

King George School Council Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2024

7:00-8:30 PM

Attendance

Co-Chairs: Steven R. & Whitney P.

Vice Chair: Andrew C.

Treasurer: Janine M.

Secretary: Kelsey S.

Key Communicator: Andrew C.

Fundraising Coordinators: Jenny M. & Sam P.

Volunteer Coordinators: Jenny M. & Sam P.

Naturalization Coordinator: Sarah A.

Transportation Coordinators: Sarah A. & Alanna DB.

Casino Coordinators: Barry R. & Sam P.

GP Vanier Liaisons: Sarah A.

Principal: Allison Hull

Assistant Principal: Renee Samson

KG Teachers

M. Cormier

Mme Cassidy

Mme Shannah

Kimberly C.

Gabrielle J.

Jodi LJ.

Kyle H.

Lauren

Lolade A.

Victoria O.

Pam

Anwar R.

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7:02 PM

Item 1

Call to Order

Steven R.

Meeting Called to Order

7:02 PM

Item 2

Acknowledgement
of the Land

Allison H.

Mme Allison shared the new CBE Land Acknowledgement: "Acknowledging the Land Where We Gather". Thank you, Mme Allison!

7:07 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.
7:09 PM Item 4 Approval of Meeting Agenda	Steven R.	Move to approve meeting agenda: Janine Second: Alanna Motion carried unanimously.
7:11 PM Item 5 Approval of the October 2024 Meeting Minutes	Steven R.	Move to approve the October 2024 meeting minutes: Sarah Second: Janine Motion carried unanimously.
7:14 PM Item 6 Teacher's Report	M. Cormier Mme Cassidy	Grade 4: M. Cormier • Computer Science: Students are using a Microsoft based program "micro:bit" to create artifacts using algorithms. • Science: Energy (topics of study include forces, gravity, magnetism) • Math: Addition and subtraction using money; telling time, calculating the duration of time • Social Studies: Natural regions of Alberta • French: Descriptive writing (focusing on verbs, adjectives, and nouns to write French paragraphs) • English: Completed <u>Too Small Tola</u> novel study <i>Ask the School Council:</i> Would the school council purchase three 10-packs of physical microbits to support computer science learning? Cost: \$269/10 pack x 3 + GST Grade 3: Mme Cassidy • English: <u>Charlotte's Web</u> novel study - Students will be attending a live theatre production of Charlotte's Web at the Martha Cohen theatre. • French: Descriptive writing - Students are writing about monsters they created, using adjectives to describe their monster. • Math: Place value, addition and subtraction • Science: Coding - Students are working on a group project that ties in with mapping in social studies (using cardinal directions). • Social: Mapping - Students have been participating in community walks along 10th street and observing landmarks in the community. ○ Check out the large 3D map that students made, including community landmarks, on display in the Learning Commons • Calgary Campus Open Minds Program: Students will be participating in a week long program at Ralph Klien park. The program is planned by the classroom teacher and a facilitator at the location. Students will be journaling and interacting with the land, focusing on the question "how does interacting with our community impact our quality of life?"

7:32 PM Item 7 Principal's Report	Allison H.	School Development Plan (SDP) • The KGS School Development Plan will be posted on the school website by Nov. 30th. Admin will present the SDP in the new year. • Starting a new 3-year plan ○ Main Goal: Language Acquisition ○ Additional Outcome: Assessment (Making Learning Visible) ■ KGS teachers are working with teachers from Banff Trail and Varsity schools to calibrate grade level assessments (creating common exemplars and success criteria for learning outcomes). Alberta Society of Artists • KGS will be hosting an Alberta Society of Artists Exhibit again this year. The exhibit will be in the Learning Commons for the month of January. More information to come! School Garden • Some repairs to the school garden fence are required. Repairs need to go through CBE approved providers/contractors. • <i>Question:</i> Is there a way to keep the garden gate open during the day? ACTION: Administration will send Sarah contact information for CBE approved contractors (for the school garden fence). ACTION: Sarah will contact contractors to obtain quotes for the required school garden fence repair. ACTION: Andrew will confirm if the cost to repair the school garden fence falls within AGLC fund guidelines. → <i>Parent Question:</i> ○ Is there any information about planned 2024/25 field trips? Do grade level teams consider what each class/cohort did the previous year for field trips? ○ Is it possible to know what field trips are being considered? ○ Can admin include a table in their presentation throughout the year outlining field trips for each grade level/class? ■ Mme Allison will discuss this topic with teachers on Friday (teachers could possibly post field trips on Google Classroom) ■ <i>Reminder:</i> The purpose of field trips is to enhance curricular outcomes.
7:57 PM Item 8 Chair's Report	Steven R.	Chair's Update • King George School Swag Store is now open! Merchandise available to purchase includes hats, hoodies, tshirts, and socks, • Winter Movie Night: Dec. 12 @ 6:00 PM • Gaga Ball Fundraiser: There is a new link on the KGSC website to donate to this ongoing fundraiser for a new gaga ball pit on the school grounds. • Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the Fall Dance! The event raised just over \$5700.

		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).
8:01 PM Item 9 Naturalization & Garden Update	Sarah A.	Naturalization & Garden Update - West Coast Seeds Fundraiser: January 8-27, 2025 - Seeds ordered should be delivered by the end of February/beginning of March. <i>Teachers:</i> If any classes are interested in participating in the Calgary Compost program this year, please let Sarah know!
8:04 PM Item 10 Transportation & Active Routes Update	Sarah A.	Transportation & Active Routes Update - Have applied for permits for the closure of 9th street between 20th and 21st avenue for one day in December and then a few days/month starting in January, working up to two weeks in June to prepare the community and gather feedback from the community before this closure potentially becomes permanent in September. - If any classes are interested in the Paint the Streets Project, please let Sarah know! ACTION: Admin will compile a 2-minute walk zone map to pass on to Sarah.
8:07 PM Item 11 Fundraising Update	Sarah A.	Fundraising Update Will be advertising the gaga ball fundraiser, KGS merchandise sale, and the School Streets project at the December movie night.
8:10 PM Item 12 Key Communicator	Andrew C.	Council of School Councils (COSC) Meeting - Patricia Bolger (chair of CBE ward 6 & 7) has offered to attend a school council meeting at KGS (potentially in February?). - Will hold a vote to decide on this in the new year.
8:12 PM Item 13 Resolutions	Steven R.	Resolutions to bring forward to the Friends of King George School Society: \$850 for 3 sets of ten micro bits
8:14 PM Item 14 New Business	Steven R.	<i>Feedback from Admin:</i> When possible, if there are specific topics parents want to know more about, please let the school council know prior to the meeting. KGSC Chairs meet with Admin and can pass this along so that Admin can be better prepared with information at the meeting. <i>Parent question:</i> Are there textbooks for the new curriculum? Not sure where to turn when studying at home for upcoming tests with children. - Please check in with your child's teacher, as various resources are used to support learning. - Homework should always only be practice or review. <i>Question for Admin:</i> How does the KGS want to spend the funds raised through Casinos? - One possibility: Document cameras (approximately \$250-\$300/camera). One per class would be ideal (29 classes).

8:25 PM Item 15 Adjournment	Steven R.	Move to adjourn: Sarah Second: Andrew Motion carried unanimously.
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Next Meeting: January 16, 2024 @ 7:00 PM (*Note: NO December meeting*)