

Earl Haig School Council Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2014
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Attendance (as per sign-in sheet): Olga Ellis, Kelly Shea, Karen Finley, Stephanie Little, Samantha Robinson, Lori Zuppinger, Chad Nolan, Andria Keen, Anne Marie Scheffler, Andrea Szego, Kathleen Peak, Robin Forbes, Kevin Holm, Stephanie Kirby, Amanda Santo Bell, Jenn Haines, Carrie Mizzori, Cheryl Biswas, Tamara Robertson, Stephanie Chan, Janet Farrell, Bobb Lam, Erin Stoyanoff, Susanne Chung-Yee, Christian Hurst, Nicole Lambe, Ksenia Corner
Regrets: Hilary Gray

Agenda Item (as corresponding to the set Agenda)	Discussion/Decision/Action Taken	Person(s) Responsible/Rep orting
1. Welcoming remarks and Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting called to order at 7:10 	Karen Kelly
2. Acceptance of the Agenda and Minutes approved from the May 2014 meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted – approved via email 	Samantha Robinson Seconded: Lori Zuppinger
3. Remarks and updates from our Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication Team met with Olga last week – thanks for email blasts – goal is for biweekly, currently weekly All parent email addresses to be entered into School system Gr 8 - 9 transition evening last week with Guidance Counsellor Kelley Miller-Caise (she works 1/2 day week, primarily with grade 8s, some 7s or any student as requested). Can discuss alternative schools with her as well. My Blueprint – career and educational options navigation tool Gr 9 open houses – Monarch Park and Bendale Tech Gr 8 -9 Special Ed transition at Bowmore Nov 5 School SW .5 Nina Bregman (works in nearby schools as well) Power of One Anti-bullying assembly Oct 3– bully prevention oath – to display in lobby, day of pink on April 9th, Review and update Emergency Response – Anaphylaxis Canada, First Aid - ECE updated annually. First lockdown and two fire drills – destination for evacuation – Earl Beatty (Primary and daycare) Monarch 	Olga Ellis

	<p>Park (Juniors and Seniors), if further afield then Bowmore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holding hub along white fence • Caring Schools meeting tomorrow – school equity rep; 2 staff attended positive space training last year. Gym is the positive space hub • Student Helpline Number posted around school • Multiple reading and math assessments, staff working on getting to know individuals as learners, writing Individual Education Plans • \$1200 for basketball net, TDSB would install at no cost • QSP @ \$4000, webkinz winners draw – keychains going out • Cross Country – Saturday run was well attended, students did very well • Cross Country finals on Oct 20 – 17 moving on to this level • Girls Borden Ball season wrapped up, Slo-Pitch Tournament yesterday • Winter concert Dec 4th, Spring Concert April 30th • Dumpster update - moved to the parking lot, will result in loss of 2 – 3 spaces on Thurs/Fri when bins are emptied • Recommendations coming from Eco Summit regarding waste disposal (Christian Hurst) • EQAO results – individual reports have gone home @ gr 3 and gr 6 levels • Celebration and continued focused – at a school and system level set directions of goals, school improvement, staff continuing development, resources to school • Literacy committee, mathematics – look at teaching practices 79% gr 3 achieved gr 3 or 4 in reading, 85% in writing and 79% in mathematics – surpassed board and provincial levels – 47 grade 3 students completed the test • Grade 6 – 69% in reading, writing 72%, 33% in Mathematics – info gives to grade 7 teacher to give them a boost, focus on assisting. Solve problems and explain, solve in different ways, 36 grade 6 students wrote, large cohort with IEPs. Many accommodation strategies utilized. School wide focus on mathematics • Allocated a consultant from the Ministry to work with staff, including Math Coaches. Purchased updated Ontario numeracy kits. • Will discuss school budget next month and see if school SW can attend regarding duty to report and raising awareness of child abuse and neglect 	
4. Remarks from teacher representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated into Ms. Ellis' remarks 	

5. The daycare connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on daycare buzzer, completion estimated to be by the end of next week. Buzzers will be in place so school entry doors can be locked. One in basement and one in infant rooms. Daycare staffing ratios need to be changed to accommodate this change Would like to be included in future dumpster discussions with the school Toddler playground – large amounts of dog feces found in the playground over weekends, kids then have to sit outside while staff inspect the playground for various garbage, including broken bottles. Now locked daily until 2:00 pm. Families on Currie concerned, now that playspace is locked – will be unlocked at 2:00 pm to accommodate families with small children coming to pick up older kids. Locked again after daycare ends 55 Community relations officer – daycare encouraged to contact. Every person affected should call 55 division to report 	Andrea Szego
6. Financial Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terry Fox Back to School Cookie and Coffee event Grade 8 graduation Power of One approved last meeting Pumpkin Patch float Hullabaloo Votes needed from last meeting: \$1200 basketball nets to create half courts within the gym – moved Karen Finley Kelly Seconded Stephanie Chan - approved \$3700 Scientists in the School – moved Andria Keen Seconded Lori Zuppinger- approved Potential request for Butterfly garden 	Stephanie Little
7. Status Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QSP deadline extended to Sunday (can buy all year long, but monies after the deadline will count in next year's tally) Secretary position still available 	Karen Finley Kelly on behalf of Tracey Pirso
8. PIAC/Ward Council Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last meeting was a meet and greet, ++ discussion about environmental issues Police checks – some schools saying anyone with contact with kids requires a police check, others are saying 3 interactions requires a police check – Earl Haig encouraging people who want to volunteer at the school to obtain a police check, financial support is available through the school if required To renew the police check there is a declaration in the office to be signed 	Andrea Szego
9. Future happenings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pumpkin Patch update (Oct. 23) – Lots of response to the sign up – copy of recipe or ingredients always 	Cheryl Biswas

