

SCHOOL SECTION NO. 2 KING

On November 20th, 1872, Joseph Wood the Clerk of Township of King, sent a letter to Dr. Lewis Langstaff appointing him to call the first School Meeting in Section No. 2. It required him to call a meeting within 20 days and to appoint a time and place and let all free holders and householders know.

SCHOOL NOTICE

The Municipal Council of King Township having formed a new School Section out of Section No. 22, Eversley and Section No. 23, Kinghorn, to be known as S.S. No. 2. It's boundaries and limits are as follows:

The east half Concession 4 from Lot No. 1 to Lot No. 15 inclusive and the West half of the 3rd Concession from Lot No. 1 to Lot 14 inclusive.

The public meeting will be held in Mr. John Hogan's Hall on Monday, the 9th December instant at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of electing three fit and proper persons as School Trustees for said section as required by the Upper Canada School Act of 1850, Section 4.

Given under my hand the 2nd day of December 1872

L. Langstaff

At Springhill on December 9, 1872, according to special notice given, Mr. Parkhill was to act as chairman and Mr. J.H. Rowe, secretary.

The three men chosen were Benjamin Lloyd, William Curtis and Gabriel Wells, and they signed a Declaration of Office.

At the first Annual Meeting three trustees were given full power to collect all monies for school expenses.

A 'special meeting' was called on 18th January, 1873, to select a site for the new school. Three sites were chosen:

- 1] opposite the Deciples Chapel where Lawrence and Mary Scott lived and is the home of Douglas Beale.
- 2] N.P. Crossley's north-east corner.
- 3] J.B. Lloyd's north-east corner.

By show of hands a vote was recorded:

Opposite Church	0 hands
N.P. Crossley's corner	16 hands
J.B. Lloyd's corner	15 hands

Then on demand it was voted again; 16 for Lloyd's and 28 for Crossley's corner.

They then called another 'special meeting' to rescind the action taken at the former meeting, and they voted for the site opposite the Deciples Chapel and all the ground north of the fence that the trustees may think fit, and as much south of the said fence as will locate the buildings properly.

This must have suited all because chairman, N.P. Crossley and Secretary, J.B. Lloyd signed minutes.

In 1874, at the annual meeting, it was moved that the amount necessary for school taxes be raised through the Township Council.

At the 3rd Annual meeting it was brought to the Trustee's attention that pupils not attending school for four (4) months were violating the law, and they must notify the parents or guardians.

In 1881 it was noted that all books and monies belonging to School Section 2 be placed in the hands of B.L. Lloyd who was appointed Secretary-Treasurer.

Here there is a note:

Value of School Site	\$ 300.00
Value of School Building	\$5,000.00
Value of School Furniture	\$ 600.00
Value of School Equipment	\$ 150.00

Isaac McBride was present in 1882 and David Rumble in 1885. In 1891 they had a meeting to consider engaging a leader for 1892 - the first time King City was mentioned.

H.J. Saigeon placed his application; asked a salary of \$500. It was refused. Mr. Crossley and again Mr. Saigeon applied [with same salary]. He wasn't considered until his third application at \$485, provided there was no assistant teacher.

At the Annual Meeting on December 30, 1891, at the school house, the Secretary-Treasurer reported \$294.20 balance showing.

At a 'Special Meeting' on August 15, 1892, it was decided not to have present leader [Saigeon] but to offer Abram Carley, teacher at Vellore, sum of \$500, but he had to take full charge of school room; sweeping, dusting, scrubbing and lighting the fire. However, he didn't want to scrub so the trustees agreed to hire someone else.

At the Annual Meeting the new trustee Edward Ball just signed an 'X'; it was his mark [signature].

In 1898 they engaged M. Carley again as teacher at a salary of \$450, plus \$25 for caretaking school.

They decided to pay J.W. Crossley for the last six years as Secretary-Treasurer; stamps and stationary. Then it appears J.W. Crossley didn't want to give up the books, so they had to be bonded by \$1,000 to be Secretary-Treasurer. They fired Abram Carley and hired John H. Precious for \$400 for year 1899, and gave him \$450 for 1900. At the Inspector's request they hired an Assistant Teacher, Miss Nellie Holladay at \$225 a year. She stayed til 1902; they then hired Miss Grace A. Newberry.

