

L'Ecole King George Public School Council
Meeting Minutes- 6 November 2018

In Attendance: Leslie Fisher, Natasha Templeton (secretary), Aura Carcueva, Miranda Bouwhuis, Jen Duggan, Jodie Brown-Bedford, Sarah Westmacott, Maureen Oeasch, Casey McMorrow, Dawn Matheson, Kaelan Forbes, Julie Brownell, Lindsay Tremblay (VP), Randy Dewey (Principal).

1. Approval of October Minutes and November Agenda.

2. Principal's Update: Randy Dewey

- Parent/Teacher Interviews: Sign up online starting Thursday November 15th. Online form will be open from the 15th to the 28th. Interviews will take place Thursday November 29th after school and unless otherwise notified will continue on Friday November 30th (PA Day). Intermediates interviews will be 10 mins in duration in the gym. Remainder of classes will have 15 min slots in their classroom.
- Grade 7 Immunization tomorrow November 7th in the library.
- Remembrance Day Service: Friday November 9th @ 10:45am. Parents welcome but space is limited. We encourage students to wear red, white and black as a way to show patriotism. Cadets, brownies, guides and scouts encouraged to wear uniforms. All students will attend.
- Students taking part in Caribou math contest on Nov 14th to 15th. A world-wide contest that lets student compare themselves to other students around the world. All intermediates and a few junior classrooms are participating this year.
- Fresh from the Farm: Arriving November 15th in the morning. If you are interested in helping with bundling of orders in the morning or monitoring parent pick-up after school you are welcome to come by and let us know.
- During the month of November, we are encouraging families to contribute toonies on Tuesday to support the Learning Foundation. The fund is used to cover the cost of clothing, school supplies and trips for families that could use assistance. We have several families who make use of this fund for the end of year trips.
- Junior Girls volleyball (Mme. Sales) will be starting on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 7:30-8:10.
- Photo retakes on Nov 26th in the afternoon
- High School Information Nights: J.F. Ross information night for Parents & Students November 28th. See school newsletter for more information. Grade 8's going to Ross November 29th for 'Tech Day.' Some students going to College Heights the same day to see their tech programs. Career information nigh on Nov 14th from 6-8pm at Centennial CVI.
- School Population Inquiry:
 - Our population will continue to increase which makes more portables in future likely. However, a report written by the board Planning Staff was being presented November 6th recommending that grade 7 students at Guelph Lake stay there and not move to King George. The trustees will make a final decision on this recommendation at the Board meeting November 27th.
 - Even with this change we may in the future require two or more portables. This won't likely be the case for a couple of years as we still have two more classrooms available (English & music room).
 - There is underground service for up to 6 portables.

- No planned boundary reviews at this point.
- If our JK enrolment is capped (we've not reached that yet). The board will employ the random selection process.
- The third portable is in their plans. They have good projections of our yearly school population. These plans are public you just need to dig for the information.
- Would they remove trees planted by parents to make room for the portables? The hope is the board would not have allowed the playground to be constructed as it is if the trees and structures were going to be in the way of the allowed 6 portables.
- To deal with yard space during recess the school is already broken down into three recesses so the use of the yard is being better managed. The addition of one or two more portables should not impact use of the playground.

Go to these links for more information from the UGDSB with regards to planning.

<https://www.ugdsb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Elementary-Identified-Schools-Report-2017-18.pdf>

https://www.ugdsb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/LTAP-Final-Copy_JUNE-27.pdf

- **BYOD Policy:**
- Initiative put in place 5 years ago by the school board. 70-80% would be carrying their own device during the school day. Some teachers incorporate the use of personal devices in the classroom schedule. Check out the link to BYOD from the UGDSB

