

## Minutes KES Council Meeting Nov 23, 2016

Attendance: Teri MacDonald, Harry de Roo, Andrew Thorp, Claudette Nyenhuis, Jeff Gervais, Stephanie Nasmith, Deidre Mander, Jennifer Guerra, Carla Backmeier, Duncan MacFarlane, Kathy Broom, Xiang Sun, Mary Leclerc, Leah Laframboise

1. Meeting called to order at 7:08pm.
2. Approval of agenda, Teri and Carla.
3. Approval of minutes from Oct 26th Carla, Claudette.
4. Chair's Report - Leah Laframboise

The Chapter's fundraiser was a huge success. Each school library received a Chapter's gift card for \$619.00.

The Movie night was another great success, with proceeds of \$500.00.

The Scholastic Book Fair at CES was well attended. We exceeded the quota of French books, so we will be able to offer a selection of French books at the book fair next year. The grand total of books sold: \$2000 in French, \$6500 in English. The Scholastic re-orders have been delayed.

The Book drive is going well. We have collected close to 700 books.

The first KES Bake sale will be Friday the 25th. Grades 4,5,6 will be baking.

The annual Castlefrank Katimavik Community Festival date has changed. It will be Tuesday the 13 of June, 2017. Grillmaster, Circus Delights, and Mr. Sundae have been confirmed. Mr. Sundae would like us to note that they will not use nuts on the day of the festival, but the truck has had nuts at one point in time.

The Outdoor Classroom committee had their first meeting. There was a good turnout.

### 5. Principal's Report - Jeff Gervais

The "Outdoor Classroom" meeting was held, with 8 people in attendance. The planning will be going forward, with more details to come.

School Learning Plan: after considering the Grade 6 EQAO Math results, it has been decided that how students approach the question, can be improved. There is a need to help students to determine "a plan of attack" for the question.

Numeracy: more details to come after a meeting with the math leads.

There has been a new afternoon Educational Assistant hired.

Nov 10th was crazy hat/hair day. It was a popular event and students liked it. The K Crew wants more student involvement and is looking at way to get more students to participate. The next spirit day will be "Twin Day", or class theme day. There was an assembly on Nov 11. There were many parents that attended. Thanks to Mr. Hamm, Mr. Thorp, and Mr. Grey. There was a former KES student (currently in grade 12) that played his trumpet.

CLIK will be organizing a food drive and clothing drive. More information to follow.

Progress Reports - went home last week. Jeff is interested in feedback in the way that teachers and parents could book meeting times. There were a few different options used: "You can

book me” and a google form as well as paper forms. The electronic forms were well received and Jeff advised that next year there will be a more streamlined approach.

#### 7. Teacher’s Report - Mary Leclerc

The staff were thankful for the Remembrance Day assembly and found it to be touching and solemn. CLIK will have a clothing and food drive from Dec 12-21. There will be a letter going home. The “Zones of Regulation” are ongoing and students are involved.

Anti Bullying Week- I am, I have, I can are being reinforced. “Je dis NON at l’intimidation”.

On Dec 2nd, Rocks N’Rings will be at KES. Thank you to Major Nasmith, from the Royal Canadian Air Force, visited Mrs. Quirk’s class.

#### 6. Vice Principal’s Report - Harry de Roo

The Juniors are into Bordenball, with approximately 100 taking part in intramurals.

The Intermediates are into Volleyball, with approximately 100 taking part in intramurals. Dec 12-16 are various tournaments. Information can be found on the school calendar. The Chess Club meets on Friday. The Art and Spirit club have decorated the front foyer with various items. The Band is busy practicing. There is Band Trip meeting on Thursday Nov 24th. There will be a ski trip in February, and the skating club will be starting some time in the new year. The school welcomes donations of used skates and helmets. Simply bring them to the front office.

#### 8. Presentation - Andrew Thorp

The School clothing order has gone through, with 100 purchases. (\$3500 in sales) The profit from the clothing was used to support the Physical Education program. Some of the sweat pants were damaged. If you have received a damaged pair, please bring them back ASAP. Winter Activity days: Feb 3 and Feb 16. There will be the option to ski / snowboard, or stay at KES and take part in outdoor activities. The event is being supported by Mr. Thorp and Mrs. Wilson.

Mr. Thorp presented the group with a slide show featuring information about “First Nations, Metis and Inuit Learning. He discussed the origins of “orange shirt day” and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He illustrated how we can incorporate learning about the First Nations, Metis and Inuit in our everyday learning, instead of it being a one unit type approach. The showcase at the front of the school has a display for “Treaties Recognition Week”. There is a QR code in the display that will link you to a Heritage Minute. Upcoming events: “Blanket Exercise” and “Hoop Dancing”. The link to Mr. Thorp’s presentation can be found on the school website.

From November 25 - April 17: National Gallery. There is an exhibit featuring Alex Janvier, an Indigenous artist from Alberta.

There was a discussion topic introduced by, Stephanie. There are many street names in our area that appear to have Indigenous origins, and the name of our school. Has anybody researched where they come from? This was recognized as a wonderful learning opportunity. Jeff thanked Mr. Thorp for his initiative and leadership.

## 10. OCASC - Ian Urbach

The "Elementary School Program Framework" was presented. There is a survey for parents that will be ending soon. It can be found on the OCASC website. The "Chalk it up" session referenced a Burlington, ON company called "Jump to Math". There was a lot of discussion regarding the community use of schools, and whether or not a principal or vp have to be present for insurance purposes, for a council run event.

There is one school trying a program called "Study habits and time management". It helps kids look at their schedule and helps them determine how to schedule in homework and extracurricular activities.

Mr. Gervais took an opportunity to introduce and thank, Duncan MacFarlane, who is a member of the KCrew.

## 9. Elementary School Program Framework - Jeff Gervais

There is a link to the document on the school website. The survey deadline is Dec 13. The Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the results will be on Jan 17.

## 11. Treasurer's Report - Claudette Nyenhuis

Motion by Claudette to match up to \$500 of what CLIK can raise for their clothing and food drive, seconded by Leah. Motion passed.

There is still \$600 remaining in the community outreach budget line item. If anyone has any suggestions, please let us know. Popcorn money will be reported shortly, with proceeds going to the Outdoor classroom. There were no further details on the possibility of partnering with CES for a community outreach program.

## 12. PRO night

Megan is looking for somebody to chair the committee for the PRO night. The theme this year will be "health and wellness". Tentative date for May, during Education week. Xiang offered to help with this committee. Leah to liaise with Megan. There is a total budget of \$1500 for this event. Harry mentioned that has has some food nutrition contacts. There will be a blog post soliciting volunteers.

## 13. New Business

Jen Guerra

Jen spoke with our librarian to see if there is a need for parent volunteers to read with kids. She is willing to set up a sign up genius sheet and will work with Mme. Ramsden and Mrs. Esdaile. She is also inquiring as to finding a way to assign a corner of the library as a quiet place to read. Jeff advised there is some money for this and is looking into some decorating ideas for the library.

Teri MacDonald

Hot dog day fundraiser to support the grade 7 camping trip and the grade 8 band trip. Lunch Lady will supply the hot dogs and chocolate brownie cookies. They will be sold at a cost of \$5.00 per lunch, with additional hot dogs at \$1.50. This will start in January, forms to go home next week.

The Garden letter - Teri has drafted a letter that can go out to community members in the Spring. The letter can also be submitted to Councillor Hubley's office for some help with spreading the information.

14. Adjournment - 8:46 pm

Next meeting : January 25, 2017.