

**Earl Kitchener Elementary School Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Present: Quorum established

| <b>Agenda Item</b>  | <b>Discussion</b>   | <b>Decision/Action Item</b>   |
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| <b>Review and Approval of Agenda</b>                                  | Kelly M and Anne approve and second   |   |
| <b>Approval of December Minutes</b>                                   | Fiona has proposed a few changes to previous minutes.<br>Anne and Kate approve and second   |   |
| <b>Old Business</b>   |   |   |
| <b>Safe School Travel Plan Update – Survey (Hannah)</b><br>10 minutes | Classroom survey completed. 37% arrive by car 45% walk 11% bus; in line with 2011; older kids walking no more than younger ones; how do we get older children to walk? Neighbourhood safety? Walkability? Survey from public health is amended. E-mail Kelly from Public Health to find out what happened. Classroom survey in the Spring? Propose an initiative once we discover what problems   |   |
| <b>Playground Update</b><br>10 minutes                                | Survey was really well put together. Summary to present: 65 completed surveys, seems low, 7 teachers, 50 parents, 10 community members. There has only been 1 update via Twyla, try the link again via Facebook Page and another update from Twyla. Cara and Jenn Ellis to put together an activity for the kids. Could be completed at home or at school.<br>One contractor so far to create a plan for the tiered area, for water drainage to help address water pooling, biodiversity to support.<br>Rachelle has met with Vito, sight managers at the board are going through it, has to be agreed through the board. Currently in the waiting game. Proposal looks good and potential to move forward. | Compensation of the design fee to be approved from our budget, to come at next meeting. |
| <b>Ward 1 Participatory Budget – submission dates</b>                 | Should our proposal be an extension of the existing proposal? Arc process has put tarmac on hold, ARC process to happen 2016-2017, what does our proposal realistically look like? This year PBA, is giving out 3 million, previously 1.5 million. Submission date is March 7 <sup>th</sup> .   |   |
| <b>Pro-Grant – Transitions meetings dates</b>                         | Welcome to Kindergarten- May 12<br>Proposed to do a Social Media- student centered talk, parent centered talk, \$375, \$425, together \$700.00. Just 4, 5's? Kids during the day, parents at night.   |   |
| <b>Principal's Report</b>   | Report Cards sent home Feb 18 <sup>th</sup><br>Kindergarten registration has begun, gathering data to see French or English numbers, staffing and timelines, French Immersion information session at Dundana Feb 24 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>Extra P.A Day added for April 15 <sup>th</sup> .<br>Board technology roll-out, ( apple tv and ipad roll out)security, teachers already using it  |   |
| <b>Staff Report</b>   | 100 <sup>th</sup> day on Thursday, Nutrition Program coming along nicely  | Nutrition Program looking for feedback from the teachers.                               |
| <b>New Business</b>   |   | Camp Fair for February next year<br><br>\$500 for Parent Engagement for Newsletter?     |

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|  |   | Proposed by Home and School. |
| <b>Draft School Year Calendar Survey</b>   | -to be completed by Feb 25 <sup>th</sup><br>-available online at <a href="http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/feedback">www.hwdsb.on.ca/feedback</a> |                              |
| <b>HWDSB Public Policy Consultation – Community Involvement Hours Consultation</b> | -link available at board website for those who want to participate in the survey.   |                              |

**Next School Council Meeting  
Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
7:00PM in EK Library**

**Home and School**

**1. Upcoming Events**

- Teacher Appreciation-May
- Grad-Last Tuesday of the June
- Art Auction money from last – Groove, 2 days, 2-3 classes at a time, Kindergarten grouped together, staff Groove session as well.
- April 28<sup>th</sup>- Open House and Book Fair (one day in the gym), Potential Art Auction as well....Jenn to take this to staff.
- Cara suggested a different approach, open house for 2 hours when school is open.

**2. Family Donation**

- Yates Family, \$50 came in, Jenny and Cara agreed to take money out of the budget, \$350, \$150 in gift cards.
- Compassionate Fund?

**3. Parent Engagement**

- communication
- how can we engage a bit more
- Newsletter to go out??

**4. Milk and Pizza**

- crates are not fitting in the fridge and door in not closing and sealing properly

**5. Nutrition Program**

- School Cash Online

**6. Planning ahead for next year. What do we want to spend our Fright Night Money on?**

**7. Movie Night Fundraiser?**

**Once a month**

### Minutes: Home and School

#### Nutrition Program

- need volunteers Monday mornings (9-11) to assemble grains, fruit etc.
- need volunteer for 2<sup>nd</sup> 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