

# King City SS School Council Agenda

## 2014 May 6

Agenda Item	Responsibility	Action Required	Time
<b>Welcome Intro's &amp; Approval of Last Meeting Minutes</b>	<p>David Cooper, Jim Streb            Regrets - Chris Lee, Natalie, Emma            Introductions -            Declarations of conflicts            Approval of agenda</p> <p>Review and approval of previous meetings minutes -            Approved by Theresa</p> <p>Any business arising from previous minutes - n/a</p>		15 min
<b>Special Guest</b>	<p>Wendy O'Quinn            Grab-and-go programme - It's been 3 weeks now. Breakfast program was currently running. Based on her experience with her own kids has brought in a program for the kids (kids brought in on buses and very early for most to eat). 8-8:20 (restock) and then taken in at 10:30. It is left in the hallways outside her classroom. Consists of healthy snacks along with Canadian Food Guide and healthy information. eg. apples, pears (54lbs of apples in the 1<sup>st</sup> week), cheese strings (400) and granola bars (350). Still trying to get a hold of the accurate numbers. Asked teachers at staff meeting if they noticed any differences in behaviour. Has been noted by some teachers that for especially the male students they settle down quicker in class. Currently has grants from York Region, Peterborough, had a small fridge donated and a toaster. About 400 programs in the region.</p> <p>Will have to reapply for the grants again for next year. Approximately \$250.00/week for the food. Is using Costco and will be approaching Eat Right to see if she can get better pricing. Program is invitational as much as possible for staff and students. Also a possibility for an industrial fridge to be donated. Have started small and will see how it goes. Guidance also has paper bags to assist in removing stigma as it looks like a home lunch.</p> <p>Tod commended Wendy for bringing the program into the school. Baskets are emptied every day.</p>	<p>Requested that if anyone had any connections at any bakeries to get in touch with her. As well if anyone has connections with churches for donations.</p> <p><b>Email for Wendy:</b>            Also maybe a fundraiser to obtain donations.</p>	15 min
<b>Student Council Report</b>	<p><i>Natalie Wall, Emma Pedonte</i> - Sent notes to Tod. Spirit Day - sock and sandal day. President's Council Fair - Spring Fair - would like to spread a number of activities out over a week. Also to have information boots for the various clubs/teams at the school. Possible interest for next year as well. Also looking at a mini fair during the lunch time. Starting week of</p>		10 min

	June 3 <sup>rd</sup> . 1 <sup>st</sup> period on June 2 <sup>nd</sup> for Student Council elections for next year. Also, doing a staff appreciation lunch sometime in May.		
<b>Teacher Report</b>	David Bocknek, Teacher Rep - Lots of teams out now - Track & field, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, etc. Tomorrow is the mini King Rock. Music night is on May 8 <sup>th</sup> at the Markham Theatre. Prom is later on this year. A new singing group - Singsations performed at the staff meeting. There are some people retiring at the end of this year. Usually there is a retirement dinner for those leaving (June 9 <sup>th</sup> ) and then at the end of the year there is a goodbye for staff leaving. (Mike Mallory, Peter Ianesco, Pam Blackhert)		10 min
<b>Co-Chair Report</b>	<p>David Cooper, Jim Streb</p> <p>Regional Parent Symposium (David Cooper, Jim Streb, Betsy Lawson, Anna Cunneyworth) All of schools in region invited. Anna went to a destressing seminar. Betsy said it was very well run and very well organized. Had a keynote speaker and then various sessions. This was instead of the joint council. It was a very large group. It was through the board. If online at any point will send out the links.</p> <p>PRO Grant for next year</p> <p>Discussion of what KCSSC meetings should have - David asked what direction would attendees like to see the council be involved in, what do we want to see in preparation for the next year. Need to start thinking about it as a group. Betsy noted that it would be nice to get more people out to the meetings. Liane asked what does the co-chair want to see happen. David wants to see us being more involved before things happen. Liane noted that if parents want to be engaged we have to present them opportunities from administration. Liane noted that communication is key but it is also a challenge. Liane noted that we are not engaging the people, but it is what is needed. She noted that minutes, etc. sent the day before, does not allow that. We are parents are here to offer support to our kids. Pro-Grant is one means of inviting the community in.</p> <p>Nigel noted that having other members of staff coming in is a good idea. David Bocknek noted that it could be brought to the staff as well. Tod noted that having the subject heads could continue to come. He also noted that during this year that there were many administrative topics which needed to</p>	<p>Tod suggests at next meeting to determine the question to be included in the survey and then put onto website in order to get feedback and ideas for next year.</p> <p>Anna noted that maybe use the current email list that is sent out with agenda/minutes to ask these questions.</p> <p>Tod suggested stating choices and people could pick from them.</p>	15 min

