

King George School Council Meeting Minutes

AGM

October 15, 2024

7:00-8:30 PM

Attendance

Chair: Steven R.
Co-Vice Chair: Andrew C.
Co-Vice Chair: *Whitney P. (absent)*
Co-Treasurer: Barry R.
Co-Treasurer: Janine M.
Secretary: Kelsey S.
Key Communicator: Andrew C.
Fundraising Coordinator: Jenny M.
Volunteer Coordinator: Jenny M.
Naturalization Coordinator: Sarah A.
Transportation Coordinator: Sarah A.
Casino Coordinator: Barry R.
GP Vanier Liaisons: Sarah A. & Barry R.

Principal: Allison Hull

King George Teachers:

Shannah E.
Peggy M.K.
Christina W.
Patrick C.

Alanna D.
Fatma A.
Kyle H.
Nnenna N.
Pam
Rene O.
Suzanne M.
Shannon M.
Emily B.

7:10 PM
Item 1
Call to Order

Steven R.

Meeting Called to Order

7:11 PM
Item 2
Acknowledgement
of the Land

Allison H.

Mme Allison shared this evening’s Land Acknowledgement. Thank you, Mme Allison.

7:12 PM Item 3 Welcome and Introductions	Steven R.	Welcome! - Welcome and thank you for joining the meeting. - Those attending online are invited to join in through the chat or by raising their digital hand. - This is a safe and respectful space. We are all members of the KGS community. We respect each other's ideas and opinions. We request that you ask respectful and thoughtful questions and respect those of others.
7:13 PM Item 4 Approval of Meeting Agenda	Steven R.	Move to approve meeting agenda: Janine Second: Andrew Motion carried unanimously.
7:15 PM Item 5 Approval of the September 2024 Meeting Minutes	Steven R.	Move to approve the September 2024 meeting minutes: Janine Second: Sarah Motion carried unanimously.
7:16 PM Item 6 Teachers' Report	Patrick C. Peggy M.K. Christina W.	Grade 4: M Patrick - This is M. Patrick's first year teaching at King George. - Grade 4s will be visiting Heritage Park in early November. This field trip will complement the grade 4s learning in social studies - focusing on Indigenous learning and pioneers in Alberta. - Grade 4s will visit the Science Centre on a second field trip in March. - Thank you school council for covering field trip transportation/bussing! Grade 1: Mme Peggy - This is Mme Peggy's 8th year at King George, teaching grade 1. - Currently, the grade 1s are working on: - Reading - focusing on letter sounds, recognition of uppercase and lowercase letters, and blending consonants and vowels - Writing - practicing letters, writing sentences, and composing sentences using sentence starters - Math - focusing on number sense, representing numbers 1-20, subitizing, beginning addition & subtraction, and patterns - Science - learning about seasonal changes in the fall and using the 5 senses - The grade 1s will be participating in a Fall Walk through Confederation Park on Friday to observe autumnal changes in nature. - Social Studies - focusing on identity and family heritage - Indigenous Knowledge - learning about the medicine wheel, spirit animals, and discussions around residential schools - Wellness - incorporating the Mind-Up program (social emotional awareness and wellness) into daily routines Grade 2 & Learning Leader: Mme Christina - Mme Christina is leading Indigenous education at King George school through her Learning Leader role. - Currently, the grade 2s are working on: - French Language Arts (FLA) - focusing on blending sounds,

		structured literacy, and oral language development (asking and answering questions) ○ Writing - practicing sentence writing and using key words ○ Math - reviewing numbers 1-100, working towards numbers 1-1000, focusing on patterns and measurement (incorporating the medicine wheel into measurement while learning about the passage of time) ■ The grade 2s will be working on a coding math unit led by students from the U of C. ○ Social - reviewing communities, practicing mapping skills, and discussing the medicine wheel ■ The grade 2s will be participating in a field trip to Confluence (formerly Fort Calgary) to complement their learning in social studies. ○ Science - focusing on material and their properties ○ Mind-Up - starting and ending the school day with mindful breathing, practicing mindfulness after transitions throughout the day (i.e. after lunch, after recess, etc.), and practicing mindful actions with each other, the classroom, and the school ● The grade 2s have been focusing on one of the seven sacred teachings: Respect. They have been learning about the buffalo (representing respect) and relating this to how we respect each other, our community, and our planet.
7:40 PM Item 7 Principal's Report	Allison H.	King George School (KGS) Enrollment Numbers ● As of September 27, 2024: 665 students School Development Plan ● KGS is entering a new three year school development planning cycle. ● Currently reviewing school data that will be shared at the November school council meeting. ● The final school development plan will be posted on the KGS website at the end of November. School-Wide Movie License ● Would the school council be interested in renewing this license for the 2024/25 school year? ○ <i>Will review during the "Resolutions" portion of the meeting.</i> ● This would allow for movies to be shown within the school, as well as movie night fundraisers. Author Visit ● Indigenous author Christy Jordan-Fenton is available to visit KGS on Nov. 1. ● Ms. Jordan-Fenton is an advocate for reconciliation and the author of <i>When I Was Eight, Not My Girl</i>, and <i>Fatty Legs</i>. ● Ms. Jordan-Fenton is available to do two sessions with KGS students (Division 1 & Division 2). Each session would focus on age appropriate topics including storytelling and empathy building, and would include a reading of one of her books. ● Would the school council cover the cost of this in-school event (\$730,

