

**Lord Kitchener Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting
Tuesday, January 15, 2019
7:00 pm - Library**

MINUTES

1. **Welcome and call meeting to order** -- Joyce Cheung 7:04 pm
 - Welcome back to everyone
 - >10 parents in attendance
 - Lord Kitchener Staff: Debra Nothstein and Angela Stewart

2. **Approval of November meeting minutes** -- approved by consent

3. **Reports and Updates:**
 - a) **Administrators' Report - Debra Nothstein and Angela Stewart**
 - Welcome back, School is looking forward to the Year of the Pig
 - January is a calm month; kids come back knowing the routine and this year feels good.
 - Lunar New Year celebration is planned for **Mon., Jan. 11** (Activities: some children will be performing Chinese dance, some parents also will perform a dance, Strings club will perform Jasmine Flower, red envelopes will be handed out to students, Lion Dance) Celebration will begin just after 9:00 am.
 - Schoolinterviews.ca: Kitchener is in the process of trialing; the website allows for scheduling teachers' conferences in a less cumbersome way. Currently, Carnarvon, Byng and Prince of Wales use it.
 - Teachers are working on report cards which are scheduled to be handed out at the end of the month, **Jan. 31**. We're in the 2nd year of a pilot, the report cards will look a bit different from last year.
 - Student-led conferences are scheduled to take place in early March.
 - Ready Set Learn took place yesterday: the 3- 5 year olds participated with Dance Play, then toured the K commons. Dance Play will be come back to work with the whole school in February.

 - b) **Outdoor Classroom - Krista**

New Garden Beds

Four new garden beds have been installed in the Outdoor Classroom. With additional beds, classes will have an option to choose a garden theme and look after their own bed during the school year. One intermediate class will be working with their little buddy class to look after a bed; growing food and learning about the full growing cycle.

Until then, please remind students to stay out of these beds as the plastic liner can be ripped if students jump into them.

Garden Stewardship

Please remind students to leave bamboo stakes in the ground as they are protecting gardens, spring bulbs and veggies throughout the winter months.

EarthBites

EarthBites Module 3 – Garden planning, pollination and seeds

The Winter Session runs from January 15 – February 26. Students will be learning how to plan a garden, how to start seeds to transplant, and how seeds can be a healthy snack. Nutritionists will be creating a healthy snack made with seeds.

If you would like to volunteer with your child(s) class, please contact your teacher to ask for workshop dates.

The recipe will be in the next hotsheet.

EarthBites 2019-2020

It's time to plan for next year. Suz, from EarthBites would like to talk about the program at the PAC next meeting. Teachers will also be asked about their interest in keeping the program.

c) **Hot Lunch - Ashley**

- Ashley Horlock and Tina Exarchoulis are the leads on Hot Lunch this year.
- Manna Liu, representing a group of parents, proposed to PAC to increase the frequency of Hot Lunch to every day.
- Conclusion of discussion is that there is no space to accommodate having Hot Lunch beyond Mondays and Fridays. We only have the lunch room (multi-purpose room) on Mondays and Fridays. The music program operates in the Lunch Room on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Therefore, the lunch program would be very disruptive if the provider comes on more than 2 days/week.
- Even the grade 7 pizza lunch (once a month) is very disruptive -- not professionally feasible to take up instructional time for lunches, especially upstairs in the intermediate wing.
- Parents who have any menu/quality issues should email Ashley or Tina.
- 200-260 students order Hot Lunch

4. **Other Business:**

- Manna Liu has a list of around 50 parents who would like to volunteer with PAC. Hot lunch is full now but Outdoor Classroom could use more volunteers.

5. Childminding was provided by resident, Gr. 7 student, Andie Robison.
6. Meeting Adjourned at 7:53 pm.

