

King George Parent Council Meeting
January 11, 2012

Present: Mrs. Ruth Kohut, Linda Unsworth, Shawn Jean, Paul Matias, Kerry, Leanne Snider, Tracey Machan, Lori Schoch, Jodi Hamilton, Mrs. Shirley Clarke.

Budget:

- \$4500 balance in Smartboard account, but the cost of the one that is being installed at this time is to be billed from that balance.
- Milk: \$995 but fluctuates with the milk expenses.
- Magazine fundraiser: \$2400 was deposited. No balance at this time.
- Garage sale: \$576
- \$862 for BBQ.
- Fundscrip: \$214 for the first one.
- No total balance available at this point due to some items still to be pulled out.

Varsity Wear:

- Shawn Jean's company has donated all of the staff shirts.
- Everyone is happy with the products, and there was only one item not delivered and one shirt that needed to be resized, but taken care of.
- Parent council will order a golf shirt to donate to Matt from Red Chair, the school's website manager as a thank you. Leanne will order.
- May add a long sleeved shirt with "Knights" on the sleeve.
- Run again in the spring, and maybe order different items for that time.
- \$87 raised this time.

Fundraising:

- Dance-a-thon:
 - With the dates that were suggested: April 27, 2012 Friday was confirmed by group. Tracey will confirm with Kelly Steeves so she is able to book the DJ.
 - Mrs. Kohut will ask Mrs. Dent to speak with her class about how it will work for the grade 8 students. In the past they were able to keep the money that they raised for their class trip, but that will not work this year. The group confirms that the approach will still be that every student needs to either gather

pledges, or pay \$5 to enter the dance. The \$5 will get only into the dance, no ballots.

- Will order gift cards through Fundscrip for prizes.
- Grade 8 fundraisers:
 - January 20 is the date of the “Video game event”.
 - Looking for people to lend them a number of Xbox systems. Apparently some students are concerned with their systems being broken so there have been fewer available than first expected. Shawn Jean has volunteered 2 systems and 1 from Leanne.
 - Want to have grade 8’s run this as much as possible.
 - February 9 Silent auction and spaghetti dinner at Dunlop United Church. Parent council will donate a toque, a sweatshirt, and gift cards to equal \$100.
 - Next payment for the Grade 8 trip is due January 24.
- Parent Involvement Committee:
 - \$500 PIC money is going to be used for **Des Sargeant** presentation on April 25, 2012
 - “tattle tales” Presentation for the students in the day
 - Workshops for the kids after the 1st and 2nd break
 - Evening presentations for the families and keynote address.
 - Family workshop
 - We will provide refreshments.
 - January 26 **Internet safety presentation** for the parents
 - Les Jones from Sarnia police VIP program.
 - Free of charge but we will provide refreshments
- Principal Update:
 - School improvement plan:
 - Reviewed the plan focusing on the strategies and actions.

Student Leadership Team:

- Raised \$400 for Inn of the Good Shepherd
- Sponsored a family at Christmas and there were 5 children in the home so five classes sponsored specific children. Money and gifts were donated.

- School spirit days: Hawaiian day is on January 20.

Open Discussion:

- Received a box of books from the Bookkeeper through their program that promoted students to purchase books to donate to the school as an alternative to teacher's gifts.
- Basketball coach needs to be assigned for the junior teams and will likely be in March, and Linda Unsworth has volunteered to help.
- Request has been made to have the school's boundaries put back on our website. Leanne will look at that and talk to Mark.
- School beautification plan: funding has been cancelled for the program. School sign quotes were still available but at this point will stay focused on Smartboard, but will likely be next big project. Shawn has experience with signs and has some ideas that the group will be able to draw on.

Next meeting: Feb. 8, 2012 at 6:30pm