

L'Ecole King George Public School Council
Meeting Minutes- 18 September 2019

In Attendance: Leslie Fisher (co-chair), Natasha Templeton (co-chair), Karen Arnold (co-treasurer), Jennifer Donahue (co-treasurer), Erica Scime (secretary), Cathy Kim, Aura Carcueva, Casey McMorrow, Katie Ewald, John Porter, Lindsay Gilmore, Amie Melnychuk, Bronwen Appleton, Avril Smith, Julia Cathro-Oliver, Jen Duggan, Sara Sarkar, Miranda Vandenberg, Adrienne Miller (Teacher rep-Grade 1-2), Kelley Jones (Vice Principal), Randy Dewey (Principal).

1. Approval of June meeting minutes and September agenda. Update to May Minutes: The Diversity Night is tentatively booked for February 7th, 2020.

2. Principal's Update: Randy Dewey

- There are contracts being negotiated with many work groups, so we'll have to see what the impacts are. Hopeful they'll be settled without disruptions to our everyday routines.
- Numbers are down from June's predictions and had to re-organize class lists and rooms. Now have 21 classes, including 3 JK/SK classes. With losing a class inside, able to decommission the portable for this year. Have 505 students registered.
 - **New staff members:** Mme Smith 4/5 teacher, Mme Major (returning from being a consultant with the board and Mme Calzonetti
- School sporting activities have started:
 - Junior Cross-country Running Club meets before school 3 days a week at 8am.
 - Tryout and practices for Intermediate Football (boys & girls) have begun – tournament @ Centennial – Sept. 25th.
 - Intermediate Cross-country Running Club will begin soon – tournament @ Rockwood Conservation Park - Oct 3rd.
 - School Letter initiative for Grade 7s & 8s to earn 20 points over two years to graduate with a School letter. Intermediates have signed up for volunteer school positions to earn points. They need 5 points from each of the 3 areas: academics, sports & clubs and services. The other 5 points can be from any area they choose.
- Fresh from the Farm Campaign has started, selling a vegetable bundle and an apple bundle. Opportunity mainly for Intermediate level to raise \$ to help pay for their year-end trip. But other grades can join in. Get back 40% of their sales, ex. If a class sold \$1000, they would get \$400 to put towards their trip. Campaign ends Oct. 9th so Mr. Dewey can call in the total order on Oct. 11th. Delivery will happen in November.
- School Agendas: finally available for grades 1-8. Asking for donation of \$6.50 through Cash online to pay for them. Many Intermediate students have chosen not to take one but parents should know they're available for them.
- **Thurs., Sept. 26th** is the Terry Fox Run (during the middle block). Last year we raised \$962 and goal this year is \$1000. Volunteers please contact Mme Turner or Mme RJ.
- **Mon., Sept. 30th** is Orange Shirt Day as recognized by the board. This is a day that students and staff are encouraged to wear orange to recognize and understand the impact of Residential Schools in the Spirit of Reconciliation and Home.
- New VP Kelley Jones was asked by Mr. Dewey to speak on:
 - New School Messenger & UG Connect apps, continuing website and Twitter, eblasts

- School Messenger launch – currently set-up as a 1-way communication from teachers/staff. Though some attendees stated they could respond to the sender and did receive responses. Big advantage is student privacy to use School Messenger. This is why we went with this new version over other options.
- New VP Kelly Jones will post messages and we still have the existing email options and Twitter.
- Teacher focus: Diagnostic assessments, reviewing data and setting routines for a successful year
 - Teachers really focusing on getting to know their students and diagnostics on students to get an idea as to where students are in their class.
 - Mme. Robi Ayles is the new teacher Equity rep for the school.

