

King George School Council Meeting

Thursday November 7, 2019

Start time: 6:00 pm

1. Welcome/Intro/Community Member
2. Review Previous Minutes – n/a
3. Principal's Report
 - a. Chocolate Fundraiser
 - Raised \$9200!!!
 - Added two additional hover board prize draws (3 total)
 - Only one box of chocolate wasn't returned – working to resolve
 - Fundraising money to be used for: Scientists in the School, buses for class trips
 - Rhonda looking into possibility to fund: Mobile Planetarium, Chess Boards
 - b. Remembrance Day Changes:
 - Period 4 @ lunch to accommodate the 11:00 am assembly/moment of silence
 - c. Inclement weather update
 - Be sure to check zone (we are zone 4) not just school board for closures
 - d. CUPE
 - Central vote completed?
 - Local vote pending
 - e. Rock Your Mocs
 - Wednesday November 13 as part of Indigenous Awareness Week
 - Not exclusively moccasins, can wear slippers or another cultural shoe: purpose is to celebrate all cultures
 - f. PA Day November 15
 - Teacher interviews (am)
 - g. Market Red Campaign (Dyslexia Canada)
 - Dyslexia awareness campaign and C pen reader draw for schools
4. Chair's Report
 - a. GPIC \$700 Grant
 - Grand Eerie Parent Involvement Committee

- Applications due by 6:00 pm December 11
 - Need to email Kelly proposal ideas (e.g. make and takes, etc.) before this deadline
- b. Teacher Funding Requests
- Two requests:
 - i. \$1500 for 3rd floor water filling station
 - ii. \$600 for Grade 8 Graduation, June 1st, 2020 (2019 provided \$500 to support awards, ceremony, cupcakes, etc.)
 - Staff submission deadline prior to December meeting
- c. Partnership with Local Firehouse
- Proposing an outdoor event for June 2020
 - Looking for contacts, Robyn to ask Keith
- d. Year end School Council Meeting
- To be held at a restaurant, council to pay for appetizers, no alcohol as this is a school council meeting
 - Members must attend 5 meetings to be eligible for end of year meeting
- e. Fundraising Changes
- Eliminating Christmas Concert Raffle – want the concert/kids/teachers to be highlighted (raffle can take away from that)
 - Lottery License for Lottery Calendar (daily draws for prizes), month TBD
 - _____ offered to send Kelly a template
5. Treasurer's report – n/a
6. Decision Making and By-laws for school council:
- a. Voting – we are suggesting we attempt to make decisions informally first to see if a consensus can be reach. If a consensus can't be reached, then a formal vote will be taken
- We have 8 members, need a 9th voting member in the event of a draw
7. Old Business:
- a. Christmas wrapping
- November 29 and 30
 - Sign-ups held tonight
- b. Christmas shop
- Will be accepting donations of gently used giftable items (e.g. unopened toiletries, holiday trinkets/figurines, costume jewelry, etc.)

- \$1 per gift, students shop at school for gifts for their families
- 2018 – 2/3 of the funds were donated to Brant Food for Thought (came back to our breakfast program); remaining third donated to Brant Food for Kids
- 2019 – same plan to donate the funds
- Notices going out next week for donations to begin. Christmas Shop will run Dec 16-18 with clean up day on the 19th. There is one attached.

c. Make & Take Nights

- Would like to have them Thursday nights
 - i. December 12/19: Winter Arts and Crafts Night (5:30-7pm)
 - ii. January: Family Yoga Night with Ms. Terdik (need to speak with Ms. Terdik on which date would work)
 - iii. February: Baking with Mrs. Bishop (Banana Bread and Hot Chocolate)
 - iv. April: Rock Painting – Make one and Take one!
 - v. May: Birdhouses
 - vi. June: Firefighters/Police Services Community Night

