

KING GEORGE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2011

Present:

- Tom Smith, Deb Skoretz, Lisa Harding, Elizabeth Barnett, Debbie Boswell, Nancy Lorentz, Sue Moriarty, Valerie Green, Penny Ryan, Sarah MacKenzie, Amber Lee Brown.

Welcome:

- Welcome to all.

Review Minutes for approval:

- Lisa Harding passed a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. This motion was seconded by Elizabeth Barnett.

Business Arising from Minutes:

- No new business to discuss.

Chair's Report:

- Clarification requested regarding class sizes (i.e. maximum numbers, size of classrooms). All are within guidelines.
- The question was raised whether we would be doing spirit wear this year, as we have done in other years. It was decided that we would not do spirit wear this year but we would revisit it another year. Mr. Smith informed Council that he was interested in acquiring school uniforms for our teams.

Principal's Report:

- Signage will be posted regarding signing up for Christmas hampers, all in favour.
- Calendar of events:
 - November 2 – Grade 8's to Pauline Johnson.
 - November 3, 10, 17 – Grade 3's Swim to Survive at Gretzky Centre.
 - November 4 – Jack Grunsky Concert Grade 1 & 3
 - November 4 – App's Mills Grade 2 & 4
 - November 7 – App's Mills Grade 2 & 4/5 class
 - November 8 – App's Mills Grade 6
 - November 10 – Remembrance Day Ceremony. This will be taking place the day before Remembrance Day to allow the presence of a 90-year-old Veteran who will speak to the school.
 - November 16 – Grade 7-8 going to Tollgate High School.
 - November 16 – Puss n' Boots.
 - November 17 – Grade 7-8 vaccinations.
 - November 18 – Progress Reports.
 - November 23 – Picture retakes.
 - November 24 – Lockdown drill.

- November 24 – Evening Parent/Teacher interviews.
- November 25 – PA Day and morning Parent/Teacher interviews.
- November 30 – Rick Hanson coming through Brantford.
- The next newsletter coming out soon. It will include information regarding parking and its enforcement. A map will also be included showing where people can park.
- Christmas Play this year will be called King George Has Talent.
- Parent volunteers are asked not to be in the staff room during breaks, this is a time for the teachers to unwind and speak freely amongst themselves.
- The library will be getting new books/resources particularly for low end readers in the primary grades.

Treasurer's Report:

- City of Brantford fund - \$9500.00
- Spell-A-Thon - \$4628.73
- School Council - \$2247.64
- There has still been no word regarding the monies still earmarked for the playground. Mr. Smith to double check, hopefully we will have some information by the next council meeting.

Snack Program Report:

- \$828.62.
- We are spending double what we spent last year. There is some question regarding the amount that Friendship House is spending. Ms. Skoretz to confer with Friendship House regarding the high cost.
- There is still money expected from School Council that was raised last year.
- Also we will be receiving a grant from the Breakfast Program for \$2500.
- In November we will be having a Crunch Day, we will be asking for donations of 25 cents for the snack provided that day. The funds collected are for the Brant United Way, which in turn provides funding for the Brant Food for Thought snack program.
- December 1 is our gift wrapping day for Brant Food for Thought. This takes place at Lynden Park Mall and volunteers are needed for the three shifts. We only get credit this year for 2 volunteers per time period.

Fundraising Committee Report:

- Regarding the gift card fundraiser, the money has to be paid up-front and then the cards sold. As this would be a problem this idea is being shelved for now.
- Samko information package will be going out this week.
- Pop can drive is going well. However there is some concern regarding children and parents going through other peoples recycle bins. This needs to be addressed in the newsletter.
- Tentative date for the Phys-Ed-A-Thon is May 9, 2012; we are just going to make sure that this coincides with Education Week. The assembly would take place the Monday or Tuesday the week before and a week allowed raising pledges. Funds raised will fund Smart Boards and Snack Program.

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday December 6, 2011.