**Earl Kitchener Elementary School Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 8th, 2015**

**Present:**

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| **Agenda Item** | **Discussion** | **Decision/Action Item** |
| **Review and Approval of Agenda** | Kelly, Cara |  |
| **Approval of October Minutes** | Anne, Kate, | add in Christie’s notes presented at city council- approved |
| **Guest Speaker:**  **Kelly Scott, City of Hamilton Public Health Service, Healthy Living Division**  **School Safe Travel Plan (20 minutes)** | Travel Plan document shared with everyone; Public Health and Public Works included; rewards awarded to schools that participate.  Currently at Step 2; 78% within walking distance, hands up survey to determine how many are actually walking.  Action plan: Steps 1-3  Follow up: Steps 4-  ASST certification: gold/silver certification  1 minute walk could be a good drop off point; doesn’t need to be right at school.  Kirkendall Neighbourhood Association can be a part of the process. The Walking School bus could be an opportunity to partner up.  Public Health providing links, school and Kirkendall to figure out how to make Walking School Bus work in our area.  Webinar available to watch and see what a Walking School Bus looks like.  Hannah M. to send out a survey to families to find out why families do or don’t walk in second week of January (online and paper format). Link to Twyla’s e-mail and on the website.  Incentive for classes that submit the most surveys?? | - survey January to go out |
| **Old Business** |  |  |
| **Safe Crossing at Dundurn and School Travel Plan Update: Hannah (10 minutes)** | Legislation to be passed in January regarding safe crosswalks.  Hannah, Christie and Laura presented at city council and it has been agreed that Aberdeen will be studied to improve use for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. |  |
| **Playground Sub-Committee Update: Christi (10 minutes)** | Kate has put together some questions for a survey. Purpose is to get feedback as to where funds should go from the participatory budget. Help guide future submissions. Parents and guardians, staff and neighbours who use the playground. Re-paving, rain and de-icing for outdoor theatre, tree succession, rank order and prioritize, what action first, general space for questions with “Q&A” document. Optional to put name forward. 5-10 minute survey, online and paper copy, door to door knocking as well. Potentially using Survey Monkey as a database to use for survey.  Timing to be done in January.  Participatory budget still in planning stages. No option to submit yet. We should start the process. To open mid-February and close mid-March. Results from the survey to drive the submission. Jenn, Kate, Allison, Christi and Cara.  Cootes Paradise giving us info on their process. | * survey |
| **Kindergarten Dismissal (10 minutes)** | -new process began on December 7. Teachers are pleased and parents seem to be pleased as well. |  |
| **Principal’s Report (10 minutes)** | Kirkendall Neighbourhood Association forwarded a plaque for Food Drive.  All job actions are over.  Teachers currently training for the new Health and PhysEd Curriculum.  Progress Reports going home Friday December 11th.  Gym time supposed to be 150 minutes/week. Each class currently getting 30 minutes twice a week for gym so entire school is falling short.  Monica Moran (HPE consultant) in school to help support this.  Everybody gets 2 x 30 minutes |  |
| **Staff Report (10 minutes)** | Brief Snapshot, Grade Assessments, progressing well  Grade 5’s lunch monitor’s help with food nutrition program.  Reward: free play in the gym??  Concerts coming up next week, Pyjama day is the 18th.  Giving Tree- donations due by Friday. Baby needs a good idea; diapers, baby food, formula. |  |

**Next School Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 12th, 2016**

**7:00PM in EK Library**

EK Home and School

Nutrition Program and Popcorn Sales:

* Popcorn – toonie Tuesdays
* Nutrition Program, Clementines, Cheese Strings and Nutrition Bars
* Positive feedback, No Mess No Fuss, Grab and Go
* Add Bananas and Apples on Friday to see how things go.
* Nutrition Program to cover three food groups.
* First Installment $2,000. Taste Buds suggested 8,000-10,000 for budget.
* FDK will be included at some point? If not, let parents know.

100th Anniversary CD and Water Bottles For Sale:

* Hundreds of water bottles
* Sixty CD’s
* Travel Mugs
* Looking to set up

Clothing drive for Syrian Refugees:

* receptive to help out
* please let us specific details to let us know.

Lost and Found:

* hoping to get things picked up before the end of the break

\* Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.