**Earl Kitchener Elementary School Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 12th, 2016**

**Present:** Quorum established (13 members present)

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| **Agenda Item** | **Discussion** | **Decision/Action Item** |
| **Review and Approval of Agenda** | Motion to Approve: Fiona  Second: Anne | Agenda Approved |
| **Approval of December Minutes** | Motion to Approve: Natasha  Second: Yo | Minutes Approved |
| **Old Business** |  |  |
| **Safe School Travel Plan Update – Survey (Hannah)**  10 minutes | -hands up survey started today and will continue all week  -parent survey was lost at the city level when system changed, therefore we are still waiting to receive it  -what is the best way to send survey to parents: Twyla’s email, sticker in agenda with link and information to request hard copy | Waiting to receive survey |
| **Playground Update – Survey (Kate)**  10 minutes | -site manager has been assigned to school; Richelle meeting with him on Monday  -must be clear to parents that whatever is decided must still go through Board approval  $50,000 the tipping point: if over, it becomes public; if under, there is a different set of steps to follow  -therefore puts focus on amphitheatre (“steps” or “muddy hill”), as there is enough money to complete this part of the project  -tarmac is too expensive and the area will be part of the accommodation review process (2016-2017), therefore cannot be completed this year (board will not fund any capital projects until after ARC)  -focus on steps also makes the survey more manageable, without need to rank-order choices, etc.  -idea cards to go out to classrooms to get kids’ feedback; will need help making cards appealing to kids | Move forward with amphitheatre project; no longer reliant on survey results to start  Timing of survey will depend on when Safe School Travel Plan is ready (Hannah will keep in touch with Kate)  Discuss idea cards at later meeting |
| **Discussion About School Name (Fiona)** | -Fiona has talked to parents and community members to get a sense of who would be interested in initiating a discussion on the school name and twenty (20) parents and community members expressed their support  -main question to council: Is this a discussion we should have?  -suggestion that this is not the time to bring forth a divisive topic after the events of last year; still healing  -two distinct issues: changing the name vs discussing history  -this process (whether changing the name or opening the discussion) is not within our reach; good idea to have discussion outside of the school as it involves the community and it may not be appropriate for the age of the children  -we also don’t necessarily have enough information to move further on this yet | Table discussion for a year?  Individuals can choose to follow up with Fiona if they wish |
| **Principal’s Report** | -holiday assemblies were well attended  -New community officers visited the school to introduce themselves  -Gr. 4 and 5 teachers receiving mini ipad and 6 ipads with access to apple tv; more carts and projectors; board initiative and teachers are receiving training |  |
| **New Business** |  |  |
| **Pro-Grant Spending** | Funding received for transitions evenings: New to K, SK to Gr. 1, Gr. 5 to Middle School ($1000)  -Is SK to Gr. 1 evening necessary? No longer transition from half day to full day  -Social media presentation as part of middle school transition evening should be repeated (including a child-focused element this year) | Will focus on New to K and Gr. 5 to Middle School meetings this year  Nancy and Jen M. will get back to us with dates |

**Next School Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 9, 2016**

**7:00PM in EK Library**

Minutes: Home and School

Nutrition Program

-need volunteers Monday mornings (9-11) to assemble grains, fruit etc.

-need volunteer for 2nd nutrition break Tuesdays to help with popcorn

-starting to work on a kindergarten program: more non-perishable, easy to open snacks that can be left in the classroom; also interest in popcorn by K

Sale at Holiday Concert

-Coffee mugs, etc: $190

-CDs: $120

-money will be put towards a new lighting system for the stage

-Book Fair: $3800

Fundraising help for family who had a big fire in their house: two boys in the school (Gr.5)

-stuffed animals, board games and books all lost

-gift cards to Mastermind/Chapters to allow them to purchase some comfort items

-anonymity an issue; possibly a fundraising goal?

-way to include Gr. 5 students to show that this is what we do when people need help

-Richelle can keep in touch with family