3. Treasurers Report- Jenn Donahue & Karen Arnold (See attached reports)

- Transferred money to start -up and Scientists in the school. They know they are likely short and will need to transfer more.
- Account balances. Art Supplies have been cleaned out.
- HST Rebate, what's the process? Mr. Dewey shared that he's not sure as the account is all lumped together so not sure about HST Rebate. Treasurers stated they are not sure how easy it is to track but they will start to see if it's close to previous years.
- The HST Rebate is for the Scientists in the School. Overpaid \$300 for the teachers start up fund and they can move it over to Scientists in the School to see if they are covered.
- More graduates this year, approx. 94 students vs. last year at 67. Was flagged that this could be a problem with needing more funding due to the increase in kids.
- School yard maintenance money is separate from School Yard Beautification. Ashley Dickson has overseen use of the maintenance money.
- The Eco Club want \$ to do a native garden. Will give them the \$500 allotted in May 2019 for School Yard Maintenance.
- Leslie King will oversee Acorn Art again and it will go to Art Supplies.
- Mr. Dewey commented that every school's budget has been cut so they've asked teachers to not ask for much. Waiting to see how long it may take to get back to normal after a 10% cut. The school wants more technical things and chrome books/ipads. A teacher wants a listening station in her primary class. Math teachers have gone ahead and ordered the Caribou Math Test. Students do very well on it, just not on the EQAO so the school is investigating why that may be. It's an international test that students write all on the same days and kids are excited about it and like to see where they are ranked vs. other kids. It's about \$300 to \$400 and Mr. Dewey already went ahead with it.
- Natasha Templeton asked if Mr. Dewey could get some pricing for these requests, for example, looking for 5 iPads per class for the Primary grades. Trying to understand the biggest asks from teachers and how we can best budget to assist the school in purchasing these items especially when the school is feeling the effect of budget cuts.
- Mme Miller says teachers asking for iPads because ours are so old. The board tech resource said there's nothing that can be done with me. John Porter says he'll ask someone in Guelph who specializes in upgrading old technology so the devices can be used again.
- Mr. Dewey confirmed we will be getting more classes next year and asks will go up.

- Literacy Nights for Primary (was to run last spring but registration was low so the event was cancelled) – suggested Dec. 4 or 9 but leaning towards Dec. 4. The dates suggested because progress reports would have already gone out. More information to come.

4. Diversity & Inclusiveness Council Update - Aura Carcueva, Katie Ewald, Sara Sarkar, John Porter

- Poster holders have been ordered.
- Asking for ideas on where to find appropriate posters for the new holders? VP Kelley Jones confirmed the board has a media resource so she will reach out to them to ask.
- Also suggested finding and/or creating posters could be a great Media Project for a teacher to do with kids.
- Suggesting “Meet Cute” Show for Grade 7s & 8s. Speaks to the notion of consent. Roseneath Theatre group offers it and it has only ever made programs for schools. Thinking of having it in the spring. Approx. \$800 per show.
- A different one for Music, My School Rocks. Oct-Nov for an Assembly that showcases Diversity, etc. Between now and November and would touch more grades. Aura Carcueva will look into it more.
- Katie Ewald was asking if someone could take on the Dance-a-thon -aiming for Oct. 31. Still have a Halloween Dance and go to Cash online.
- Avril Smith would be interested in working on the Dance-a-thon. She will coordinate with Mme Miller. Mme Miller said that the teachers do it from Primary kids for the Halloween so she’s saying you could still do the Cash online.
- Leslie Fisher is suggesting that the Diversity Council send in their asks and fees and it could be fundraised for and parent council funded.
- Casey McMorrow was suggesting to put out a request on the King George Facebook Parent page for volunteers.

5. Music Program Update – Julie McCann

- Julie McCann has spearheaded the music program fundraising to date but would like someone else to take it on and Amie Melnychuk has already started reaching out to find a venue. Julie will be willing to help her but can’t take the lead. Tentatively trying for Red Papaya in November.
- Mme Petrenko is asking for wall to wall carpeting in the music room.

6. Pizza Program Update – Casey McMorrow

- Slight increase in price of pizza from Domino’s. Had to increase the slices by \$0.10 so now \$1.60 per slice. Have already made \$5200 profit for Term 1 so we should be close to \$11,000 at the end of the year.
- Casey also needs volunteers. 5 or 6 shifts per school year. About 45 minutes a time. At noon. A parent has volunteered for 1 shift. Looking for another person to do it. Need 2 volunteers for this year. Jenn Donahue and John Porter volunteered at the meeting.

7. Greening & Grounds Update – Jen Duggan

- Sent the plans to 14 companies for RFPs and the final play structure will now be coming out of a catalogue. It’s really the most play structure we can get for the \$ and for the space. It’s rated for 21

kids at a time. The board will give us some \$. Want to bring to council a request for \$1260. It's been approved up to \$1500. Trying to get it ordered and installed within the next 6 weeks.

8. Dates to Remember

- Wed., Sept. 25 (6-7:30pm) School Open House
- Thurs., Sept. 26 Terry Fox Run during middle block
- Fri., Sept. 27 PD Day
- Mon., Sept. 30 Orange Shirt Day
- Wed., Oct. 2 Walk to School Day
- Thurs., Oct. 3 Picture Day
- Oct. 7th, 8th, and 9th, CCAT Testing for Grade 3 students.