		including GST)? ○ Will review during the “Resolutions” portion of the meeting. Coffee & Conversation ● Next Coffee & Conversations with administration is on Friday, Oct. 18 from 8:00-8:40 AM. ● This is an opportunity to connect, build community, ask questions, and provide feedback.
7:48 PM Item 8 Chair’s Report	Steven R.	Chair’s Update ● Thank you teachers and admin for a great start to the year! Contact Us! ● You can contact the school council at kgschoolcouncil@gmail.com or visit the school council website at https://linktr.ee/kgschoolcouncil (these links can be accessed on the King George School website).
7:49 PM Item 9 Treasurer’s Report	Barry R. Janine M.	Treasurer’s Update (<i>see attached financial summaries</i>) School Council has two accounts: 1) King George School Council Account: Money in this account comes from the school council’s fundraising. School council has full discretion on how this money is spent and works with the school administration to create a plan for these expenditures (i.e. pancake breakfast, teacher appreciation, parent info sessions, etc.). Closing Balance: \$20 978.90 2) Friends of King George School Account (Casino): Money in this account comes exclusively from casinos. The AGLC sets specific guidelines for how this money can be spent. Any money from this account must go directly toward student engagement. Closing Balance: \$138 679.06
8:05 PM Item 10 Casino Update	Barry R.	Casino Update ● Funds from our June casino were deposited in August. We received \$81,917.40. This is the highest amount we’ve ever received from a casino! ● Our next casino will be in Q1 of 2026. We will be at Cowboys Casino and will know the dates about 6 months in advance (can expect the dates in Q3 of 2025).
8:06 PM Item 11 Naturalization & Garden Update	Sarah A.	Naturalization & Garden Update ● The garden was cleaned up and watered over the weekend. Some plants are still flowering and there are lots of ladybugs! New signs have been put up on the garden gates outlining garden rules.

		- The compost produced by last year's grade fours is ready to be spread. Sarah is waiting to hear back from a class that would be interested in doing this task. <i>Are this year's grade fours interested in participating in the compost project again this spring?</i> ACTION: Allison will check with the grade 4 team to see if teachers are interested in participating in the compost project again this spring. - West Coast Seeds fundraiser application has been submitted. We have requested earlier dates this year, so that seed orders will arrive before spring break. We are hoping to run this fundraiser January 8th-17th, 2025.
8:11 PM Item 12 Transportation & Active Routes Update	Sarah A.	Transportation & Active Routes Update - Currently working with the city to figure out the issues with our permit applications. We had applied for a street closure permit for the school streets project, however, all permits were denied. - Please send any feedback about the school streets project via the survey link that was sent out last June (link can also be accessed from the school council linktree website). All feedback is appreciated! - In attempts to move traffic away from the school, there has been discussion around making "walk maps" with each grade level. These maps would outline how far students can walk in 2 or 5 minutes. We are trying to encourage families to park a block or two away from the school and spend 5 minutes walking rather than 5 minutes sitting in the traffic congestion around the school. Some families are already doing this and it is greatly appreciated! - Reminder that patrollers are out during drop off in the morning and pick-up in the afternoon. Their job is to help students cross the street safely, not control traffic flow. This may cause traffic delays, therefore, you may want to park further away.
8:15 PM Item 13 Key Communicator	Andrew C.	Key Communicator Update - Proposal to discuss/adjust the organizational structure of our council (based on CBE guidelines). - Andrew will be attending the upcoming COSC meeting and will report back following the meeting.
8:18 PM Item 14 Fundraising Update	Jenny M.	Fundraising Update - The Fall Dance is Thursday, Oct. 17, 6:00-8:00 PM. Currently 700 tickets have been sold and we are hoping to sell out at 950 tickets prior to the event. - This year's DJ is a grade 9 student from GP Vanier, who is looking to start their own DJ business. This is a great opportunity for everyone, as the cost is \$150 (compared to \$500 that has been paid in the past). <i>We need insurance for the dance. For a commercial policy it will cost approximately \$750 for the entire year, or \$250-\$300 for the dance as a single event.</i>

