

L'Ecole King George Public School Council
Meeting Minutes-11 December 2019

In Attendance: Leslie Fisher (co-chair), Natasha Templeton (co-chair), Karen Arnold (co-treasurer), Jennifer Donahue (co-treasurer), Sara Sarkar, Katie Ewald, Maureen Oesch, Joyce Baker, Kelley Jones (Vice Principal), Randy Dewey (Principal).

1. Approval of October Meeting Minutes & November Agenda.

- Approved

2. Principal's Update: Randy Dewey

- Staffing Update:
 - a. Laurie Carrow, our office coordinator, is moving away so she has given her notice and will be finished at the end of December. We are in the midst of hiring her replacement.
 - b. Our long-time night custodian, Cathy Geensen, has transferred to Edward Johnson so a replacement for her should be named soon.
- Our Fresh from the Farm campaign finished without any problems. Sales were down a bit but there were still many students who took part. Twenty-four grade 8's participated, averaging \$33 profit each. Not sure if this is a worthwhile fundraiser or not. We made between \$1700 & \$1800 profit. It's a lot of work and the students who might benefit the most are not always the ones taking part. May consider issuing a participation survey next year to determine value.
- Progress reports went home and we had most parents meeting up with teachers on either the Thursday evening, the PA Day Friday or at a prearranged time.
- The local fire department made a presentation to our K's and primary classes.
- Our school sent two teams to the Junior Volleyball tournament. While we didn't win the tournament the students had a lot of fun. Thank you to Mme. Sales and Mme. Wise for coaching and working with our students for a few weeks prior to the tournament.
- Congratulations to Owen in Grade 8 who won 3rd prize in the Legions essay contest. He was the only winner from the Upper Grand schools.
- Our live skype with Commander Hadfield had to be rescheduled because of the school shutdown on December 4th. It is now scheduled for Tuesday, January 7th. Many of our students have prepared questions for him and he will do his best to answer those. Classes had to sign-up to participate.
- The intermediate volleyball tournament is coming up on Monday, December 16th.
- Mme. Ciaravella will be starting up a chess club in January in preparation for the tournament occurring in April.
- Our Holiday Concert will be held during the last block on Wednesday, December 18th. If there is a school shutdown due to the high school labour strike, then we are hoping to reschedule it the next day, Thursday, December 19th during the last block as well.
- We raised \$163 during the Toonie Tuesday campaign for the Upper Grand Learning Fund. This fund uses money donated through these campaigns to support needy families in our Board who need help financially buying clothes, school supplies, and financing trips. They also support schools to help pay for playground improvements if they can show that they have worked hard to fundraise themselves but ended up short of what they need. We made an application for a grant and received \$5000 to help pay for our final playground structure. I hope in the future we can support the campaigns more because this is a fund that does a lot of good for a lot of families. Watch for the next Toonie Tuesday campaign in the spring.

- It sounds like OSSTF members are having rotating strikes so we may be affected next week. As you know, if they go out on strike, we have to close all UGDSB elementary schools to students because of the support groups that are members of this union.
- Our teachers have moved to stage 2 of their 'work to rule' campaign. The main points involved in that is that they will not pass out information and will not collect money. They are not taking part in meetings called by administration and will not write comments on the report cards. They will not plan any field trips. So far, extracurriculars have not been affected.
- I was asked about portables for next year. There are a number of factors that are taken into consideration before the Board goes to the expense of moving a portable to a school. The main factor is student population and how it is divided up into the number of classrooms. If we have another class next year, we will use the existing portable. If we have two more classes next year, we will have another portable added because all our rooms now have classes assigned to them.
- We were offered the chance for students in grades 4-8 to attend the Inaugural Guelph Nighthawks School Day Game on Tuesday, May 12th at 11:00am. The cost per student would be \$18 as we don't require a bus. The only concern is that Empowerment Day for students in Grades 5-8 is the week before. Empowerment Day will cost students around \$8 to attend.
 - a. When asked $\frac{3}{4}$ of the teachers in Grades 4-6 responded they would like to participate in the basketball game. One teacher felt it was too much money.
 - b. Could School Council look at offsetting the cost of the basketball game by \$1 or \$2 per student (approximately 300 students) to help keep the cost of attending both events lower? To be discussed in more detail at the January meeting once School Council Finances have been reviewed.

