

Earl Kitchener Elementary School Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 21 , 2017

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision/Action Item
Review and Approval of Agenda	Motion: Cara Second: Yo	
Approval of Minutes	Motion: Natasha Second: Michelle	
Old Business		
PRO Grant (Allison)	-good feedback on transition nights but feeling a change would be good for next year Camp Fair? –doesn't cost but takes up a lot of room; could be paired with something else Mental Health/Well-being? – lots of ideas: communication, tech-free family time, yoga Modelling a Tech-Free Night/Camp Fair	-bring ideas back for April -Laura will ask for input on Yammer -Richelle will get staff input
PAR Update (Allison)	-more options were presented at public meeting -committee will meet one more time but there is still no consensus -report goes to trustees April 10; delegation meeting May 8 -discussed whether it would be prudent to apply to for historical designation sooner rather than wait	-Christi interested in being delegate for walkable schools
PIC Update (Laura)	-focus on communication with and between school councils -each council chair has received an email address: PIC/board will be able to communicate with chairs directly -next step will be establishing a Facebook group where chairs can communicate with each other; Yammer was intended for this purpose, but little uptake as people do not seem to want to use an additional social media platform Camp Fair info: see attached list; interesting Robotics camp available	
Lean Aberdeen Update (Laura)	-City Council has just approved interim safety measures for Aberdeen/Kirkendall: changing light patterns at Dundurn/Aberdeen, crosswalk at Cottage and Aberdeen, crossover at Queen and Aberdeen and additional unnamed measures -Can we request a crossing guard for Aberdeen and Cottage?	
Principal's Report	-49 JKs already registered for next year; the earlier people register the easier it is for staffing	
Staff Report	-there will be a Silver Birch reading club field trip to meet an author -Lunch Lady has been a success (discussion of subsidies continued in Home and School meeting) -still waiting for a date to book speaker for Grade 5 transition night -Lion King rehearsals going well; there is staff support and kids are excited; no date yet	
New Business	English/French Stream -need to develop a plan to deal with imbalance between FI and English streams, how perceptions may be influencing enrolment -all FI information comes from the Board; what can we do as a school to provide info on both streams?	In-depth discussion with break-out groups tabled until April meeting

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Home and School Minutes: March 2017

1. Lunch Lady (Danielle S.)
 - subsidies? Is it the same as pizza? Should we consider a “donate a lunch” option or the use of home and school funds?
 - Danielle S. and Mme. Prevac will discuss further, particularly ways to reach kids who could really use a hot lunch
2. Nutrition Program (Laura R.)
 - Laura needs help with program; someone to take over running the program
 - could have fruit in classrooms every day
 - snack program could pay for milk for all children in school and work as dairy option; concern over losing milk as a generator of funds for the school; Danielle will look at specific numbers
 - delivery services could make things easier; Danielle will look into this
 - Mme. Prevac has kids who could clean-up bins and help deliver food
3. Book Fair
 - Open house set for April 27/books will be delivered April 25
 - art auction?
4. Book Swap
 - set for May 26; May 25 p.m. books need to be moved to doors/set up May 26 a.m.
 - Laura is able to run the swap if Jenny can't continue; Yo as well
 - Adrian also available for heavy lifting
 - put call out to start collecting books April 3
5. Funds for Teachers
 - decided to purchase three packs of mini-iPads (\$9000) and Yoga mats

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PIC Camp Fair: Summary

CAMP	CONTACT INFO	DETAILS
YMCA Day Camps	www.YMCAHBBDayCamps.ca	
Hamilton Public Library	www.hpl.ca	-summer reading program and kids programming
Robotics Summer Camp	www.oymbc.com matthew@oymbc.com (email for more info)	Girls and Boys, 6-10 Queen Victoria School -build 6-8 robotics models and learn basic robotics functions
Camp Waterdown	www.campwaterdown.com	JK/SK and Gr. 1-7 options
Boys & Girls Clubs of Hamilton	www.kboysandgirlsclub.com	
Wesley Summer Camp	www.wesley.ca info@wesley.ca	Ages 6-12
Peoples Community Sports	www.peoplescommunitysports.org dbest@thepec.ca (email for more info) 905-574-3900	Free sports programs: spring basketball (ages 5-11) and summer soccer
Grub Club (North Hamilton Community Health Centre)	905-523-6611, ext. 3006	Ages 6-12; May-Sept kids meet weekly to plant/tend to vegetable garden, cook healthy meals and play games