In 1902 the school board were instructed to get a supply of water for the school. The school was painted on the outside woodwork and the boy's closet screened.

In 1903 Miss Francis E. Kelly was hired as Principal/Teacher at \$425, and if a fifth class is organized and carried through the year, they would ask for a special Grant.

In 1904 a Principal/Teacher, Miss Etta A. Richardson, was engaged at \$375. Senior teacher George P. Richardson at \$460 and re-engaged Miss Grace A. Newberry at \$290. Two month's notice to be given by either party to void agreement and in 1905 salary raised to \$315.

In 1906 George P. Richardson resigned. They advertised in the Globe and needed more money. Petitioned Township Council for Special Grant of \$600. Richard Moin was hired at \$450.

A new School Act in 1906 wanted repairs done to school or re-build it. Miss A. Newberry resigned and they hired Miss Mabel Walker for \$25 a month and Mr. Grover Lloyd as Senior Teacher at \$550.

In 1907 Mrs. Georgina Brown was hired for caretaking school at \$50 per year.

In 1908 T.H. Webster installed a Kelsey furnace in School house for \$225. The Board borrowed \$800 for school purposes - one half to be paid November 1909, the remaining half to be paid November, 1910.

In 1909 Glover G. Lloyd resigned. Inspector told them to advertise and they hired Mr. Robert Ingram at \$550.

In 1910 the Board offered Walter Rolling the Senior teacher's job for \$600 a year. He accepted at first, but then rescinded it in favour of Kinghorn. Mable Walker tendered her resignation and so did Robert Ingram. So they hired:

Senior teacher, Miss Holly A. Martin - \$600

Junior teacher, Miss Belle Martin - \$425

In 1911 the Inspector was asked about the closets. Decided to build in Spring and also wanted Slate Blackboards. Put a larger amount of insurance on the school property. Spent \$2 for Strathcona Shields. Asked for price from Mrs. Matchell of 1/2 acre of ground south of present schoolgrounds and asked C.W. Mulloy, Public

School Inspector, to meet Mrs. Matchell and offer her \$100 for 1/2 acre. Miss Holly Martin and Miss Belle Martin resigned. They advertised in Mail and Empire and the Globe for replacements.

Senior teacher John R. Miller, Kleinburg \$600

Junior teacher Miss Edith A. Long \$450

John Miller's salary was raised to \$625 in 1912.

In 1912 spent \$6 to get model Rifles for Cadet Training in Public School and Senior teacher to receive the Military Grant if any more needed - the \$6 already spent. Miss Edith A. Long decided not to come to King so they offered the job to Elsie G. Currie at \$475.

All through these three years 'X' appeared.

In 1913 they graded, seeded and fenced school property. Priced cement for wire fence. The first principal of school was hired, Mr. Robert Brook at \$675. Junior teacher Miss M.A. Speers at \$500.

In 1914, caretaker Mrs. Brown was paid \$80 a year, but if floor was oiled it would be \$75. Renewed the Insurance policy with London Mutual Fire Insurance Co. An amount of \$5 was established for the Public School Rural Fair. They hired Miss Ethel McQuarrie at \$500 for a Junior room. Mr. Brook was to purchase books recommended by Inspector.

In 1915 the coal bill was \$47.65. There was school fence bought for \$15.50 and delivered to Eversley Station. Employed Colin Campbell to erect fence and for this he received \$17.50. Ethel McQuarrie left. Miss Ruby Bruce was hired for Junior Room at \$500. Asked Township to levy for \$700 for school purposes. Provided a rig to take children to School Fair at Kettleby.

In 1916 School pupils stayed on school grounds all the time. Ruby Bruce resigned. Miss Ethel G. Brown was hired for Junior room at \$500. York asked to send 1 pint of ink for school for 55 cents. The school Principal was to report weekly if students did not attend school. Alfred Baylis was now caretaker at \$80.

In 1917 the coal bin was filled for \$46.11. Ethel Brown moved to Senior Room at \$600. Miss H. Grace Amy at \$500.

In 1918 Miss H. Grace Amy left.

