Kitchener Elementary School PAC Meeting
January 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Tracey, Lisa, Anna, Chrissi, Erica, David, Kristen, Dino, Mike
Welcome and call to order @ 6:40 pm

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

Principal's Report (Dino)
Safety protocols

- Annex continues the sameschedule
- Staggered lunch for Main Building and reversal lunch (play first then come back to eat lunch) -limits gathering of groups
- Decided not to stagger beginning and ending of school day as he felt the layout of school was spread out but did have to re-designate entry and exit points
- All changes are temporary, will continue to monitor regulations and guidelines
- Dino is in the hallway to keep the gatherings to a minimum especially during transition times.
- Hand washing and sanitizing still in place
- Mask wearing throughout the buildings, with a few medical exceptions
- Classroom arrangements had desks spaced out
- Air scrubbers just arrived in Kitchener. HVAC already in place in Main building but the Annex (all classrooms) will have air scrubber towers to recirculate the air
- Music room (small gym) has high ceilings and area space, not deemed an issue so did not get an air scrubber

Enrollment

- Continues to grow. 8-9 new students in New Year, 5 more coming in the coming weeks.
- Almost at maximum capacity (435 with these additions)
- Some international families are in these new registrations
- With this increase in numbers, district will look at expansion plan for Kitchener (i.e. portables - gravel field close to Main Building with its own washrooms)
- Potential for future addition to the Main Building to be worked out with the City and the District
- Staffing support goes up with increased enrollment

Kindergarten Registrations

- Begins Feb. 1
- This year's Kindergarten group was the largest (around 60)
- Growth is mainly in the first few primary years (Current Grade 6 and 7's smaller groups ie. 35)

Building Maintenance

- Small projects in Spring, nothing affecting kids
- 3 buildings in good condition

Student Learning Opportunities

- Sports was going to start but on hold with restrictions
- Hopeful that track might go ahead as it's an outdoors sports

Toque Projects

- Nice to add to school spirit and will be sold until Spring Break

Head Teacher Update (Mike)

- Received more iPads this year. Lost computer lab but now have a few sets of ipads that classes are using
- Student Council started this year. Santa Grams fundraising was success ($400) which goes into Leadership fund but hoping in Spring to move forward with a legacy project. Art-related and in line with District plans.
- Drumming event coming in Spring, approved by District (was postponed from last year)

Big thank you to Dino and Mike for everything you both do!

DPAC Report (Tracey)

January meeting reviewed what school closures would look like (if needed). Presentation will be available on the DPAC website. If anyone wants to attend, let Tracey know. Meetings are still virtual.

Treasurer's Report (Anna)

November and December Fundraisers were successful - GC, Purdy's and Glenburn (47% reached of yearly target). Also got a DPAC for $190 as a grant $118 plus 0.17/full time student. General review of minimal transactions.

Fundraising (Tracey)

Mabels Labels - ongoing

Tru Earth - ongoing

Reflector Lights – coming soon!

Burnaby Heights Coffee – coming soon!

Purdy's for Easter - will confirm if this will go forth.

Dino encouraging online fundraising especially with restrictions but with the size of the school. The administration is also running almost 90% with the school families so most are familiar with online.

Traffic Concerns

RCMP were present first week back to school, ticketing speeders -will reach out to Constable Killen to also monitor traffic going down Gilmore

- 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.

Construction update hopefully helps with traffic concerns. Slated to start in summer. Paved sidewalks on both sides of Gilmore. Dino will update as dates become available.

Crossing guard position distributed this week.

For next meeting
Sports Day
School Wide Event
Year End Staff Recognition

Adjournment, 7:22PM
March 10, 2022 next meeting, likely over Zoom