

MINUTES

School Council Earl Kitchener

Jan 23rd 2024 | 6:30pm

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Land Acknowledgement by Dave Thorne and welcoming words.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

The Agenda for January Meeting were approved by:

- Rachel, Ashley

Agenda Change:

- None

The Meeting Minutes for November Meeting were approved by:

- Ashley, Lisa

Meeting Minute Change:

- None

PIC School Council Networking Event (Fleur)

- All chairs of school board were invited, group work
- Maybe establish a group e-mail so that chairs can exchange ideas

Pro Grant Application – Cozy up and Read Event (Fleur)

- Annual Grant up to \$1000; guidelines need to be followed for successful application (Parent Reaching Out event)
- We got the go ahead and approved for the Grant
 - Need to create Poster (Rachel to create in Canva)
 - Three possible author presentations
 - Nicola Winstanley \$150-250 pre tax (age K-2)
 - Aimee Reid \$250 pre tax (Grade 3-5)
 - Lana Button \$350 incl tax age (K-2)
- Offer 2 timeslots for this event (one for older, one for younger kids); use Eventbrite for signup (Lisa to create eventbrite code with QR Code)
 - The younger ones get two authors with 0.5 hours each (4:30-5:30) (Nicola Winstanley, Lana Button)
 - The older one 1 hour (6-7pm) (Aimee Reid)

Writers in School Funding – Nicola Winstanley

- She can apply for funding so it would be free to us.
- 1 class for all kindergarten students in gym
- 1 class for an older class as a price for Read-A-Thon if the grant gets approved

Staff Report by Margret Sliwinska

- Community Engagement hosted by a couple classes each month (caregivers of those host classes are invited into school, for all other classes the assembly will be streamed on MS Teams)
- Monish Smith (Librarian)
- Family Literacy Jan 27th in Library
- Lunar New Year
- Black History in February
- EK beKind sing along in December,
- Big Thank you for Wesley House donations (from Mme Kohler)
- Valentines Spirit Day “All you need is love”
- Random Act of Kindness day (2 days after Valentines Day)
- EK Eagle (collaborative project between all classes) looking for a name now

Principal Report by Dave Thorne

- Checkers club with Minich and Belfort (tournament coming up)
- Helpful eagles (grade 5) grade 5 doing recess activities with grade 1's
- Mr Popek continues with Bands (Ukelele, drums.....)
- French Immersion spot is not guaranteed at EK
- Close 1.5-2 class of Grade 1 English
- Current Waitlist is 27 kids for French Immerison

Other

None

Next Meeting

February 20th, 2023