In 1918 a tender was printed in Banner for repair work to school. Accepted Mr. Highland's bid as follows: Mason & brickwork @ .60 cents per hour; Concrete @ .40 cents an hour; Labour @ .40 cents an hour; carpentry work @ .35 cents an hour and Painting @ .45 cents an hour.

Advertising for Junior room teacher, mentioning King City is 1 hour from Toronto by Grand Trunk Railway. Advertisement cost \$2.25. Bought 8 desks, 1 teacher's desk and 2 chairs from Globe Furniture Co. for \$75.30 and express \$4.04. Hired Miss Elizabeth Waterhouse.

In 1920 considered a consolidated school system with Temperanceville, Kinghorn, Eversley and Strange.

In 1925 insurance for school building was raised to \$2,500, contents to \$3090.

In 1927 installed a water tank, supply to come from eaves to sink now in basement. Wash basin and paper towels to be supplied. To remedy lighting and ventilation in schools; provide oil stove and dishes for hot lunches for children who stayed at noon - teacher to organize. Discussed having electric lights and in 1928 it was done.

In December, 1930, a maximum teacher's salary was set at \$1,000. Paid hydro bill.

In 1931 Eva Dennis' salary was raised to \$1,050, the same as Miss Patton's.

In 1939 the Trustees decided to send a letter to Miss Dennis and Miss Patton in appreciation for the good work they are doing in the schools.

In 1941 a large delegation of the ladies of the section protested the changing of Daylight Saving Time to Standard Time. After much discussion the delegation was to forward a resolution to the Secretary protesting against the changing of the time.

In 1943 Mrs. Ross Walker spoke for the Women's Institute saying they were behind the School Board and Teachers and offered to help in any way (School Library - Dental Clinics etc.). They decided to have a [joint] meeting and invite Mr. Watson, the Public School Inspector.

Arthur Wellesley was Secretary from 1947 to 1949. Mr. Burt took over in 1949. Nobody but trustees showed up at the meeting so it was called again a week later.

At 8:20 p.m. there were just the same 3 people. Then in came a ratepayer - result he became the new trustee.

The first talk of AREA School began in 1950 - a survey was taken for five (5) years. An addition was needed at King City School. Hired an architect to add one room at a cost of \$25,000 with alteration to old school. Asked Township for debenture of \$25,000. They found they needed \$5,000 more for furnace, plus furnishings and architect's fees, ending up with a debenture of \$40,000.

In 1956 insurance was increased to \$80,000 and contents \$15,000; new policy with Jack Walkington. In 1957 the new school site bought on McBride - Valentine property [Eva L. Dennis School.