<https://www.ugdsb.ca/parents/bring-your-own-device-byod/why-byod/>

- Within KG...students/parents sign a BYOD contract which allow or don't allow them to bring them to bring a device to school.
- Students can used personal devices in the classroom under the direction of the teacher during classroom time. They are not allowed to use them in the hallways, yard or washroom. It will be taken if being used during that time. A discussion is then had with VP before device is returned. Parents get a call when it's taken the second time. Third time phone stays with VP until parents come to pick the phone or device up. Longest stay has been 3 weeks in the school safe.
- Very clear on how they are to use them and what the purpose of the device are.
- If you don't bring your own you are provided technology by the school. Lessons are not designed around the expectation of bringing your own device to school.
- For grades 7 & 8 it often supplements the use of an agenda. Teachers use professional judgement to make sure no one is singled out for not having their own device.
- Brent MacDonald (Superintendent) suggests that parents embrace digital technology so that students learn the appropriate and responsible use of technology.
- Parent question: Is this adding to screen minutes versus standard learning methods?: AAP (American Association of Pediatrics) recommends under the age of 18 no screen time except video chatting, 2 to 5 years 1 hour or less, 6 and older, place consistent limits on the time spent using media, and the types of media, and make sure media does not take the place of adequate sleep, physical activity and other behaviours essential to health.

- Kindie Pen Renovations: No tender required for kindie pen renovations. Jason Parks will oversee the construction. Work will begin this fall or spring 2019.
- Holiday Concert: Wednesday December 19th from 6:30-7:30. Teacher sign up happening now. Stay tuned to see if your child's class is participating. Spring Concert scheduled for May 8th during the last block of the day.
- Parent Question: Can parents be made aware of school announcements/clubs/sports tryouts? These are included in the school announcements. These could also be posted to the bulletin board for reading by parents/students. They are also included in the school newsletter if the teachers know they have something planned in advance.

3. KG Community Building Events Proposal: Maureen Oeasch

- This is something that has been done at Edward Johnson which involves hosting a community event each month or every other month for the school community.
- No associated costs or fundraising involved.
- Could be a games night, reading night, sports night as examples.
- Run by a community member from the school along with a few volunteers.
- As an example, Maureen recently ran a mindfulness evening for all ages. Taught kids and parents how to do mindfulness without having to be still and movement meditation.
- One hour in an evening monthly or bi-monthly. Does not require staff supervision after hours.
- Opportunity for those coming from our feeder schools, or who are bussed to come into the school and feel part of the school community.
- Forward ideas for future events.
- RSVP request to get a sense of numbers.

4. Greening & Grounds Committee Update: Jen Duggan

- Wreaths sales closed. \$1166 as of official deadline. 136 wreaths 42 poinsettias. All organized by Aimee Bartlett. School cash online simplified purchase process this year.
- Dance-a-thon: Proposed date Friday February 15th. Theme is Power of Love. Goal is \$10K in fundraising.
 - Hoping to gather some good prizes. Everyone gets a tickets and additional tickets are earned by raising more money. Kids can put their tickets in the jars to redeem for prizes.
 - Asking for re-gifting of fun items and for donations for all age groups from the school community or outside businesses/individuals.
 - Intermediates might be hosting a dance with John Galt on the 15th. Final date TBD. Need to confirm with Student Council.
 - Casey McMorrow is recruiting parent volunteers. Leslie amending pledge form. Devon is going to make some decorative quotations for decorating. Janet Morton may assist with decor. Leslie King will also be assisting with decorations. Curtis Walker is possibly working on a playlist and use of his CFRU sound system.
 - In need of celebrity MC's....any suggestions...Cam Guthrie, Storm mascot.
 - Pledge forms to go out before holiday break. No school cash online.
 - Mme. Tremblay has a sound & lights connection if needed.

5. Literacy Night: Leslie Fisher

- PRO grant was pulled back by the ministry. Was supposed to be used for a literacy night. Would still like to host an event with a focus on kindie to grade 3.
- Wednesday December 5th, Come at 6pm, sessions start at 6:15 (10-15 min/station) and run for an hour. Event ends at 8pm.
- Teachers on board.
- Would like funding or gift cards to give to sitters.
- Parents will go through stations in English and French with a focus on ways to help their children learn to read. Methods to build fluency, learn decoding skills and suggested online resources.
- Would require an RSVP.
- Asking for \$500 in council funding. Approved.
- Volunteer needs TBD.

