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
 Welcoming remarks and Attendance 	Meeting called to order at 7:10	Karen Kelly
2. Acceptance of the Agenda ar Minutes approved fror	nd	Samantha Robinson Seconded: Lori
the May 2014 meeting		Zuppinger
3. Remarks and updates from our Principal	 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. 	Olga Ellis
	 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 	

Park (Juniors and Seniors), if further afield then Bowmore 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 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 Incorporated into Ms. Ellis' remarks teacher

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5. The daycare connection	 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 	Andrea Szego
	report	
6. Financial Updates	 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	 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	 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	Pumpkin Patch update (Oct. 23) – Lots of response to	Cheryl Biswas
happenings	the sign up – copy of recipe or ingredients always	,
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	appreciated –need more bakers	6
	Earl Haig Hullabaloo: Friday, Nov. 7 – Adult focused	Stephanie Little
	entertainment to support school, silent auction. Status	
	update - Stephanie Little – meeting this Sunday, tickets	
	are printed and for sale – tickets will be sold at the	
	pumpkin patch, still seeking donations and services for	
	the auction	
	There is a team soliciting from local business, please	
	speak to committee members first	
10. Any new	 Monarch Butterfly garden & wooden fence 	Christian Hurst
business	butterflies - volunteers?	
	 East side of the school yard 9' x 18' section – small 	
	tree; remove compacted construction material to be	
	removed	
	 Milkweed seeds were harvested, being winterized 	
	 Needs to be done before ground freezes 	
	• Expense – lumber to frame it, hopefully to be	
	donated	
	Can create a volunteer spot page for the Monarch	
	Butterfly garden once a date is selected	
	Christian to send a list of environmental initiatives –	
	how to incorporate green bins for school	
	compostable waste	
	 Lunch room – very noisy – Ms Ellis to pursue 	
	DIY sound baffles – curtains, other means of minimizing	
	reverberations	
	 Lunchroom subcommittee to be established – space, 	
	sound	
	Lunchroom supervisors allocated by school	
	population.	
	Communications – trying to release a newsletter weekly	
	or bi-weekly. Communications committee needs it by	
	Wed at the latest –please send info to	Kathleen Peak
	earlhaigschoolcouncil@gmail.com	
	School website is out of date – TDSB requirement to be	
	maintained by a teacher	
	Blog not completely up to date right now.	
	East End Children's Centre annual fundraiser October	
	25th	
	Monarch Park CI 50 th anniversary on Oct. 18th	
11. Adjournment	Chad moved to adjourn the meeting	
	Seconded Lori Zuppinger	
	Meeting adjourned at 8:37	

The next council meeting is scheduled for Tues., November 18, 2014 Minutes prepared by Robin Forbes