

KING GEORGE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2011

Present:

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

Welcome:

- Welcome to all participants who attended Council on this evening. Any and all support is most welcome.

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:

- Lisa Harding looked into the \$200 and \$500 grants we are able to get from the District. While we did receive it in previous years we did not receive it last year as we did not hand in the meeting minutes. We will try again this year. The money will be earmarked for first grade packages and another literacy event by Anh Hoang. This will be revisited later in the year.

Chair's Report:

- A member from each council in the district is invited to join GIPEC – Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee. The committee meets approximately four times a year, this year at Waterford District High School. Anyone interested can call Wendy Hibbard at the Board 519-756-6301 Ext. 281155.

Principal's Report:

- Calendar of events:
 - October 4 - Today there were 2 assemblies, one promoting bus safety and the attendance assembly.
 - October 6 – Grade 3's to Doon Heritage Village.
 - October 7 – PA Day NO SCHOOL
 - October 10 – Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL
 - October 13 – Mr. Smith and Mrs. Skoretz to dress as clowns because over \$700 was raised for the Terry Fox Run.
 - October 18 & 19 – School Pictures
 - October 26 – Kindergartens to Brantwood Farms
 - October 31 – K's-3's dress up for Halloween, rest of school Orange & Black Day, 6's-8's have a Halloween Dance.
- EQAO results will be out in the newsletter on Thursday. Our school showed a significant increase in all areas. While we are still below the district and province, however we went up while their levels went down.

- Grade 3's – Reading went from 33 to 44, up 33%. Writing went from 19-34, up 78%. Math went from 17-38, up 134%.
- Grade 6's – Reading went from 30 to 47, up 57%. Writing went from 38 to 44, up 16%. Math went from 8 to 36, up 350%.

Treasurer's Report:

- \$2262.64 in School Council Fund
- \$4628.73 in Spell-A-Thon account
- \$9500 in City of Brantford Grant Fund
- Mr. Smith has sent an e-mail requesting an accounting of what we still owe. We will look into consolidating the accounts into one, once this has been worked out.

Snack Program Report:

- We have received our first cheque from Food for Thought, we have \$5328.
- We will be receiving 3 installments of \$5800 for the year.
- There is an expectation that we will fundraise \$8000 ourselves, some of this will be donated through a Breakfast for Learning Grant. We will find out later in the month how much this Grant will be. Mrs. Skoretz is meeting with Food for Thought tomorrow regarding outstanding questions about our program, including a question about a discrepancy regarding what our school was able to donate to the Snack Program last year.

Fundraising Committee Report:

- Sarah MacKenzie showed us her flyer for promotion of the pop can drive; the flyer will be ready to go out with Thursday's newsletter. This fundraiser will take place October through to May, all funds raised will be for the Snack Program. Student incentive will be a pizza party for the class that collects the most pop can weight.
- Lisa Harding to forward Phys-Ed-A-Thon information to Sarah MacKenzie. It was suggested some of the funds raised from this event go toward 4 mounted Smart Boards.
- Sarah MacKenzie has signed up our school for Samko & Miko Toy Warehouse. All that is required is that shoppers let the Warehouse know they are collecting for King George; their receipt is stamped, and handed back to the school. We then receive 10% of all sales. Our dates are Toronto and Richmond Hill November 16-20 and November 23-27; and London November 18-24.
- Sarah MacKenzie also to look into gift certificate program.

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday November 1, 2011