

# Kars on the Rideau School Council Meeting

## February 21, 2023

Attendance: Erin Paynter (Principal), Lara Currie (Vice-Principal), Leslie Pattemore, Vicki Arkinstall, Jennifer Kuyek, Mark Pearson, Shereen de Rosayro, Ani Sanchez, Roberta Cassol, Hein Snyman, Sheila Mills

### Principal's Report (Erin Paynter)

- Erin provided an overview of the OCDSB Strategic Planning Process and asked what three things would make a difference to support student learning and well-being. Ideas raised during the discussion included: additional teacher basics, returning to the basics, teaching about respect, communication, giving educators some power for accountability/restorative justice where respect is lacking, ensuring student voices are heard and expectations understood, and zero tolerance on hate speech.
- Erin also discussed the plan for the Riverside South Secondary School and implications for Kars on the Rideau.
- Toonie Tuesday will be held on February 28, 2023, with students invited to wear their KOTR shirts.
- Pink Shirt Day is Wednesday, February 22, 2023, and students are invited to wear a pink article of clothing.

### Vice Principal Report (Lara Currie)

- Sir Guy Carleton did a virtual presentation for Grade 8 students, and students were excited to see some of the trades available at the school.
- Kinder to Grade 4 had a "wills Jam" session with educational music. There was also a Love to Groove session enjoyed by students. Celebrate Africa also did a music presentation on a snow day, so all students attending school were able to participate. Little Red Theatre presented to younger grades.
- Ottawa Public Health presented to Grades 4, 5, and 6 on tobacco and alcohol awareness and the use of cannabis.
- Holocaust survivor Dr. Eva Olsen did a virtual presentation with grades 4-8.
- A Reboot Assembly for Grades 7 and 8 reviewed expectations with a focus on kindness and equity to ensure that KOTR is a safe and caring school.
- Snow Hawks skiing on Tuesdays has been exciting for students.
- A food drive is underway.
- Mr. Garrist is supporting Grade 8 course selection.

## Treasurer's report

- Treasurer reviewed the Treasurer report, the closing balance for February 17, 2023, was \$21,873,72.
- Funding of Grade 8 Festivities were discussed, including bussing for year end festivity, and the grad party.
  - \$1500 from the standing motion is to be split between the Grad Party and Trip (\$750 for each).
  - \$700 in funds allocated for bussing through the existing standing motion (\$5 per Grade 8 student) to be allocated for the Grade 8 trip.
  - Council voted on \$550 in additional funding for the grade 8 trip.

Ani Sanchez brought forth the motion, which was seconded by Mark Pearson, and Council Members ( ), Leslie Pattermore, Vicki Arkininstall, Jennifer Kuyek, Mark Pearson, Shereen de Rosayro, Ani Sanchez voted in favour).

- There is a standing motion of \$400 each ear for the Coyote Trail hallway, council discussed the possibility of combining a mural with MASK (Community Art Group) to collaborate with Grade 8s as a legacy project for the school.

## Minutes

- The October, November, and January minutes were approved with no changes.

## Current Business and Upcoming Fundraisers

- The January Meeting minutes were approved without changes.
- Hot lunches will follow the same rotation for next round.
- Treasure Jar Fundraiser being organized for April 4 and 5.
- The book sale will not proceed due to lack of volunteers.
- The Year End Event is targeting June 8, and will need a Planning Committee, which Leslie Pattermore has volunteered to chair. It will include food trucks, 3-4 bouncy castles, and a book fair.
- The Little Caesars fundraiser will be discussed at next meeting; Shereen de Rosayro to get information for Mark Pearson.
- Other potential items to discuss for the school council to fund include a tower garden indoor garden, robotics kits, maker space, and a body break hallway trail.