



Kars on the Rideau School Council Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Minutes were taken by Kara Hayne.

Present: Rick Haggar, Louise Cesario (Teacher Rep), Diane Dey (Co-chair), Shereene de Rosayro (Co-chair), Kara Hayne (Secretary), Carrie Desormeaux (Treasurer), Julien Franche (Web Administrator), Jennifer Maheral, Kim Cable, Vicki Arkininstall, Cheri MacLaughlin

1. Welcome and Introductions

Diane welcomed everyone and informed the group that the main agenda items for this meeting was to vote in a Web Administrator and to discuss upcoming fundraiser events. Diane welcomed 2 new members – Julien Franche (parent) and Louise Cesario (new teacher rep).

2. Principal's Report

Rick has identified 3 Teacher Representatives for the KOTR School Council: Sherrie Guthrie (grades JK-2), Monica Gordon (grades 3-6) and Louise Cesario (grades 7-8). The new online system for booking teachers for parent-teacher interviews is working well. Rick shared a copy of the Extracurricular Activities list which is an annual request to be posted on the website.

The “Children at Risk” program at KOTR serves the most vulnerable children through private support groups. Rick will ask the program coordinators how Council could possibly further support these students.

The school purchased the “Empowerment” program (\$3,000) that comes with training and evaluation.

To better support student transitions from school to school with regards to teaching styles, KOTR will create networks with North Gower and Manotick schools for those students coming in for grade 6 and with South Carleton and Osgoode for those leaving for grade 9.

As a follow up to last month's council meeting discussion about EQAO results and Council's options for further supporting students in math, Louise informed Council that she and 3 other teachers met with OCDSB Superintendent of Instruction, Shawn Lehman. EQAO results were analyzed and presented, showing a trend over the past 6-7 years that students need support with problem solving. This will therefore be the focus this year. Teacher Monica Gordon introduced the concept of “cubes” to organize thinking and clues, and Rick will be working with staff in teaching in different ways to reach all learning styles. As part of the School Learning Program (SLP, composed of 15 staff), KOTR has also developed shared teaching practices.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Carrie informed Council that the Jar Walk profited a total of \$2,720.05, which is about \$150 more than last year.
- As an additional tracking tool, Carrie is using an online ledger to break down financials by event.

4. Chair's Report

Diane and Shereene introduced Julien as the Web Administrator who will take over the maintenance of the Council website.

Rick supported the Council's request for a bulletin board to be posted in the school lobby for Council to post about upcoming events, information and volunteer sign up.

5. Current Business

a) Approval of October minutes

MOTION to approve October minutes:

Motion made by Diane

1st: Vicki, 2nd: Kim

Motion **PASSED**

b) School Funding Requests

- 1) Rick proposed the purchase of indoor and outdoor sports equipment for all grades (e.g. pinneys, balls, hockey sticks, bean bags) through tendered suppliers. Total amount: **\$2,420**.

MOTION to purchase proposed sports equipment:

Motion made by Diane

1st: Shereene, 2nd: Vicki

Motion **PASSED**

- 2) Rick proposed the purchase of 3 electric pumps (air compressors) to maintain balls. Total amount: **\$686**.

MOTION to purchase proposed pumps:

Motion made by Diane

1st: Shereene, 2nd: Carrie

Motion **PASSED**

- 3) On behalf of the teaching staff, Louise proposed the funding of Mathletes, which was not done last year. The event would take place in April or May over 2 days for 312 students in grades 2-6. Total amount: **\$2,300** (\$5.87 per student).

MOTION to fund Mathletes:

Motion made by Diane

1st: Carrie, 2nd: Shereene

Motion **PASSED**

- 4) On behalf of a junior teacher, Louise proposed the funding for “MASC” theatrical group to present on May 9 or 10 for grades 4-6 and will focus on Indigenous peoples, racism and bullying which supports the social studies curriculum. Total amount: **\$435 + \$24.50** for travel to the school.

MOTION to fund Mathletes:

Motion made by Diane

1st: Kara, 2nd: Julien

Motion **PASSED**

- 5) On behalf of Mrs. Beenish, Louise proposed the funding for “What’s in the World” one-year membership as a teacher’s resource that will grant the online access of grades 7-8 to articles on current issues in English. The online magazine publishes 8 issues per year (Sept-May), but the purchase would grant access to back issues. Total amount: **\$190**.

MOTION to fund What’s in the World:

Motion made by Diane

1st: Julien, 2nd: Carrie

Motion **PASSED**

- 6) On behalf of Council, Diane proposed the purchase of a coin counter to make money counting much more time efficient and accurate for all fundraising events, and to better support the mandate of council members not taking money home. The selected model counts, sorts and rolls all Canadian currency and is of high quality for mass coin counts. Shereene will order it online, and the expense will be charge to “additional expenses” budget. Total amount: **\$422**.

MOTION to purchase a coin counter:

Motion made by Kara

1st: Shereene, 2nd: Carrie

Motion **PASSED**

6. Coordinator Updates

- Loonie Toonie:
 - Jen will seek high school student volunteers to fill a shortage of parent volunteers.
- Festive Hot Lunch:
 - Since our last meeting, 8 parent volunteers have come forward.
 - The online hot lunch ordering system is being used to collect \$5 Festive Hot Lunch orders, although parents can still pay by cheque.
- Hot Lunch:
 - Pizza crust will be made with all-white flour starting in November.
 - Council needs to start planning lunch menu items for Term 2. A council member will contact the Marlborough Pub to gauge their interest in providing a meal with taste testing next meeting.
- Book Sale:

With still no lead coordinator, Council is considering a scaled back book sale, or postponing until next year on a two-year rotation. No decision made.

7. Other Business

None

8. Adjourn

Diane informed Council members that the Executive team meets one week before each monthly meeting and welcomed all council members to join.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

The next meeting will take place on December 12, 2017.