

Ecole Elgin Market  
School Community Council Meeting  
Date: Monday November 29, 2023 6pm  
Location –School Library and Microsoft Teams

1. Attendance: Jan Johnstone, Laura Stockland, Sarah Newton, Gillian Dent, Victoria Boucher, Diane Tremblay, Tiffany Rutledge, Katie Craig
2. Adoption of Agenda: Tiffany, Gillian
3. Approval of Previous Minutes: Gillian
4. Correspondence - none
5. New Business:
  - a. Principal's report – see attached
  - b. Trustee Report
    - Budget process next month. This is an opportunity for school councils input. Budget to be passed by June. BWDSB is noted to be in good financial share.
    - 10 new bus routes have been added this month for the school board area. The school bus consortium has been communicated with regarding the need to communicate before changes are made to allow families and communities to react (i.e. changing bus eligibility zones)
    - Jan is now chair of Business and Audit Committee. No longer on policy committee.
  - c. TD books - Approved
  - d. Open Forum – This is a new agenda item. Intended to encourage parents and stakeholders to bring forward comments / issues of concern / and questions. In advance of next meeting this will be communicated as part of invite to attend.
    - No issues identified
6. Old Business:
  - a. Parent Engagement Projects
    - Grant money approved We are planning 2 event evenings. Both will include free food and games and packages to take away. It will be an opportunity to share what is being done in the school. These topics will be featured in the newsletter as well. School staff to discuss.
      1. Math night (March 25<sup>th</sup>)
      2. Right to Read (May 13<sup>th</sup>)
  - b. School Building Work

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- New parking lot area where propane tanks were
- New roof
- Removal of hazardous trees (falling objects and damage to vehicle from sap)
- New trees to be planted
- School yard lack of draining issue to be solved and drained to new parking lot.

7. Professional Activity Day Topics –



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### Professional Activity Day Communication

Date: Friday, February 2, 2024

**Elementary Teachers Topic: Assessment and Report Card Completion**

Entity Hosting: School Based

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): School administrators

Description: **Board Directed Day**

Elementary teachers will work in their home schools to complete assessments and write Term 1 report cards.

**Secondary Teachers Topic: Semester Turn Around Day**

Entity Hosting: School Based

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): School administrators

Description: **Board Directed Day**

Secondary teachers will work in their home school locations to complete assessments, write report cards and conduct end of Semester 1 tasks. Teachers will also complete tasks to prepare for the beginning of Semester 2.

8. Policies under review:

No new policies to review

9. Next Meeting: Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 6pm

**Attachment :**



# Ecole Elgin Market Public

## Principal's Report – School Council

School Council – January 29, 2024

### Staffing Changes

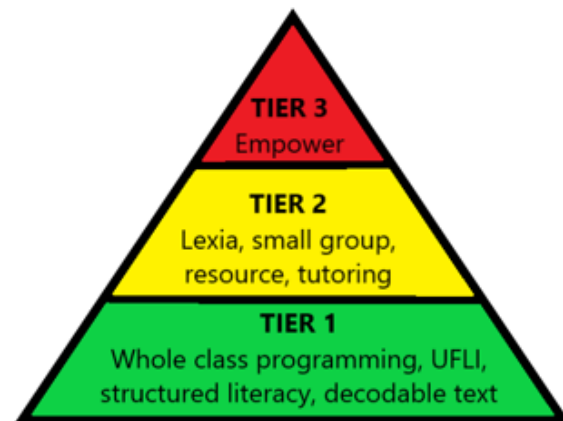
When we returned to school on January 8, Mme Crawley and Mme Boucher took over as teachers for the Grade 4/5 class. Mme Boyko returned to JK/SK (BK3), and Mme Mangotich moved into the Grade 1 classroom. Mme Bowes moved into French prep coverage JK-Grade 6.

### Intervention Programs

All of our Grade 3-6 students are being assessed using reading screening programs (primarily the Acadience Oral Reading Fluency and Maze assessments). Reading screens are different from other reading assessments in that they are predictive of how students are progressing for their age and whether they are likely to hit grade standard by the end of the year. From this, we are providing six week blocks of resource intervention with Mme Gibson. In addition, we are able to request licenses for Lexia for our Tier 2 students (those in need of some additional support beyond that in the classroom). Students accessing Tier 3 interventions (Empower) are not able to do Lexia as this prevents confusion for students.

We are using the UFLI program for structured reading instruction in our Grade 3-5 classes for English, and for additional support in resource and English as a Second Language programming.

In addition, we are offering a Grade 3 focused reading intervention Tutoring Program from Jan – March to further support targeted students.



### Professional Development and Math Coaching

Alison Dietze, a math coach with Bluewater District School Board, is working to support our teachers through coaching, modelling and professional development. She is in every Thursday and works with Grade 3-6 teachers in the morning, and supports Primary educators in the afternoons. In addition, she is supporting some students through one on one assessments and small group instruction. Staff are really enjoying learning from her, and recent topics have included how to deliver really effective whole class number talks, how to use the Knowledgehook program, and how to use cuisinaire rods (comparable proportional rods) in Kindergarten.