Math Action Groups – Kelley Jones, VP

- Reviewed K-3 number sense continuum, common vocabulary terms, and identified potential gaps from one grade to the next.
- We took all of the EQAO Math terms and created a vocabulary list by subject of what Math terms we can reinforce across other subjects.
- Making Math Visible – Number line activity (by the milk machine), done with learning buddies. Challenges will be changed up each month or so.
- Have a group signed up for a series of Math assessment workshops when those are able to run again.
- Currently researching fun challenges that can go home for parents to do with kids, involving math to help math attitudes stay positive.
- We were surprised by the results of the attitude surveys: We plan to give a similar attitude survey in February to the one given by EQAO to grades 3-8 to get some more insight into how we might shift these mindsets.

3. Treasurer's Update: Jennifer Donahue & Karen Arnold (see attached reports)

- Lots of activity this month- A number of teachers spent their start-up money. Just over \$2000 remains.
- Money was moved over to the school account for all the approved November Purchases (iPad's, listening stations, laptop, skate night, trumpet, posters, equity books & English and French Bibliobus materials).

- A total of \$227.65 cash came in for the Halloween Dance plus \$600 in online donations totaling \$827.65.
- G&G Wreath/Poinsettia Invoice was paid out of Greening & Grounds Account. Account will be reimbursed from School Council General Account.
- Acorn Fundraiser brought in \$1100 for school art supplies.
- Soup for Science money coming in as cut off was Sunday for online orders.
- Milk & Pizza – Some Term 1 invoices (September/October) paid plus deposits for Term 2 orders made.
- No funding requests for approval in November.
- We have received our \$500 in PIC money. Still waiting to hear back from the council at Victory about a joint event. Stay tuned for more details.

4. Diversity & Inclusiveness Update: Katie Ewald & Sara Sarkar

- Did some research as a follow-up to the Equity Lead, Jessica Rowden's presentation last month since she cannot provide any programming for Parents. Her focus is on staff & students.
- Spoke to Brendan Johnson (Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition Executive Director). He is really interested in working with us to provide training. The Neighbourhood group would work with the school council in coordinating the event. The speaker would be paid for by the Guelph Neighbourhood Coalition. We are interested in having Kevin Sutton from Threshold facilitate.
- His series from last year was called 'Continuing the Conversation,' which focused on supportive professional environments. He is a writer, workshop facilitator and owner of Threshold. His work with businesses, organizations and government agencies has led him to equity & diversity work helping organizations nurture supportive professional environments where everyone is treated with dignity and respect.
- In honour of black history month, we discussed with Kathy Watts (St. Georges Neighbourhood Group) having a shorter School Council meeting and piggybacking on the end of it to have a conversation on this topic for an hour. Ideally, Kevin would like to have a 2 hour meeting.
- The proposed date is Tuesday February 11th. Randy would have to book the library for a longer period of time to accommodate this guest presenter.
- Would be open to anyone who wanted to attend within the school/neighbourhood group.
- See attached flyer from Kevin's presentation series last year.

February Celebrate Diversity Event:

- Scheduled for Friday February 7th. Request made for Randy to book the gym.
- Similar format to last year. Run from 6-8pm with setup from 4pm onwards
- Still finalizing the schedule, not varying too far from last year's format. Possibly feature different groups.
- Opening with the same group as last year, followed by a series of performances and spoken word and dancing.
- Hope to be able to pay for some of the food this year with money earned from the Halloween Dance.
- Will have a donation bucket setup. What this money will go towards is still to be determined.
- Still looking at options to have a performance group come to school. This is to be presented at a future meeting for discussion.
- Going to chat with Mme. Robi & Mme. Petrenko to see if they are interested in contributing anything and if they want the kids to be involved etc.
- Kid's contribution from the Equity Club last year was great.

