

# MINUTES

## Earl Kitchener School Council

Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 | 7pm

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### Approval of Minutes and Agenda

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The Minutes from last month meeting were approved by:

- Jen Walsom, Kathrin Milley

Agenda Change: Ward 1 Trustee Elisabeth Wong will attend next meeting

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### Welcome by Cindy Stranak

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- Cindy will take Kait Kennels Chair position; but will have to find a new person to take over this position in the new school year
- Dave Thorne introduces new Vice Principal Stacey Johnson (Half time Position)

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### DSR (Daily School Route) EK is pilot project

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- Daniel Chung, Paul Shaker and Maureen Wilson, Mark Chamberlain (Bike for Mike)
- Presentation by Daniel Chung: Currently in Review of all Ward 1 schools, Walk to school Rate, Route review, mode of transportation, they are currently working with 25 schools in Hamilton
- Why active transportation: help kids reach 60 mins of activity, stress relieve before school, direct sunlight, prepares brain for learning, replaces car trips.
- Target: 33 000 live within 1.6 km of school (walking distance). Only 60% of those walk
- Challenges: Neighborhood not designed for walking, traffic safety, family convenience
- Students streets should be: safe, convenient, attractive
- Operations of DSR Operation: (engagement, Understanding, Planning, implementation, evaluation)

### Survey Results:

- 124 family responses (35% of school)
- 88% walk to school
- 2% talk school bus
- 9% usually drive
- 91 % of students live within 1.6km
- Top reasons to encourage walking
  - Improved street safety (52%)
  - Designated routes to school (19%)
  - More people walking/wheeling (12%)
  - Different bell times.
- Heat map for most used school ways
- Top safety concerns:
  - Major crossing along east-west corridors

- (Crossing Queen, Crossing Dundurn)
  - Travelling along Dundurn
  - Lack of sidewalks and accessibility issues.
- Website: [dailyschoolroute.org](http://dailyschoolroute.org) with individual school page information
- Next steps: ^ school page to community
  - Ward 1 DSR report for student streets
  - Begin working with for school community
    - Verifying student street
    - Wayfinding, move to grow

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## Pro Grant

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Options: MCYU engagement to enhance Ontario curriculum, Hamilton Centre for Inclusion (Laura Katz to look into this), Application for Grant due Friday Jan 28th

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## Principal Report

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- More Info, planning in regards to Spirit day and communications
- Go back to bring 'Be Kind' initiative back
- Caregiver engagement to bring back parents into school (assemblies, performances, parents to come back into the class room as reading buddies....)

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## Staff Report

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- Family Literacy Day Jan 28th,
- Primary Choir by Mr Popek, Mme Prevek
- Maybe Checkers Club
- Wizard of Oz website, and down the road need parents help
- All School painting opportunity with a local artist.

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## PIC Update

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- Cindy to send out PIC Newsletter

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## Next Meeting

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February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 @7pm, Hamilton