

Ecole Elgin Market
School Community Council Meeting
Date: Monday November 27, 2023 6pm
Location –Microsoft Teams

1. Attendance: Sarah Newton, Laura Stockland, Gillian Dent, Sabrina Liivoja, A (parent request to not publish name)
2. Adoption of Agenda: accepted without changes
3. Approval of Previous Minutes: accepted as is
4. Correspondence - none
5. New Business:
 - a. Principal's report – see appendix 1
 - b. Trustee Report – not available
 - c. 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.
 - Noted that Canadian Parents for French chapter re-organizing and a good opportunity for our school
 - d. PIC money (Parent Involvement Committee) – grant is available. Decision is to submit an application to host parent engagement events: 1) math event, 2) reading (right to read) event
6. Old Business:
 - a. Update – Bussing and School drop off pick up traffic. – local neighbourhood infrastructure update. An improvement is noted with addition of new cross walk across Bruce Ave. Traffic flow has improved. Safe and cautious driving is essential.
7. Professional Activity Day Topics –
Date: Friday, November 24, 2023

Elementary Teachers Topic: Reporting to Parents

Entity Hosting: School board

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

Description: **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Elementary teachers will be meeting with parents/guardians to discuss elementary progress reports, and next steps for student achievement.

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Secondary Teachers Topic: In-school Professional Development

Entity Hosting: School board

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

Description: **Leveraging the Use of 1:1 Devices in the Secondary Classroom**

Secondary teachers will participate in a webinar focusing on the effective integration of 1:1 technology in the secondary classroom. Teachers will learn effective strategies for incorporating the use of laptops to support student success. This will be followed by school-based professional learning.

8. Policies under review:

The following policies were reviewed. No concerns for our school

[BP 5901-D "Community Use of Schools"](#)

[BP 3801-D "Healthy Schools and Workplaces"](#)

[BP 3120-D "Child Care in Bluewater District School Board Schools"](#)

[BP 6601-D "Student Awards and Recognition"](#)

9. Next Meeting: January 29th 6pm, blended format

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Appendix 1



École Elgin Market Public Principal's Report – School Council

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Staffing Changes

Mme Keelan has joined us in Grade 6 and 5/6 on Fridays to cover a leave for Mme MacLennan until March break. Mme Drapeau has joined us in Grade 1 to cover Mme Rutledge's medical leave. Mme Everingham's position is being hired, following the earlier departure than expected for her maternity leave (Mme Everingham welcomed baby Beau to the world today!) This position should be hired by the end of the week.

Enrolment for 2024-25

We currently have 26 students enrolled for JK for next year and one for SK. Although this is considerably lower than this year, it is normal enrollment for this time of year. Our numbers are usually around 33-35 for September, with 2023-24 being unusually high at 44.

Professional Development

Our staff had two amazing presentations on the Professional Development Day at the end of October. Dr Hannah Beach spoke about trauma and connection, and the impact of trauma on children and their attachment with adults, and how this can present in their behaviour and actions. Dr Andrew B. Campbell (Dr ABC), a professor at OISE, spoke about anti-racist education and diversity in education, challenging us to ensure all students see themselves represented in our school and curriculum, and feel a sense of safety and belonging.

EQAO

Our 2023 EQAO results have arrived and been sent home to families. Our performance at the primary level was excellent, with continuing excellent growth at the primary level, placing us above the provincial average in all three areas, despite a slight dip in Math year over year. At both the primary and junior level (with the exception of Gr 6 Math), we were significantly above board average.

At the junior level, reading was just under the provincial average, and both reading and writing showed a slight decline. Our math scores at the junior level were not as strong as we would have liked and our Junior math teachers are working with Alison Dietze, a coach from the school board to help build student skills and support teachers in deepening mathematical understanding.

	School		Board		Province	
	2021-22	2022-23	2021-22	2022-23	2021-22	2022-23
Grade 3 EQAO Reading	74	87	63	62	73	74
Grade 3 EQAO Writing	65	81	51	50	65	66
Grade 6 EQAO Reading	87	82	79	76	76	84
Grade 6 EQAO Writing	87	73	76	73	84	84
Grade 3 Mathematics	71	65	52	48	59	60
Grade 6 Mathematics	27	27	36	39	47	50