- a. At this time teachers won't likely won't be able to commit anything until the negotiations are sorted.
- D and I thought the intention was that Aura would be involved in the selection of the posters for the new poster holders. This was her pet project and she would like to have been looped in. Questioning some of the posters that are currently on the wall. Want to know if the unlearn poster series teaching packages are being used by teachers to explain the posters currently on the wall.
 - a. Parents at last month's meeting mentioned that the (unlearn posters) have in fact been a catalyst for conversation within the school and at home.
 - b. Randy brought the new posters the school purchased to the November meeting for those in attendance to see.
 - c. Current Unlearn poster series are ones the school already owned.
- Still need to move balance of new poster costs to school account.
- From time to time the committee has talked about having some art work done in the stairwells. At some schools, they can have a high school student come in as part of an art portfolio done on the wall. Sara has a contact at John F. Ross.
 - a. High school art students have to create a portfolio to graduate. If we wanted to offer a space in our school for them to complete something we could create an application processes and vote on the installations submitted.
 - b. Good to keep in mind that there is a process of getting permission from the board when you wish to paint permanent art on the walls of the school.

5. Greening & Grounds Update: Joyce Baker & Natasha Templeton for Jen Duggan

Holiday Wreath & Poinsettia Sales:

- Brought in \$1700 this year. A 28% increase over last year's sales.
- Will be focusing on different suppliers for next year.
- Lower price point seems to be available from other suppliers.
- Consulted Perennials Plus on the wholesale prices being offered, if we can lower costs we could increase our profits.
- Some issues with quality this year, most were happy, considering.
- Joyce is committed to running the fundraiser again next year.

UGLF Grant for our New Playground:

- We were successful with our grant application to the UGLF, receiving \$5000 to assist us with funding our shortfall of \$1250.00 plus half the cost of the safety inspection at \$300. The remainder will go towards the Playground Legacy Fund to cover future repair/maintenance issues.
- G&G will no longer require the \$1500 approved by council back in September. This money will be moved over to cover the cost of topping up the mulch in the kindie pen when required. The cost for 1" (27yds) of mulch is \$1600. The school board originally installed 3". We need to keep an eye on this area so it doesn't reach the point when we require more than a 1" top up.

- The school board has also suggested we carry an additional \$500 in our legacy fund to cover the costs of any of the other structures in this area. We will discuss this in January as we didn't have enough people for a vote this month.

6. Soup for Science: Natasha Templeton for Jen Duggan

- The fundraiser earned School Council \$378.00 for the Scientists in the Classroom Program.
- Was hoping this would bring in more money but Madeline from 'The Seed' was thrilled and asked if we would run this again next year.
- Looking for a parent volunteer to coordinate this fundraiser next year. Jen Duggan can provide details if you are interested.

7. Literacy Night: Leslie Fisher

- Was supposed to happen this week but with current climate at the school we decided to postpone it.
- Didn't want to get volunteers to commit with the possibility we would have to cancel at the last minute.
- Will hold it sometime after report cards (February 7th) are due. Although, if things are not settled with the union report cards will come home with no comments.
- Could push the date till March if that works better. Leslie will discuss with Julie Brownell as they want to ensure good turnout.

8. School Wall Art Installations: Natasha Templeton & Leslie Fisher

- We have looked at the different areas of the school and where we could complete an art installation or positive messaging.
- Looking for a group of committed parents to see this project through as it will likely take a few years to raise enough money & have it completed.
- Leslie has chatted with Janet Morton, about ideas and applying for an OAC grant.
- Natasha has connected with Michael Cywink, who was involved in the Indigenous mural painted at a school in Erin. He's provided some budgetary numbers for what it would cost to have him involved in a project at our school along with his CV. She was also provided with the name of a local Indigenous artist who had a show at 10C in the summer, Peter Howlett. A parent from Paisley Road also suggested we could connect with Colinda Clyne at the board for more information as well.
- If you are interested in getting involved in such a project please speak to Natasha or Leslie or send an email to kgcouncilchair@gmail.com.