6. Diversity & Inclusiveness Committee Update: Aura Carcueva

- First performance (Grades 5-8) by the Roseneath Theatre was well received. Mental Health Lead from the board came and was very happy with the content that was presented.
- Study guide available online through theatre group website. Info was sent home to parents of the students who were to attend. Here is the link to the guide.
- http://app.roseneath.ca/show/ladies-and-gentlemen-boys-and-girls?education_level=2
- Some parent raised concerns to school administration about material being covered in the production.
- Celebrate Diversity Night – Tentative Date Thursday January 31st. Stay tuned for details.

7. Parking Lot Items:

- Holiday Dance for families Friday December 7th organized through the St. George's Neighbourhood Group. Stay tuned for more information.
- No spring event for PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) due to funding pull back by the government.
- Snack program will accept donations any time but school cash online will close on November 10th. Funds received as of October 31 totaled \$1700. Goal was \$2000 preferably \$2500. Cheques are to be made out to The Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington. King George should be written in the memo line to ensure that the donation is directed to our school.

Next Meeting Tuesday December 4th, 2018 @ 6:30pm in the Library.

King George School Council Treasurer's Report
OCTOBER ACTIVITY

Date: **October-31-18**

Month Activity to date:

Transfer balances held at the School

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| \$ 3,750.00 | Start Up Supplies |
| \$ 1,200.00 | Scientists in the school |
| \$ - | Intermediate Science |
| \$ 500.00 | Green Screen |
| \$ 217.20 | AV Cables |
| <u>\$ 5,667.20</u> | Money From School Council Account |

Sept Minutes \$ 1,085.00 **Playground Equipment Maintenance fund**

Holiday Wreath Fundraiser

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| \$ 293.00 | Holiday Wreath Deposits |
| \$ - | Invoice |
| <u> </u> | Funds raised (transfer complete?) |

PIZZA

Term 2 Jan - April

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| \$ 2,634.00 | School Cash Online- SEP |
| \$ 324.00 | School Cash Online- OCT |

Term 3 April - June

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| \$ 2,249.50 | School Cash Online- SEP |
| \$ 99.00 | School Cash Online- OCT |

MILK

Term 1: Sep 1 - Dec 21

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| \$ 197.00 | Vending Machine Deposits - OCT |
| \$ 126.43 | Vending Account Invoices - Oct |
| \$ 2,741.00 | Milk Program School Cash Online- OCT |
| \$ 187.97 | Milk Program Invoices - previous year |

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Account Balance: As of: October-31-18

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| \$ 293.00 | SC - Fundraising Account | |
| \$ 9,586.98 | SC - General | |
| \$ 7,712.92 | SC - Greening and Grounds | |
| \$ 2,500.20 | SC - Milk Program | |
| \$ 11,163.00 | SC - Pizza Program | |
| \$ 165.00 | SC - Playground Equipment Maintenance | (10% of equipment cost) |
| \$ 31,421.10 | Check Balance | |

\$ 9,586.98 SC - General Account

\$ 3,663.16 ALLOCATED ACCOUNT BALANCES

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| \$ 1,500.00 | Council Funds | |
| \$ 881.94 | Eco Club | |
| \$ 25.50 | Music | (\$925 in UGLF) |
| \$ 1,155.72 | Art Supplies | |
| \$ 100.00 | Diversity and Inclusion | |

