

Earl Kitchener Elementary School Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 8th, 2016

Present: Quorum established

Adjourned: 9:20 pm

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision/Action Item
Review and Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve: Yo Second: Danielle	
Approval of December Minutes	Motion to approve: Christi Second: Cara	
Old Business		
Safe School Travel Plan Update – Survey (Hannah) 10 minutes	-survey went out today; closing date is April 1 -clarify that this survey is from Public Health, not just EK	
Locke Street (Cindy)	-demolition of old Asian market on Locke Street about to begin (within a few days); it will be very unsafe Locke, between Jackson and Canada	Cindy will email information so Twyla can inform parents
Playground Update 10 minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Quote to redo amphitheatre (Christi) -would like it to be submitted to the Board to be considered with other quotes -it has been presented as an invoice so that he can be compensated for work already done, or it will be rolled into quote So far we have not heard anything from the Board about the status of the process 2) Dream cards (Cara) -extend deadline to Friday; will be used to decorate an area of the front hall, and then use for inspiration 3) Survey Results (Kate) -see attached handout 4) Extra money -can we use this money for short-term easy fixes identifies in the survey (ie: paint games on the tarmac) 	Christi will email quote to Richelle to forward to Board
Ward 1 Participatory Budget – Grant Submission	How will we use the results of the survey to inform our grant submission? How do we frame our proposal? -can include a link to the details of our project	Allison, Jen, Kate and Christi will put together the grant submission
Pro-Grant – Grant Submission	-we will continue to apply for transitions focus -suggestion to include before and after school programming/opportunities, but not really connected here -different approach/focus: Building Relationships -Tues. April 19: Gr. 5-Middle School transition night (6-7pm parents only, childcare needed; 7-8pm Ryerson)	Allison and Jen will discuss
Principal's Report	<p>Trial Lock Down: -community liaison pleased</p> <p>School Cash Online: only 30% of parents have signed up online; goal 80%</p> <p>EQAO: May 25-June 8</p>	

Staff Report	<p>Gr. 4/5 French kids: 16 students participated in speech competition</p> <p>Fitness Ambassadors: starting in April, Gr. 4/5 students are being trained to lead fitness Fridays to train for Run for Change (May)</p> <p>Spirit Wear: opportunities for parents to check sizes, etc. Denise will help</p> <p>Art Auction will go ahead; request for canvas/frames</p> <p>Tech Committee: request for a member from Parent Council/Home and School to join; Allison will be our representative</p> <p>Gr. 5 students involved in Director's Cut and it went very well</p>	
New Business		
Music Program/Piano (Allison)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -there are issues and questions around program, teacher's approach, etc. -could we open it up to other teachers? –have a sort of tendering process -should this take place in the school without subsidies being offered 	<p>Richelle will look into details of her position etc.</p>

Next School Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 12th, 2016
7:00PM in EK Library

HOME AND SCHOOL

Stage Lights (Steve Pitkin)

- donating the remaining CDs to the school (approx. 50)
- raised about \$3000 after expenses
- stage lighting would cost about \$2000 (Picks and Sticks) and are CSA approved, but installation (which must go through school board) pushes it over the budget (approx. \$2200)
- vote held in favour of Home and School funding the additional costs
- Save on Energy program would rebate the installation (Christi has information and will send to Steve)

Nutrition Program (Denise)

- running smoothly and on budget
- popcorn fundraising online has dwindled; many parents need access to Cash Online student ID number

Book Swap/Family Engagement (Jenny)

- May 27: hopefully will take place outside
- need volunteers to sort books and to help on the date
- need book donations – possibly have bin at front doors during drop off

Mabel's Labels (Christi)

- we have a fundraising account that can be opened at any time; table it until we can do more of a campaign

Warm Tummies Update (Jenny)

- we started the year with about \$450 in gift cards; we are down to about \$100
- communicate this info to EK parents

Max's Big Ride (Jenny)

- very successful last year; they are doing it again this year and would love our support (ie: coin drive, big send off for Max, etc.)
- we can start to think about how we do this; Jenny will keep in touch with the family

Spending of Home and School Funds (Cara)

- idea that staff could apply for a certain amount of \$ to fund a particular project, or a set amount per classroom
- parameters would be necessary
- based on budget projections (ending school year with \$5000), we could provide \$2400 to teachers – max. \$50, and must be spent on something curriculum-related (which must be

submitted); for anything over \$50, a proposal must be submitted

Grade 5 Dance (Gay)

-taking place June 29, organized by parents at Art Gallery

-open to all EK Grade 5 students

Teacher Appreciation (Danielle)

Friday, June 3