents and engagement from students
- planning something for grade 8 grad and gift for grads (water bottles)
- will arrange a pickup date for items at school for all students
- staff has been talking a lot about destreaming grade 9 math next year
 - differentiation in the classroom, but no applied/academic courses
 - affects graduation rates and equity
- school calendar for next year is out, looks a bit different than usual
 - usual PD day on last day in June isn't happening but 3 PD days before students start in September; now Friday before Labour Day, and Tuesday and Wednesday after
- expecting to start school in Sept with masks, cohorts, etc.
 - will welcome families back from OCV (about 10 students remaining at OCV next year)
 - projected to be at 670 students next year; this year just under 600
 - increase of 2 additional classes, total of 28 homerooms
 - a few staffing changes for next year (staff leaving, new hires, staff teaching at OCV)
- Middle French Immersion program:
 - no grade 4s registered; five grade 5s; nine grade 6s
 - will cohort the grade 6s into EFI classes
 - grade 5s will have small cohort for French, social studies and join EFI grade 5s for English, math, arts
- no new spending requests
- report card access will be different: no Compass, need OEN from previous report card, will receive email from School Messenger with link to sign in
- flag at half mast to honour 215 children found at residential school in BC
 - conversations happening in classes
 - next year, will look at intentional teachings around Indigenous cultures and events
- pride flag also flying this month
 - 4 flag poles attached to cenotaph and 1 flag pole in front of school
 - provincial flag is there twice; who owns the poles?
 - cenotaph should have Union Jack, Canada, provincial flag, fourth reserved for a visiting dignitary; likely owned by Legion

Vice Principal Update

- shared a destreaming video: A Path Without a Choice
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ec2UFTg4FU>
- diversity and equity initiative at Kars: The Third Path to Education
 - <http://www.thirdpath.ca/>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bh5Q-GFGUiA>

2. Teacher Representative's Report

- Fitness + Fuel event: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/fitness-fuel-tickets-157109002255>

3. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

The next regular meeting will take place in the fall.