\$ 5,504.85 ALLOCATED FUNDS Not Yet Funded

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| | \$ 1,100.00 | Graduation 2019 (amount is UP TO \$1100) | 1100 |
| | | depends on funding provided by parents and students (\$880 last year from council) | |
| Sept Minutes | \$ 745.80 | D&I Performance November | |
| Sept Minutes | \$ 774.05 | D&I Performance April | |
| Sept Minutes | ? | Intermediate Science (2018-2019) | |
| Sept minutes | \$ 1,800.00 | Scientists in the School (2018-2019) | 9@\$200 |
| Sept Minutes | \$ 1,085.00 | Playground Equipment Maintenance fund | |
| | | Teacher Start Up fund (2019-2020) | \$150 |
| | | Scientists in the School (2019-2020) | \$200 |
| | | Intermediate Science (2019-2020) | \$1,200 |
| | | Graduation (2019-2020) | \$1,100 |
| | | Insurance (2019-2020) | \$155 |
| | | Meet and Greet | \$200 |
| <u>\$ 418.97</u> | Funds Yet to be Allocated | | 4105 |

Minutes, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

- ***Examine Your Privilege Workshop***, run by Alisha

- Workshop will be held on a Saturday in January
- will be opened to other schools - sign up it will be first come first serve
- Actions:
 1. Book the space at King George (Alisha)
 2. Post on King George homepage and Facebook group
 3. Flyer home?

- ***Celebrate Diversity Event***, participants - all members

- Date: agreed on Thursday January 31 to kick off Pride, and Black History Month.
- There's a PA day the next day.
- Start time: 6:00 pm (is this fixed or up in the air - I cant recall)
- Miranda has generously volunteered her time to decorate for the event
- Potential Layout of Event:
 - *timed events; groups perform on stage through out the evening; 5-10 minutes each performance
 - *groups set up around the periphery for the evening
 - *D&I members could wear orange shirts. As students and parents arrive, let them know if they have any questions, we're here to answer them.

- Actions:

4. notify student council of date
5. contact groups regarding availability for the 31st - drumming circle (Alicia), Polish Dancers/Costumes (Davina), belly dancer (Aura), Troy Boy Entertainment and Out on the Shelf (), Drag Queen, story reading (Jake), Multicultural Festival Coordinator - connect with organizer (Aura and Jake), Willow Road Festival - connect with person who organized it (Sara)
6. Closer to the date Aura will contact local restaurants/businesses regarding food

Theatre Troupe

- Children are the focus
 - First show is on Nov., 06
 - Actions:
7. Free hot pink stickers to put in student agendas. Put King George's website address on sticker for parents who want more info about the show (Katie and Davina) - I might be mixed up about whether we're putting the troupes website or the schools
 8. Prepare written statement for King George and Facebook sites (Katie and Davina)
 9. Flyer about Nov and April shows, each show on one side, to go in student agenda bag (goal is to provide info to all parents, and at the same time introduce language and a paradigm into homes that may not have previously the tools or language in approaching topics/ideas regarding diversity and inclusion) - quick copy code 100. **Katie and Davina to have agenda flyer ready for oct 26. Oct 29 to printer. Nov. 01 in agenda bags.**

-Positive Messaging:

- Actions:

10. Posters: check back about cost for frames. (Aura)

11. Bathroom and stairs: speak with Lindsay about how to go ahead with project. Get in touch with Janet Morten to work in collaboration. Connect with teacher at John Ross. (Davina)

-Book club

- Sara overseeing book club with parents
- Davina and Sara looking at Kindergarten reading shortly

-Areas for further focus and discussion:

- Discussion around opening the group up to a wider community: Is there a possibility of coming together through the Two Rivers Neighbourhood group?
- Look to the Dufferin Parent Support Association as a model.
- Movie Night proposed to replace the Dance-a-thon for our fundraiser this year: pizza and popcorn as the money makers. The movie has to be board approved.
- Possibility of Halloween Dance-a-thon for next year's fundraiser.
- A jar with our committees name could be placed at all events held to raise money for the school.
- Look to make Diversity and Inclusiveness an integral part of the fabric.
- Focus of the committee is on children and open parents while introducing Diversity and Inclusivity paradigm through language to those who have biases, prejudices.

- Equity at the board level? Have a member from our committee join.
- Michelle and Jake collaboration - presentation to PIC.

Next meeting set for Tuesday. Nov., 13 at 6:30 pm