	<p>be brought to the council and used up the meeting times. At symposium David noted that engagement takes many different forms. Teresa noted that co-chairs have been present at all the functions at the school. At parent-teacher night, Teresa noted that with the amount of parent turnout that parents are engaging and feel comfortable to approach administration. Partnership with the police is to keep that connection for the school and within the community. Possible link from the weekly newsletter for a survey. David Bocknek noted that previously meetings were always done on Thursdays, and now the meetings are on different days. David noted that there was no definite consensus on picking a day. Tod noted that it was commendable that Jim and David took up the co-chair positions. But also noted that people give as much or little time as they are able to.</p> <p>Planning for next year</p>		
<b>PRO Grant Update</b>	<p>Liane Torelli, Chris Lee</p> <p>Update on presentation - Liane asked if an invitation was extended to the presentation. Jim noted that he had. It means a lot to the parents who do come that its great to see teachers at the event. Many of the teachers are interested to come and listen to the speaker as they noted tat he is very good. Liane says that they need extra help with the following : advertise within your various communities. Liane, Chris and Anna have been to various places in the communities and feeder schools. Jim had had them advertised at the libraries and groceries stores, etc. Also help needed to welcome people, setup, collect donations of food, etc. to encourage parents to communicate. On a tight budget so would appreciate any donations.</p> <p>Tod noted that the printing can be done in the office. It has also been advertised on the weekly emails. Liane also requested that it be put on the board outside the school. Number of opportunities for student volunteer hours for childcare, welcoming, etc. By Thursday Liane to provide numbers needed.27 thus far have registered.</p> <p>Final planning for evening</p> <p>Application for next year is due next week.</p>		15 min
<b>Administration Report</b>	<p>Theresa Mickle - Mini Roc King is a surprise for the kids so that they do not miss out by staying away (for grade 9s and mentors facilitating). To promote a safe, welcoming, inclusive community at KCSS. A tweet about what advice can you give to the new Grade 9s coming in. Mentors for</p>	Further review of dress code for next meeting	30 min

	<p>next year already selected.</p> <p>Me to We</p> <p>York Region Science Fair success</p> <p>Day of Silence - vow of silence to support those who cannot speak</p> <p>Music Night, Markham Theatre - Thursday May 8th</p> <p>Dress Code review - Tod Dungey - Having a look at the school dress code but first going through the board policy. (Documents handed out for comparison). It is open to broad interpretation.</p> <p>While the school understands self expression, there are limitations as noted in the dress code expectations:  No hoods - safety issue  Right side of sheet is more of a focus on the female students. (A challenge for male staff, hence female staff address issues with female students so that actions are not misconstrued.)  Footwear - a safety issue as well  Undergarments geared towards male students, an ongoing reminder  Pictures or wording that is derogatory, etc. on clothing  Bandanas not allowed due to links to gang association.  Sometimes it is a challenge for administration to communicate the inappropriateness of clothing to the parents and students.</p> <p>Next meeting: Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup> (BBQ since final meeting)</p>		
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**Thank you for your Interest in School Council this year**