9. Parking Lot – All

- **First day of school procedures at King George**
 - Expressed anxiety for kids and parents on how chaotic the school yard is for kids Grades 1-8 on that first day. Other schools seem to find a way to let parents know ahead of time to at least help kids prepare for the transition before day 1.
 - Realize that things can and do change but feel it would really help a lot of kids and parents.
 - Principal Randy Dewey will look at options for next year.
- **Suggesting screening of Part 2 of Screen Agers - \$600 US.** For PIC, there's no money but maybe could be done through the Neighbourhood Support Groups. Still trying to find out about PIC. Screen Agers Part 1 was about a doctor who was going through it with her own child and talking about research. It was really well done.
- **Proposing to create a Calendar of Fundraising Events for the year. Want to put it on the next Agenda.**
 - We haven't funded much on the sport side of things. Should assess where we are spending our money. Need to send your thoughts to the Chair. We need to be strategic about when we are asking for funding and volunteers.
- Need to make sure we have a 10% maintenance fund for all playground equipment.
- Sign/card for Chris the Crossing Guard whose father passed away.
- Share2Care Program open for schools to win \$5000. What are you doing for Mental Health? Deadline is Oct. 17.

- **Open Positions on School Council**
 - **Snack Program On-Site Coordinator**
 - Number of snack items served: Approximately 22,000 this school year.
 - Program cost: approximately \$8200 (\$3142 from parental donations & remainder of funding from the Children’s Foundation of Guelph and Wellington Food & Friends program)
 - Number of volunteers: 9 contributing approximately 280 volunteer hours
 - **Food & Friends Student Nutrition Program On-Site Coordinator Duties & Responsibilities**
 - Complete Food & Friends online monthly reporting to the Children’s Foundation of Guelph & Wellington.
 - Ensure food is purchased (grocery shopping or ordering) and is within the Ministry of Children and Youth Nutritional Guidelines.
 - Develop & monitor budget.
 - Ensure classroom baskets are filled (currently twice weekly).
 - Recruit, train and schedule volunteers.
 - Fundraising (currently twice yearly: A letter is sent out in the fall as well as the Live Free Campaign in March).
 - Renew grant yearly and complete year end procedures.
 - Attend two networking meetings yearly with the Children’s Foundation of Guelph and Wellington.
 - Attend Safe Food Handling Training as provided through Food and Friends.
 - Average 4 hours weekly.
 - If you might be interested in this position please let School Council know. Email us at kgcouncilchair@gmail.com
 - VP Kelley Jones will post these positionings for Two Rivers and King George Neighbourhood in School messenger and they are already included in the Newsletter.
- School Council Secretary position – filled by Erica Scime.

Next School Council Meeting Tuesday October 8, 2019 @ 6:30pm in the Library.

Upcoming School Council Meetings:

Wednesday November 6th, 2019 @ 6:30pm in the Library

Tuesday December 11th, 2019 @ 6:30pm in the Library

**King George School Council Treasurer's Report
JUNE ACTIVITY**

Date: **Friday, June 28, 2019**

Month Activity to date:

Transfer balances held at the School

\$ 4,650.00 Teacher Start Up Supplies
 \$ 1,900.00 Scientists in the school
 \$ - Intermediate Science (to be paid with HST refund)

\$ 6,550.00 Money From School Council Account

Account Balance: As of: Friday, June 28, 2019

\$ 6,550.00 **Money for School Council (held for initiatives)**
 \$ - **SC - Fundraising Account**
 \$ 9,580.29 **SC - General**
 \$ 17,318.16 **SC - Greening and Grounds**
 \$ - **SC - Milk Program**
 \$ - **SC - Pizza Program**
 \$ 1,250.00 **SC - Playground Equipment Maintenance** (10% of equipment cost)
 \$ 28,148.45 **Check Balance**

\$ 9,580.29 SC - General Account

\$ 3,292.80 ALLOCATED ACCOUNT BALANCES

\$ 1,500.00 **Council Funds**
 \$ 529.75 **Eco Club**
 \$ 663.05 **Music**
 \$ - **Art Supplies**
 \$ 600.00 **Diversity and Inclusion**

\$ 585.22 ALLOCATED FUNDS Not Yet Funded

\$ 585.22 **Funding of Bibliobus**

ALLOCATED STARTUP FUNDS FOR 2019-2020 YEAR

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| Insurance | \$155 |
| Intermediate Science | \$0 (funded by HST rebate) |
| School Yard Beautification | \$255 |
| Tea & Tears | \$100 |
| <i>SUBTOTAL</i> | \$510 |

OTHER FUNDS DISCUSSED FOR 2019-2020 YEAR

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| School Yard Maintenance | \$500 |
| Graduation | \$1,400 |
| Diversity & Inclusion | \$1,800 (funraising will supplement) |
| Indoor Skating Event | \$800 |
| Bibliobus (to be funded by D&I or ProGrant) | \$500 |
| Play bins | \$1,000 |
| <i>SUBTOTAL</i> | \$6,000 |

\$ 5,702.27 Funds to be Allocated in 2019-2020

To start 2019-2020 \$6,510