9. Family Fun Night 2020: Natasha Templeton

- Looking for parent volunteers to organize this year's Family Fun Night.
- The tentative date is Thursday, June 4th, 2020.
- If you're interested heading/joining the organizing committee please speak to Natasha or Leslie or send an email to kgcouncilchair@gmail.com.

10. Parking Lot: All

- Melissa Cameron-Reynolds inquired about ordering covers for 6 new primary iPads. Natasha will look into options and run them by Melissa and Randy before purchasing.
- Mme. Miller left a lovely thank you note for the new iPad her class received in the council mailbox. Thank you to all the parents who continue to support our School Council fundraising efforts.

Our next School Council meeting is Monday, January 13th @ 6:30pm in the Library.

KING GEORGE SCHOOL COUNCIL
TREASURER'S REPORT
November 2019 Activity

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Date: Monday, December 9, 2019

Transfer balances held at the School

	Beginning Balance	Nov Expenses	Balance
Scientists in the School	\$ 2,200.00	\$ -	\$ 2,200.00
Teacher Start Up Fund	\$ 3,462.07	\$ 1,274.56	\$ 2,187.51
TOTALS			\$ 4,387.51

Teachers continue to claim their start up funds. Nine (9) teachers were reimbursed in November leaving the balance of the start up funds at \$4,387.51.

SG - Fundraising

Starting Balance \$ 711.00

Activity	November Income	Nov Expenses	
D&I - Halloween Dance	\$ 217.00	\$ -	
D&I - Dance (Capture Profits)		\$ 600.00	
G&G - Wreaths/Poinsettias	\$ 6,668.00		
ART - Acorn Fundraiser	\$ 3,200.00		
ART - Acorn Fundraiser INV		\$ 2,098.41	
SIS - Soup for Science	\$ 156.50		
TOTALS	\$ 10,241.50	\$ 2,698.41	
		Ending Balance	\$ 8,254.09

NOTES:

Diversity & Inclusivity: School Cash Online raised \$383 for the Halloween Dance in October and an additional \$217 in November for a total of \$600, which were moved to SG General.

Greening & Grounds: Wreaths & Poinsettia orders from School Cash Online totalled \$6,668.00. Expenses were paid out of the G&G sub account. Total profit for this initiative was \$1,714.89 (28% more profit than in 2018, largest profit to date).

Art: Acorn Fundraiser brought in \$1,101.59 for art (\$3,200.00 income - \$2,098.41 invoice) in November.

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SG - General

Starting Balance \$ 13,220.82

Activity	November Income	Nov Expenses
Skate Night Rental - City of Guelph		\$ 689.53
Trumpet purchase from Music		\$ 543.58
D&I Posters		\$ 119.64
Equity Books		\$ 410.00
iPads & Listening Stations		\$ 3,588.00
Laptop for Mme Sales		\$ 642.00
Pay for J Brownell's Bibliobus		\$ 458.13
Halloween Dance	\$ 227.65	
Literacy - Bibliobus		\$ 127.09
Capture Profits from Halloween Dance	\$ 600.00	
TOTALS	\$ 827.65	\$ 6,577.97

Ending Balance \$ 7,470.50

NOTES: Purchases approved at last council meeting were processed in November. This includes: Skating Event, Equity Books, Laptop for Mme Sales, iPads & Listening Stations. G&G no longer requires the \$1500 requested to fund the play structure, they were awarded a grant that will help cover that cost.

Art Supplies: Acorn art final numbers will be reported in January.

Diversity & Inclusivity: Posters funds were reimbursed to school (\$119.64). Funds raised from Halloween Dance are now added to the total for the upcoming D&I event.

Eco Club: No updates. No transactions.