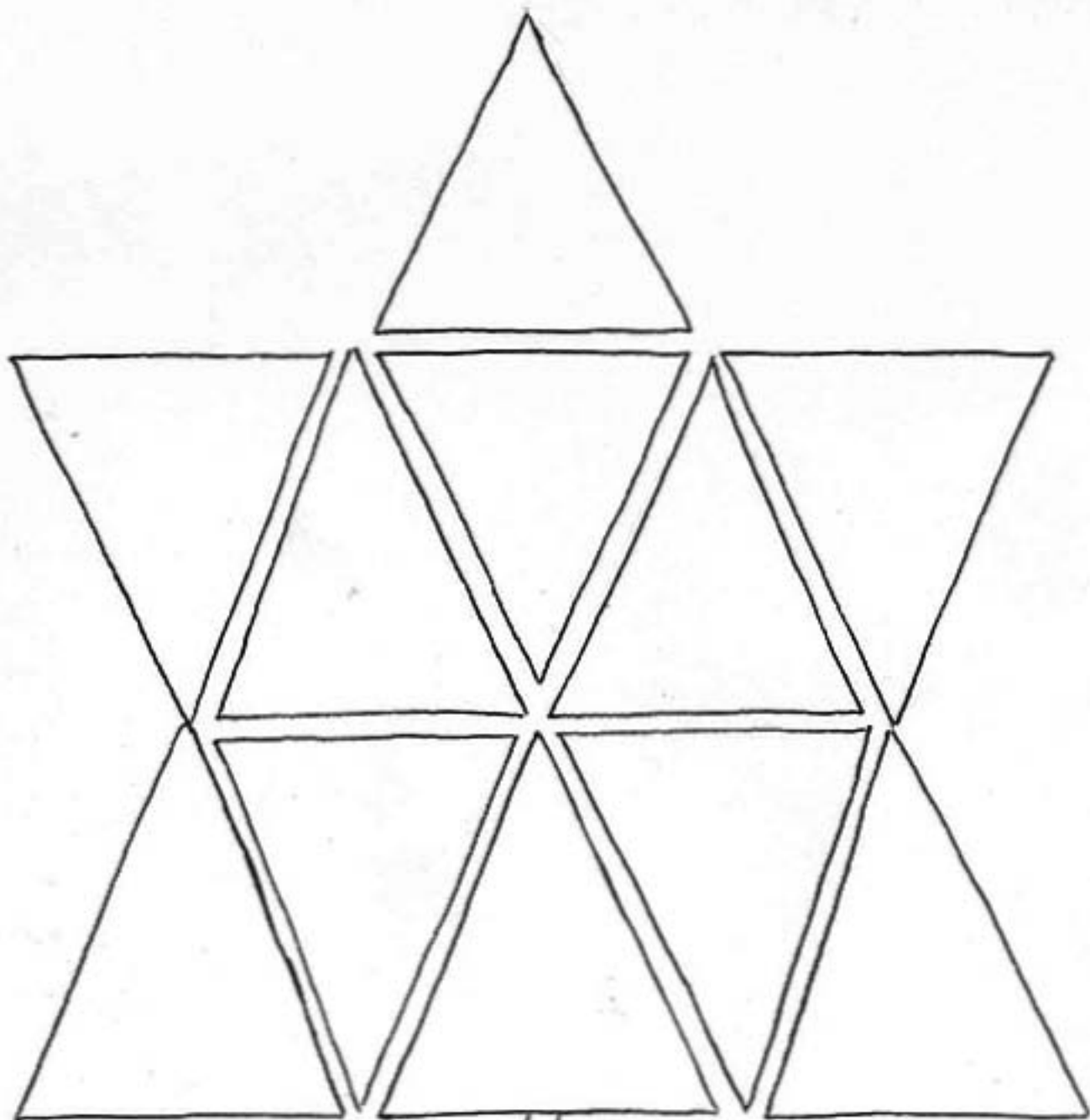
In 1958 voted for new 3-roomed school at \$65,000 including equipment. December, 1959, new names were given to the 2 King Schools; Doris M. Patton School and the Eva L. Dennis School.

In 1960, two classrooms, Principal's office and Teacher's room were added for \$40,000 @ 6-1/2%. In 1961 a meeting re Kindergarten was held - record crowd of 47 people. In 1963, meeting at Eva L. Dennis School, 14 present.

In 1964 back to Doris M. Patton School - 49 again. Insurance went up to \$87,500 on school building, \$7,500 on contents. Eva L. Dennis, \$100,000 for building, \$10,000 contents. More residents favoured a Kind in 'Special Meeting with 153 present because assessment records showed 74 children ready to start school. They engaged an architect whose estimate plus his costs was \$50,000 for addition to school. Eva L. Dennis School was free of debt, but Doris M. Patton had outstanding debentures of \$44,193. A vote to add the rooms with 96 in favour and 54 against. It was also noted, school ^{area} was coming in 1965.

At the Annual meeting in December, interest had dropped as only 32 attended. This was the final meeting of School Section No. 2 and Mr. Whalley presented Mr. Burt with a cheque for \$500 as a token of appreciation. Refreshments were served by Home and School ladies and School Section No. 2 came to the end of its existence.

NOTE: Mr. Burt was taking his writing course; his penmanship had improved 100% -
make that 95%



1867 | 1967

The scarlet of the maples can shake me like a cry
Of bugles going by,
And my lonely spirit thrills
To see the frosty asters on the hills.

Bliss Carman

1861-1929



Alaska

Yukon

Northwest Territories

Duffin Island

Hudson Bay

Labrador

Newfoundland

British Columbia

Alberta

Saskatchewan

Manitoba

Quebec

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