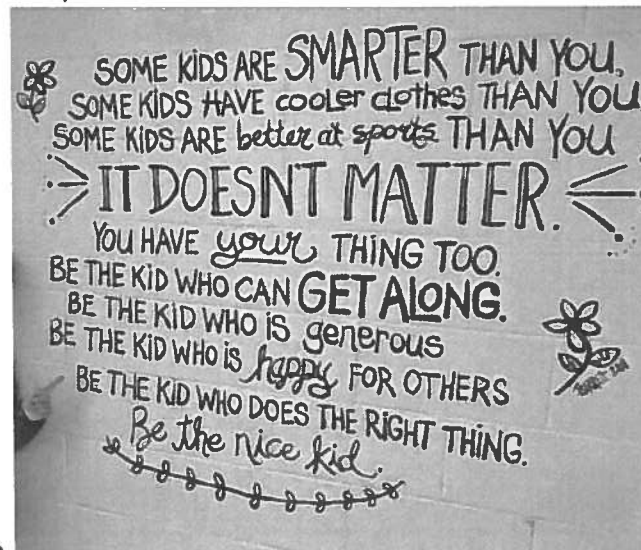
d. Fundraising

- Fundraising calendar happening in the New Year
- * Note will come from Rhonda's office, on King George letterhead for requesting donations for calendar prizes.
- Elimination of the raffle draw at the concert (see chair's report for more details)

8. New Business:

a. Art piece suggestions

- Shannon and Kelly suggested that we look to see if we could get this quote painted on the walls. Jessika Heard shared with everyone the painting of inspirational quotes in the girls' bathroom upstairs done last year and that this year the focus was on the quote or one similar being put up on one of the walls this year.



b. Google groups for council

- You need to have a specific email for this to work. Let's look at other options such as a Facebook group again (although Rhonda is not on Facebook)
- C. Bannister suggested we just continue to share through email at this point.

c. AODA training for all volunteers

- The purpose of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) is to ensure that all Ontarians have fair and equitable access to programs and services and to improve opportunities for persons with disabilities.
- AODA training provides knowledge, skills, and confidence to workers/volunteers when interacting with people with disabilities. AODA training is mandatory for all staff and volunteers with the Grand Erie District School board as it sets up the organization with Ontario's goal of being fully accessible by 2025.
- In School Operation Procedures 126 (Volunteers) for GEDSB under section 4.0 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Training
 - i. All volunteers are required to complete an online AODA training module. Once a volunteer completes the training, they will receive a certificate acknowledging completion, which can be printed and taken to the school, or emailed directly to the school. A photocopy of the certificate of completion may be used if the volunteer offers their services at more than one location.
 - ii. Training will include:
 - a. The purpose of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.
 - b. Which disabilities are covered by the Act.
 - c. How to interact and communicate with people who have disabilities.
 - d. Which assistive devices and service animals are used by people with disabilities.
 - e. How to use equipment and assistive devices available on our School Board's premises.
 - f. What to do if a person with a particular type of disability is having difficulty accessing the Board's services.
 - g. Policies, practices and procedures required by the Accessibility Standards for Customer Service, Ontario Regulation 429/07.
- The AODA training and online certificate can be found at this link found under the heading "Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (A.O.D.A.) Training" midway down on the page. There are five small videos that take around 20 minutes to view and then you will complete the "Accessibility Customer Service

Standards Declaration". This is also found at
<https://www.granderie.ca/board/elementary/parent-portal/volunteers-1>

- C. Bannister suggested that we set up a computer station for Parents to complete this on any Make and Take night as well possibly looking at setting up a computer station in the back meeting room of the office for any parents needing to access it to complete. Will speak to Rhonda regarding this.

d. Fundraising proposal by Shannon & Kelly

- "Community Comedy Night" - see attached plans
- -Discussed how this might be a planning project to happen in the 2020-21 School Year
- -Held this over for future discussion at upcoming meetings
- -Conversations with Rhonda need to be had around this sort of a fundraiser

9. Next Meeting Date: Thursday December 5, 2019

10. Adjournment time: 7:50 pm