

Kitchener Elementary School PAC Meeting

November 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Tracey, Lisa, Anna, David, Gaspar, Melika, Erica, Chrissi, Dino

Welcome and call to order @ 6:37 pm

Vote on last meeting's minutes - passed. No questions.

Principal's Report

- A notice was sent out re: Gilmore Avenue construction commencing Summer 2022. The plan is good for the school community. Improved sidewalks for kids to walk to and from school. Much needed so we are excited for this project.
- 425 students - and counting! Families continue to register at the school. Pros - received more staff support (e.g.. 1 more ELL started last week to help with students). A new Settlement Worker started as well to help support new families to Canada. She also speaks Arabic, great resources. Challenges – limited space but doing best to support this growing number. Can expect portables at some point. With each additional classroom required, something is lost but everyone is adapting.
- New programs -- LSS team doing a lot of work around small group setting for students. ELL supporting staff and students. One ELL is trained in assessments which speed up students' needs being met.
- Holiday season -- staff really want to encourage spirit days, more updates to come. Some traditions haven't been possible yet (e.g. Pancake breakfast with Santa).
- Dino thanks PAC for classroom funds. Encouraged for creative ways to fundraise especially with increased students.

DPAC Report (Tracey)

Anna and Tracey attended Treasurer 101 workshop. If anyone wants to attend for DPAC (virtual) meetings, let Tracey know.

Treasurer's Report (Anna)

Fundraising revenue added up about \$520 with Glenburn and Mabel's Labels. No transactions last month. Gaming account - cheque \$20/child x last year's enrollment (360 students).

Updates / New Business

Current fundraising initiatives - Nov 24 Purdys deadline, Nov 21 poinsettias deadline (may be delayed as nursery is located in the Fraser Valley).

Upcoming fundraising initiatives - light reflector tags - online orders, parents to order what they like, great for nighttime visibility. Gift Cards - also online. Considered the holiday cards but limited volunteer help. Maybe revisit next year.

Traffic Concerns & Student Safety:

- Standing items on the agenda.
- Parking issues along Kitchener (backlog onto Gilmore)
- Use the crosswalk, don't jaywalk
- Constable Killen helped as his presence slows down drivers.
- Bylaw officers are ready to start ticketing so be forewarned.

Question:

Is there anything teachers might need that would help them?

Can we still ask teachers to submit their 'wish list'?

Adjournment, 7:14PM

Jan 13, 2022 next meeting, likely over Zoom