

King City Secondary School Council

Minutes

2015 June 11

1. Welcome and Meeting Start

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to accept agenda

Kay/Cooper

Motion Carried

3. Declaration of any conflicts of interest

None declared

4. Approval of the Minutes of 2015 May 14

Streb explained the difficulties in distributing the minutes of the previous meeting. The ISP that is being used limited the number of emails sent in any 24 hour period to 150 emails, and currently the mailing list includes over 144 names. When trying to get the draft minutes reviewed by participants before sending the draft to the entire mailing list, the number of emails had exceeded the limit, and it was impossible to send to the Council. It is hoped that minutes can be approved at the first meeting of the new year.

5. Business arising from previous meeting

10 min

5.1 Welcome to incoming Principal **Catherine McGinley**

Dungey introduced the incoming Principal, Catherine McGinley. McGinley recapped her experience as a teacher at KCSS in the past, and her recent experience as an administrator. She indicated that she hoped for a very productive coming year and was looking forward to working with staff and the Council.

5.2 Welcome to incoming Vice-principal **Lynn MacDonald**

Dungey then introduced our new Vice-principal, Lynn MacDonald. MacDonald has been teaching at KCSS and was very complementary of her experience at KCSS. She, too, expressed optimism for the coming school year.

Both McGinley and MacDonald then answered questions from Council.

6. Student Council Report

June 2 was the Teacher Appreciation day, sponsored by the Student Council. The students were very enthusiast, and the staff seemed to genuinely appreciate the effort by students. Since the last meeting of this Council, the Student Council has participated in a very successful year-end fair, and has held elections. The new Student Council President for 2015-16 is Ariana Mengatta.

7. Teacher Report

David Bocknek

Bocknek agreed that the staff truly appreciated the event sponsored by Student Council. He indicated that staff is always impressed with the organization and hard work demonstrated by the students. Bocknek also praised the students for a very successful year.

Bocknek then addressed the current labour unrest. While no agreement on the provincial portions of the collective agreement has been reached, there has been no disruption to student activities or teaching. York has not been identified as a target board, and the faculty is hopeful that an agreement can be reached in a timely fashion. Cooper asked about preparation for next year's events. Bocknek assured the Council that planning is continuing in a normal fashion with reservations for ROCKing, for

example, having already been made, and all preparations are proceeding normally.

8. Co-chair report

David Cooper and Jim Streb

Cooper addressed the Council and reminded Council that we needed to start planning for the coming year. At the first meeting of every academic year, Council has to select new officers, appoint voting members, set agenda for speakers and approve any outstanding minutes.

The Council chose to hold the first meeting on 2015 September 16 and on Wednesdays for the coming academic year. There was discussion on open positions, and it was decided that, rather than appoint a nomination committee, the Council will wait until the September meeting and solicit additional participation among the current and new members. Council also agreed that Chris Sarellas, the Superintendent of the Central Community Education Centre (of which KCSS is a part) should be invited to attend the October meeting to address the Board's role in the activities of KCSS and to answer parent's questions. The Council decided to defer until September any decision on the format of next year's meeting. It was hoped that by deferring, new members would be better able to provide their input. Finally, Cooper informed Council that King Township was opening the first splash-pad in King. From 10 am - 2 pm, at the new park in Schomberg, there would be a free Bar-B-Que, and celebration. From 8 pm - 9:30 pm, a movie would be shown at the part. This event would also provide students with an opportunity for volunteer hours. Various shifts for students were available. Anyone interested should contact Cooper.

9. Administration Report

Tod Dungey

The OSSLT results were very encouraging, with results exceeding expectations. Congratulations were offered to the staff that had been working very hard to ensure that students were ready for the testing.

Dungey informed the Council that the Addiction Services of York Region was entering into a partnership with KCSS. This should provide additional support for students and families struggling with addiction.

Following a vote among faculty, in which over 70% of faculty indicated support, the restriction on hats in instructional spaces, was removed. It is anticipated that there will be little impact on either the faculty or the students. The incoming class is comprised of 60% male students, and 40% female students, which might also impact attendance at such events. There were 300-400 students at the semi-formal, so a good attendance at such events is possible.

Dungey also indicated that Graduation would be on the 24th. He praised Deb Fitzsimmons on the wonderful preparation that had already occurred.

There was also some brief discussion about the possibility of replacing the awards assembly with merely distributing awards at homeroom. The current assembly format requires over 90 minutes of class time. Council generally expressed a preference for keeping an awards ceremony. Finally, Dungey expressed sadness at leaving KCSS, saying that his time here has been very rewarding and enjoyable. Council unanimously wished him well, and thanked him for his dedication to our school, and his efforts at making it an outstanding experience for our children. Cooper and Streb expressed regrets at Dungey's departure and thanked him for making their time as Co-chairs both easy, and productive.

10. Meeting adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Motion carried.

Whicher/Elliot