Music: A trumpet was purchased in November for \$543.58. Music sub-balance updated on next page.

Literacy: Bibliobus books were purchased in November for a total of \$585.22.

SG - Greening & Grounds

UGLF \$ 6,337.00

Starting Balance \$ 17,318.16

Activity	November Income	Nov Expenses
Greenway Garden Poinsettias INV#2019-10424		\$ 1,256.11
Paul Crimless Holiday Wreaths INV	\$ -	\$ 4,053.00
TOTALS	\$ -	\$ 5,309.11

Ending Balance \$ 12,009.05

Greening & Grounds: Wreath invoices were paid from the G&G sub account and funds will be transferred from fundraising in December. The ~\$1,714.89 profits from the wreath fundraiser will be used to help create more wooden flowers for the schoolyard fence.

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SC - Milk Program **Starting Balance** \$ **6,915.70**

Activity	October Income	October Expenses
Term 1 + Vending Total Deposits	\$ 805.40	
Term 1 Expenses		\$ 1,751.11
Term 2 Total Deposits	\$ 346.40	
TOTALS	\$ 1,151.80	\$ 1,751.11

Ending Balance \$ **6,316.39**

NOTES: October Vending income deposited in November. Additional Term 2 deposits have come in from School Cash Online.

SC - Pizza Program **Starting Balance** \$ **15,576.00**

Activity	October Income	October Expenses
Term 1 Total Deposits	\$ 68.60	
Term 2 Total Deposits	\$ 425.60	
Term 1 Invoices		\$ 2,845.00
TOTALS	\$ 494.20	\$ 2,845.00

Ending Balance \$ **13,225.20**

NOTES: Additional Term 2 income deposited in November and one late order for Term 2. We were also invoiced for pizza for September and October.

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 November 2019 Activity

Account Balances:

As of: Monday, December 9, 2019

\$	4,387.51	Money for School Council (held for initiatives)	
\$	8,254.09	SC - Fundraising Account	
\$	7,470.50	SC - General	
\$	12,009.05	SC - Greening and Grounds	UGLF \$6,337.00
\$	6,316.39	SC - Milk Program	
\$	13,225.20	SC - Pizza Program	
\$	1,250.00	SC - Playground Equipment Maintenance	(10% of equipment cost)
\$	48,525.23		

\$ 7,470.50 SC - General Account

\$ 3,576.87 **ALLOCATED & COMMITTEE ACCOUNT BALANCES**

\$	1,500.00	Council Funds	
\$	529.75	Eco Club	
\$	500.00	Eco Club Native Plants (Yard Maint')	
\$	119.47	Music	
		Art Supplies (Acorn Funds to be moved in Dec)	
\$	927.65	Diversity and Inclusion	
		D&I Event	\$ 827.65

\$ 3,893.63 **FUNDS REMAINING - ALLOCATED/APPROVED**

\$	1,400.00	Graduation 2019 (expenses coming in May/June)
\$	1,000.00	Playbins (expenses coming in Jan)

REQUESTED FUNDS FOR APPROVAL - DECEMBER

\$ - **TOTAL DECEMBER FUNDING REQUEST**

FUNDS DISCUSSED (Not yet Approved)

Junior Chromebooks	TBC
SUBTOTAL	\$0



CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

With Kevin Sutton

You are aware of your privilege, advocate for the disadvantaged, and know enough to feel like you just might be "woke." However, navigating diverse spaces still feels like a minefield of guilt and shame, and while you want to do better, knowing how isn't always clear.

What Now? Join facilitator Kevin Sutton from Threshold, in exploring how we can have a more fruitful and fulfilling journey toward supportive professional environments.

FEB 1

START HERE - Barriers, Benefits, and You

FEB 15

DIVING DEEPER - Values, Vision, and Vehicles

FEB 8

COURAGOUS CONVERSATIONS - The Art of learning to do better

FEB 22

STEPPING FORWARD - Advocacy, Allyship, and the Narrative

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