

# MINUTES

## School Council Earl Kitchener

September 24| 6:30pm

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### Welcome by Rachel Collier

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OPENING: Land Acknowledgement by Jennifer George and welcoming words.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda- The Agenda for May Meeting were approved by: Ashley, Seconded by Kate

- Crossing Guard will be replaced
- Playground re-do update
- PRO grant review- social media session
- Equity- Across caring giving
- School Gardens Updated
- Rachael passed around a list for parents to add contact info to add to listserv

### LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS- RACHAEL

- Rachael- Chair
- Kait Kenel- Vice Chair

### RESIDENTIAL ADDICTIONS CENTRE

- Community Open House- October 16th- deadline to RSVP is Friday
- In-Person treatment center

### Parents Reaching Out – “PRO” Grant

- Due in November, get the money in January
- Rules around budgeting
- Group has to collectively vote on which way to move forward
- Does not have to be a speaker, two years ago a cozy up and read event
- Give ideas, vote on topic, find speakers, get approved

### ENROLLMENT- EN/FR PARITY + FALL REORG -

- Principal George reviewed status
- Request for update on Fall 2026 allocation
- Ideal is for the school to be balanced, normal for it to be skewed
- Moving forward School Board commits to making it ratio based
- There is always a wait list- so as families decline, or move out, they then move to the next student on the waitlist
- Have ppl assessed for immersion – if it doesn't work out, they go to next person on the waitlist
- Fall ReOrg- note and conversations have been had with parents
- Request for a list of breakdown of class list- Jennifer will send out

### Staff Report by Amanda

- Terry Fox, big event is Friday- outside school grounds for bigger kids, on grounds for younger grades - contact classroom teacher for volunteering
- Reminder that you need an active Vulnerable Sector check- valid for 3 years.
- Orange Shirt Day is on Tuesday September 30
- BeKind Assembly – First one Nov 27
- Open House on Oct 8th, book fair and classroom visits
- Swim and X-country have started for grade 3, 4, 5 – Meets take place: Oct 6th for X-country, Oct 27th for swim team – need parent volunteers for this

### Principal Report by Principal George

- Covered most items in previous categories!
- Fright Night October 25 2025 discussion!

Next Meeting is October 21 2025

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## Home and School Association - Earl Kitchener

September 24 | 7:30pm

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### Welcome by Maria Orrego

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Date: September 24, 2025

Time: 7:30 PM (following School Council)

Executive Team Presenting: Maria Orrego, Joda Eisenberg

### Welcome & Introductions- Maria

- Meeting opened with welcoming remarks.
- Brief introductions completed for all attendees.
- Official welcome extended to the new Principal and Vice Principal (not in attendance).

### What is Home & School?- Maria

- Overview provided of the Home & School Association, including roles of new executive members.
- Clarification offered regarding newsletter communications and the app.

### Financials- Joda

- Year-end financials for the 2024–2025 school year were reviewed.
- Upcoming year budget lines discussed; final decisions to occur at the October meeting.
- Copies of budget distributed

### Kinder Team Request- Maria

- Brantwood Farms trip proposed for Wednesday, October 29th.
- Approximate cost: \$30 per child; discussion on using the budgeted \$12 per student.
- Agreed for use of \$\$\$

### EK Garden Team Request- Sarah

- Call put out for volunteers to support the garden.
- Request for funding submitted re ongoing garden maintenance

### 2025–2026 Tentative Event Planning

- Group reviewed the attached calendar.
- Tentative event dates identified; finalization pending.

### Open House & Scholastic Book Fair- Jenn but via Maria

- Volunteers requested for the event.
- Open House/Book Fair scheduled for October 8th.
- Discussion of teacher wish lists and book budget.

### Fright Night- Ashleigh

- Call for volunteers issued- tons of people offered to help in various roles, sign-up sheet distributed.
- First planning meeting will be held virtually on October 1st.

## Q&A and Open Discussion

- Most covered above!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 21st, 2025