

KING GEORGE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes of September 13, 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, Karen Michael

Welcome:

- Welcome to all the new participants who attended Council on this evening. Any and all support is most welcome.
- Karen Michael presented a brochure she has been working on for the School Council to get more parent involvement. Mrs. Michael enquired what made us want to become involved and gave ideas as to why other people would want to get involved. A rough draft of her pamphlet was viewed, the final draft to be ready for Meet the Teacher Night.

Chair's Report:

- Tom Smith to check into the \$500 grant we attempted to get to pay for the first grade packages last year.
- We want to try to get this grant this year. Discussion about what we could do with the money this year for parent engagement. Either packages again or another literacy event by Anh Hoang during Parent-Teacher Interviews.

Principal's Report:

- Camp Sail this summer was a complete success. Thanks to the teachers and parents involved for their support.
- Agendas were handed out on time this year. The parents have been asked to pay \$5 to help defer the costs.
- EQAO results are not available at this time as the information can't be released until Sept. 14.
- School numbers are up this year from 350 last year to approximately 375. With this increase in students there has not been an increase in teachers so we are asking the Board for another teacher. Sept. 16 is the date when the final numbers are calculated and shortly after we should receive a decision by the District regarding our request.
- Bell times have been restructured this year to allow for larger blocks of teaching time. With the later times we need to emphasize the importance of breakfast, this will be addressed in the next newsletter. Mrs. Skoretz to look into whether the church will still be offering their breakfast program.
- Calendar of events:
 - September 20 - Big Kid Entertainment to present play *Rapunzel* for grade 1-6
 - September 22 – Meet the Teacher Night 6:30
 - September 26 – Board meeting where there will be a special presentation about Camp Sail

Student Council Report:

- None at this time.

Treasurer's Report:

- \$2262.64 in School Council Fund
- \$4628.73 in Spell-A-Thon account
- \$9500 in City of Brantford Grant Fund
- Much of this still to be paid out for the playground. Mr. Smith to contact Mike Tancredi regarding the payments.

Snack Program Report:

- Lisa Harding inquired about the freezer we had decided to purchase in June that we still did not have. Penny Ryan offered to donate a small freezer to the program.
- There are some items we need for this year's program including 4 sets of buckets and glasses, Lisa Harding to source out these items.
- Friendship House to help this year, they will send 3 days snack to us each week, leaving us responsible for the other 2 days. The logistics of this still to be worked out.
- We need student volunteers to help with free milk day.

Fundraising Committee Report:

- Sarah MacKenzie nominated to be Fundraising Chair by Lisa Harding, seconded by Elizabeth Barnett. Sarah expressed a lot of enthusiasm regarding fundraising activities for this year with many innovative ideas being generated. An idea for a minor fundraiser is a pop drive. Another Phys-Ed-A-Thon was also discussed as our major fundraiser. No decision was reached on what we should fund-raise for this year.

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday October 4, 2011