

Earl Kitchener Elementary School Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Present: 19 present

Adjourned: 7:50pm

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision/Action Item
Review and Approval of Agenda	Motion: Kelly M. Second: Danielle	
Approval of June Minutes	Motion: Yo Second: Kelly M.	
Old Business		
Annual Report: Allison	See attached	
Playground Update	Playground -installation of artificial grass went well and kids are enjoying it -turf allows water to penetrate -cost approx. \$21,000 -still have just under \$30,000; haven't had a chance to speak with Christi and Kate regarding next steps -due to ARC, we are unable to change tarmac area	-bring ideas to next meeting regarding playground area -we also need a new head of the playground committee
Ward 1 Participatory Budget Update	-we do not know that amount we have been awarded from this year's PBAC -perhaps consider the front area (veg gardens?) or kindergarten area -possibility of having an outdoor water bottle station installed? Cost? Plumbing access?	
Principal's Report	-14 new staff; 8 long-term occasional positions -new room numbers to centralize across the board -summer work on weeping tile -radiator covers are being installed in the fall -school population still at capacity (576); waiting to hear whether there will be any reorganization of classrooms -Meet the Teacher Thursday, Sept. 29: Optimist Club with food truck 5-6pm, Open House 6-7pm	
Staff Report	-both teachers and students enjoying new grass; also cut down on dust being tracked into the school -teachers love the student-only entry in the morning; SACC kids can also play safely and supervised -remember that Meet the Teacher is not an interview opportunity -Fall Spirit Wear will be available to try on at Meet the Teacher -teachers will be discussing spending priorities -AGH program will continue for Grades 3, 4, 5 -every classroom will now have a projector and an apple TV	
New Business Executive Committee Vote	Allison nominated for Chair (Jen W) Seconded by Jen M Laura nominated for Vice Chair (Allison) seconded by Michelle Danielle nominated for Secretary (Allison) and co-secretary Kelly M.	
Change in Meeting Night	-possible to move day of week? Proposal for Third Tuesday passed	-send out a doodle at

		end of next year
Other business	-t-shirts for kids to wear to athletic events -canopies for outdoor events?	Request to email out all meeting nights
Meeting Dates for the Year	-note that all meetings will be from 7-8pm, with Home and School alternating before and after Oct 18 Nov 15 Dec 20 Jan 17 Feb 21 March 21 April 18 May 16 June 20	

Next meeting:

Oct. 18

Home and School

- 1) Money – Gay (see handout)
 - Michelle suggested spending some money on new prizes for Fright Night

- 2) Teacher Money (Inquiry Support Fund) – Cara
 - would like staff to continue requests for funds (\$50)

 - Allison suggested a different location for Fall book fair; didn't work in the little room and affected sales

- 3) Nutrition Program
 - none of the people who ran it in the past are available this year
 - they do not know what the school community wants in terms of the program; they are sending out a brief survey for feedback; Richelle will include an electronic copy with weekly newsletter
 - there is money to start up, but volunteers needed
 - Denise willing to help at the beginning; Laura R and Kelly M could help in some capacity
 - there is still the perception that the program is for kids in need

 - although Groove Dance is defunct, Jen M will look into other options; possibility of something that focuses on self-regulation (ie: yoga?)

- 4) Tarps and Tents
 - something to take to events
 - what about awnings for back playground? Approval could be difficult
 - tent must be portable and easy to set up, etc. More than one smaller, pop-up one on wheels would be better than one bigger one

- 5) Fright Night – Jenny
 - Saturday, October 29; this year it will be earlier (4-7pm)
 - would like a family to sponsor each game room, they would be in charge of set-up and take-down
 - changes to prizes – kids will get stamps on a passport for each game/activity, and can trade it in for a prize; number of stamps will reflect small, medium or large prize. Kelly M. will run the room; Laura V. will sort the donated prizes

Tues. Oct. 11 Fright Night meeting 8-9