

King George Parent Council Minutes

September 13, 2011

1. Greetings and Introductions

- a. Welcome to Mrs. Ruth Kohut the new principal at King George VI. We have a new staff representative Mrs. Melissa Dent that was not able to attend this evening.
- b. Completed contact information list. Names and emails have been shared with all members of parent council via email.

2. Planning for Parent Council 2011-2012

- a. Dates of future meetings: no day of the week could be unanimously agreed to, so using the majority rule, the 2nd Wednesday of the month has been agreed to. (October 12, November 9, no meeting in December, January 11, February 8, no meeting in March, April 11, May 9)
- b. Voted for positions:
 - i. Chair: Leanne
 - ii. Vice-Chair: Tracey
 - iii. secretary: Bev had offered and it was unanimously agreed to, but unsure of her commitments on Wednesdays.
 - iv. Fundraising coordinator: Jodi Hamilton
- c. What do we want to accomplish this year?
 - i. Will continue to work towards completing the Smartboards and there are 4 left. No change in direction or approach seemed warranted to the group.
- d. Student representatives?
 - i. Mrs. Kohut will extend the invitation to the students in leadership program to attend any and all of the parent council meetings.
- e. Parent survey? (sub-committee to plan):
 - i. Tracey will provide some samples for the next meeting. The premise behind is that there needs to be an understanding of what

parents want if we are to represent them. Not sure if this is something that we need to pursue at this time.

f. Guest speakers/ topics to cover:

- i. The “Respect Tour” has been booked for October 13. Mrs. Kohut was unaware of the parent council trying to book an internet safety presentation in the fall via the principal from last year. Mrs. Kohut will investigate and bring back to the group.

3. Review and approval of May 2011 minutes.

- a. No errors or omissions noted, so accepted.

4. Fundraising plan:

- a. Projects of previous years: BBQ, magazines, dance-a-thon only.
 - i. The group agrees with all of these projects, and wants to look at the Feast Fit for a King again. Linda will look at that and report back to the group next meeting.

5. Parent Involvement Committee

- a. \$500 budget plan: Brief overview of how the funds can be spent and have been in the past. Will need to ensure that the money is spent by the end of the year, so will return to the agenda next month.

6. Snack program:

- a. What worked last year, and what were the challenges?
 - i. Mrs. Kohut and the office have gathered the volunteer sheets for the snack program, and need to find someone to coordinate the program as Bev has stepped down from the position. There is a need for the program, but unsure if it will be able to run at this time. Will see next meeting where we stand with support, and if it is determined as viable how parent council can support. Mrs. Kohut reports that there is a need for the program and that the staff is hoping that it is returned very soon.

7. Volunteer list:

- a. Someone to coordinate/ contact individuals: list has been gathered and is being managed through the office.

8. School beautification:

- a. Thanks to Joanne and Bev for garden work. Several hours were spent pulling weeds and cleaning up the area.
- b. Sign plan: Mrs. Kohut had no information about this being investigated. There are no matching dollars available through the board at this time, so unclear how this will proceed. She will speak to the principal from last year, Mr. Miller, to ensure that she has the details that she needs. The capital dollars that are available need to go to the other more pressing items on the property including the pavement on the east side of the yard. Mrs. Kohut reports that the north area was evaluated this year, and not deemed a priority and the cost to replace it would be in excess of \$10000.

9. BBQ planning:

- a. Details of the BBQ were discussed and a small sub-committee stayed at the end to count beverages in the kitchen. Mrs. Taylor (custodial staff) reports that there is no sign of the canopy, but it will not be used at the BBQ to simplify things.

10. Principal Update:

- a. Staff changes: review of the new staff.
- b. Building updates over the summer included the new front doors and the elimination of mould in several classrooms. That has meant that there are some rooms with no sinks while the work is being completed.
- c.

- 11.** Mrs. Taylor brought forward the request that parent council consider contributing funds towards the purchase of a snow blower for the school that the board has agreed to pay for gas and maintenance of. Apparently it will cost in excess of \$1100, and realizes that not all of it will be able to come from the school council funds. The concerns are that the sidewalks are not being maintained sufficiently for the safety of the students and the parents. Conversation included questions about why this was not being done sufficiently by the contracted snow removal

contract in place, is there a less costly alternative such as leasing the machine etc. Mrs. Taylor is willing to coordinate some fundraising activities on her own to supplement. The council has put the discussion over until the next meeting.

Next meeting: October 12, 2011