		ACTION: Andrew will look into securing a full year commercial insurance policy prior to Thursday's event (Fall Dance). Merchandise Sale: The online KGS merchandise store should be up and running by mid next week.
8:25 PM Item 15 Resolutions	Steven R.	Motion: Be it resolved that the school council pay \$730 from the Friends of King George School account for an in-school presentation by Indigenous author, Christy Jordan-Fenton. Motion: Janine Second: Andrew Motion carried unanimously. Motion: Be it resolved that the school council pay up to \$900 from the School Council account to purchase commercial general liability insurance. Motion: Sarah Second: Andrew Motion carried unanimously. Motion: Be it resolved that the school council pay up to \$350 from the School Council account to purchase commercial general liability insurance for the fall dance event (if full year commercial general liability insurance cannot be secured prior to the fall dance). Motion: Sam Second: Andrew Motion carried unanimously. Motion: Be it resolved that the school council pay up to \$500 from the Friends of King George School account to purchase director and officer insurance. Motion: Andrew Second: Janine Motion carried unanimously. Motion: Be it resolved that the school council pay up to \$850 from the School Council account to purchase an ACF public license. Motion: Alanna Second: Sam Motion carried unanimously.
8:34 PM Item 16 2024/25 School Council Elections	Steven R.	Chair Nomination: Steven R., Whitney P. Motion: Steven & Whitney Second: Sarah Elected: Steven R. & Whitney P.

		Vice Chair Nomination: Andrew C. Motion: Andrew Second: Kelsey Elected: Andrew C. Treasurer Nomination: Janine M. Motion: Janine Second: Alanna Elected: Janine M. Secretary Nomination: Kelsey S. Motion: Kelsey Second: Andrew Elected: Kelsey S. Key Communicator(s) Nomination: Andrew C. Fundraising & Volunteer Coordinator(s) Nomination: Jenny M., Sam P., Rene O. Naturalization & Garden Coordinator(s) Nomination: Sarah A. Transportation & Active Routes Coordinator(s) Nomination: Sarah A. & Alanna D. Casino Coordinator(s) Nomination: Barry R. & Sam P. GP Vanier Liaison(s) Nomination: Sarah A. Nominations and voting are officially closed. The 2024/25 School Council is voted in as outlined above.
8:50 PM Item 17 New business		Gaga Ball Pit Fundraising - Sarah A. • Would like to start a donation drive as a fundraiser for a new gaga ball pit. • The fundraiser will be processed through SquareSpace, so funds will go directly into the school council account. • Sarah has everything ready to go! We can put up QR codes and see how much we can raise (put up QR codes at the dance and learning conferences). The remaining funds required to purchase & install a new gaga ball pit would come from the Friends of KGS account.
8:52 PM Item 18 Adjournment	Steven R.	Move to adjourn: Sam Second: Andrew Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting: November 21, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

King George School Council 2024-2025
September 2024

Opening Balance September 1, 2024

\$22,601.32

Revenue

Bank Interest	0.52
Casino Tips	0.00
Halloween Dance Revenue	0.00
Healthy Hunger	0.00
Mabel's Labels	0.00
Movie Night Revenue	0.00
Parent Donation	0.00
School Merchandise Revenue	0.00
Skip the Depot	0.00
Other Revenue	0.00
	0.52

Expenses

Active Transportation/Safety	0.00
Artist in Residence	0.00
Bank Charges	0.00
Carnaval	0.00
Casino Expense	0.00
Grade 5 Graduation	0.00
Halloween Dance Expense	0.00
Holiday Hampers	0.00
Indigenous Initiatives	0.00
KGSC Insurance	0.00
Movie Night Expense	0.00
Naturalization	0.00
Pancake Breakfast	1,622.94
School Merchandise Expense	0.00
School Resources	0.00
Science Fair Luncheon	0.00
Teacher/Parent Interviews - Food	0.00
Teachers/Staff Appreciation/Gift	0.00
Wellness Day	0.00
Workshops	0.00
Yearbooks	0.00
Other Expense	0.00
	1,622.94

Closing Balance September 30, 2024

\$20,978.90 Confirmed balance \$20,978.90

Friends of King George School 2023-2024
September 2024

Opening Balance September 1, 2024 **\$136,355.54**

Revenue

Bank Interest	5.20
Casino Deposit	0.00
Casino Hires Reimbursement	2,350.95
Miscellaneous Exp Reimbursement	0.00
Subtotal Revenue	2,356.15

Expenses

Bank Charges	0.00	
Casino Hires Exp	0.00	
Miscellaneous Casino Exp	32.63	Taxi for volunteer
Equipment - Program Related - 100%	0.00	
Resource Materials/Supplies	0.00	
Wages, Salaries, Fees for Service and Honorariums	0.00	
Subtotal Expenses	32.63	

Closing Balance September 30, 2024 **\$138,679.06**