

# MINUTES

## School Council Earl Kitchener

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October 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 | 6:30pm

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### Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

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Land Acknowledgement by Dave Thorne and welcoming words.

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### Approval of Minutes and Agenda

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The Agenda for October Meeting were approved by:

- Fleur McGeoch, Kathrin Milley

Agenda Change:

- None

The Meeting Minutes from September were approved by:

- Fleur McGeoch, Kathrin Milley

Meeting Minutes Change:

- None
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### Front Garden

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- Planters, trees and boxes are responsibility of the school board. Work orders have been submitted to get them fixed
  - Sarah and Vanessa contacted professionals to get ideas
    - In fall proper cleanup
    - City Horticulturist to provide plan for spring planting
    - Call for Volunteer for November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9am – 12pm, 10-15 volunteers
  - It would be nice to get teacher involvement to own planter boxes. Get suggestions from Horticulture what to plant
  - 2 x 15 volunteer shifts , signup setup
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### Classroom support

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- English program has potentially higher number of high need kids. Extra help. There is a scale on how kids are classified. List is then reviewed Board wide and then based on resource pool Resource teacher are assigned. There are not enough EA's to close the gap to the support that is needed.
  - Dave to check into if there is an after hour volunteers opportunity to run like (Math Clubs, Reading Clubs)

- Right now only 6 kids, have the chance to get into the after hour support group. Most likely just kids to bring them up to benchmark
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## Pro Grant

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- Work shop for Parents 'Well Being of the Child, environment, social environment' Jenn Abbatiello has contact social Media issues, anxious generation. Discuss possible and decide in next meeting
  - Maybe setup the gym with a movie for babysitting.

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## Playground Closure and Construction

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- Part of the playstructure was deemed to be unsafe by city. Rachael to send a letter to Maureen Wilson to discuss it and invite her to the next meeting to discuss options

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## Principal Report by Dave Thorne

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- October 18<sup>th</sup> Photo day
- Progress Report Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup>
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> Parent Teacher Interview
- BeKind Assembly first one before Winter Break, the rest after
- Jungle Sport Event Feb 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>
- Hand out of Class Room Distribution
  - About 34 families got impacted by reorganization, just a number game to balance them

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## Staff Report by Amanda

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- Meet the teacher was successful
- Crosscountry was successful with a few top 10 finishers, not enough parent volunteers
- Swim team is ongoing, October 29<sup>th</sup> is meet
- Kindergarten and Grade 1 had their first excursion
- EQAO results came back. EK is doing great in Reading/ Writing, not so great in Math
- Grade 5 Field trip to the Steam Museum

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## Next Meeting

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November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024