

**L'Ecole King George (KG) Public School Council**  
**Supporting Education through Community, Communication and Innovation**

**Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2021**

**In Attendance:** Jane Bibby (Principal), David Taylor (Vice-Principal), Scott McRoberts (Co-Chair), Jennifer Donahue (Co-Treasurer), Karen Arnold (Co-Treasurer), Erica Scime (Secretary), Marius Lamprecht, Amy Johnston, Em Drewitt, Daren Lin, Sarah Wootton, Casey McMorrow.

**1. Introductions**

**2. Approval of the February Meeting Minutes and March Agenda.**

**3. Principal's Update:**

**Jane Bibby, Principal**

- **School dress code:** Went over the Upper Grand District School Board's [Dress code](#). The school will play it by ear and not stress too much about it since kids are dealing with so much right now. The feeling is as long as it's safe and not offensive, then the school will not approach or address it.
- **COVID Guidelines from Public Health:** Public Health letter has changed for COVID protocol at school. If a child has symptoms at school, the student goes into isolation and all siblings go home as well. Then all family members can choose to either stay in isolation for 10 days or get the student with the symptoms tested and all remain isolated until test results are known and next steps determined.
  - Students can also come back to school if they get a letter from their family doctor.
- **Guardian notification re: upcoming topics with students:** letter or email will be sent alerting us that students will be getting instruction on child abuse prevention, programs for Primary, Juniors and Intermediates, all around personal safety and online safety.
  - Week later, students will be doing the human sexuality portion of their Public Health Education.

**David Taylor, Vice-Principal**

- **Classroom TV update:** 6 out of the 15 TVs have been installed so far. Kids are very excited. The plan is to have all TVs installed before the end of the year.

#### **4. EDI Committee Update:**

- **Upcoming “A supportive approach to anti-oppression and community resilience ~with Kevin Sutton Training:** Important for participants to attend 1<sup>st</sup> session to be able to attend 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> sessions. It’s an amazing opportunity for all caregivers and parents at King George to learn about oppression and what can be done to address it in our community.

#### **5. Treasurers’ Update-Karen Arnold and Jennifer Donahue (report attached).**

- **January and February Reports:** No transactions in January 2021 but February 2021, there are some transactions from the Teacher’s Start-up Funds for \$34.87. Some transactions for the EDI Committee, \$800 came out to pay for them. \$1400 available for Grade 8 Graduation. Haven’t changed the funding formula, it’s the same as previous years, a flat amount. Discussion for future formula to be a certain amount per person instead to account for the fluctuations in grads year over year.

#### **6. Metcalfe Sidewalk Assessment – Darren Lin.**

- Children are more likely to be hit and killed by their school than any other location.
- And according to the assessment conducted by the city, the majority of drivers on Metcalfe are over the speed limit.
- The city is proposing to create a safer traffic design around the school to address two policy issues.
- 1<sup>st</sup> policy issue is to address the speed and get away from vertical integrated speed bumps. Their preference is to put chicanes or curves.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> policy issue is to put a sidewalk on the odd side of the street of houses. Right now it’s the only street of its size with a sidewalk only on one side. Instead, recommending to extend the existing sidewalk and create a curve.
- City will be asking for reviews by residents and they need 2/3 of the residents for approval. It’s a great opportunity to voice your concerns on the traffic situation.

##### **Action item for consideration:**

- If only residents within a certain proximity to the school are asked to provide input, then maybe School Council could put something together to educate the school community on the proposal and changes.

#### **7. Updates from UGDSB**

- UGDSB March 2021 Newsletter attached

<https://www.ugdsb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/March-2021-Communications-Newsletter.pdf>

- Everyday Hero Award nominations - March 1st -March 26th

<https://www.ugdsb.ca/community/everyday-heroes/>

- The Upper Grand District School Board has launched a new parent website focusing on mental health.

<https://sites.google.com/ugcloud.ca/mhugparents>

- Upcoming PIC event April 8th - Navigating Special Education 6:30-8:30

<https://www.ugdsb.ca/blog/ugdsb-hosting-final-pic-parent-engagement-event-focusing-on-special-education/>

Poster attached.

## 8. Date reminders

- **March 23 6:30pm-9:30pm:** First of three training workshops. All King George Parents/Guardians welcome to these dates (but cannot come to the 2nd or 3rd Training if they have missed the previous ones, as we will be building on the work of the previous workshop). Next ones: **April 27 6:30pm-9:30pm** and **May 25 6:30pm-9:30pm**
- March 26th - Everyday Hero Nomination deadline
- April 12-16th NEW Spring Break dates

**Next KG School Council Meeting scheduled for Thurs., June 10 at 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Google meet details will be posted on the school website closer to the date and start of the meeting.**