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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Next Council Meeting**: Thu Jan 14
- **WRAPSC meetings**:
  Jan 12th
  Feb 2nd
  April 5th
  May 3rd
- **Mad Science Assembly:** Tuesday, January 12th, 10:20am - 11:00am
- **Fitness Event:** February/March
- **Staff Appreciation Treats**: Thursday, April 21, 2016
- **Healthy Kids Make Good Learners**: Thursday, April 21, 2016

ACTION ITEM SUMMARY

Mad Science 8-Week Program:

- Kickoff Assembly Date: Tuesday, January 12th, 10:20am - 11:00am
- Schedule program for Grades 1-6. – Rebecca, Brian

"Scientist in the School" Workshop:

- Schedule program for Grade 7-8s. – Jenny, Brian

S'Cool Life Fund:

- Grants accepted Dec 1 - Jan 31. Apply for this grant again. – Deb
- Proceed with Art Room Improvement Proposal – Sub-Committee (Shannon Sawyer, Deb, Katherine, Agnes)

Fitness Event 2016:

- **Provider**: Limitless Performance
- **Proposed Date**: Wednesday, February 10, 2016.
- **Proposed Format**: Provide format used in following years (full day, each class participates separately as their gym period for the day).
- **Fee**: What fee will be associated with a full day event?
- Follow up with Limitless Performance - Rebecca

Kelly Lovell Talk:

- January agenda - bring a proposal to the group for approval. - Lori

PRO Grant Event – Healthy Kids Make Good Learners

- **Date:** Thursday, April 21, 2016
- **Other similar events**: Linwood held a healthy eating night on September 26th. Look at their information – Deb
- **Recording**: Investigate booking Board resources to record the event. – Brian
- Schedule event, advertise – Sub-Committee

ESNS Lunch Program:

- **Extra Pizza**: Goes to Mrs. Bauer to distribute at her discretion.
- **Serving Gloves**: Purchase serving gloves and expense to Council – Council?
- **Cupboard for Storage**: Check with facilities to see if building a cupboard under the glass case would pose any issues. - Brian
- **Cupboard for Storage**: Investigate local carpenter to build the cupboard. - Deb

Staff Appreciation Treats:

- **Date:** Thursday, April 21, 2016
- **Committee Leads**: Jen Sellars, Shawna Gingrich

Safe Caring & Inclusive Schools

- We need to organize this team – meets 4-times/year, submits a report yearly.

- Add the SCIS item to the agenda for January. – Council Executive

Fun Fair Closing Tasks:

- **Fun Fair Storage**: Check under the stage for space. – Principal

KW Youth Theatre:

- Investigate further and send information to council.cps@gmail.com - Fiona

Music Performance Fund (MPF) Grant:

- Investigate grant – Fiona

Fitness Event 2017:

- **Provider**: Jungle Sport http://www.junglesport.ca/
- Look into this possibility for next year. – Katherine

Folding Tables

- **Source**: Investigate tables available at nearby school. – Marsha
- **Storage**: Investigate storage space under the stage - Principal

WELCOME & GENERAL BUSINESS

Attendance

(P present, N absent/regrets. Parent Members must attend 7/10 – 70% of meetings to maintain voting privileges.)

Role	2015-16	Sep 10	Oct 8	Nov 5	Dec 10	Jan 14	Feb 11	Mar 10	Apr 14	May 12	Jun 9
Co-Chair	**Jenny Benham**	P	P	P	P						
Co-Chair	**Rebecca Hallman**	P	P	N	P						
Treasurer	**Karen Hofbauer**	P	P	P	P						
Secretary	**Deb Jones**	P	P	P	P						
Principal	Brian Beney	P	P	P	P						
Teacher											
Parent Members (14)	**Marsha Ferguson**	P	N	P	N						
	Stephanie Forte	P	N	N	P						
	Agnes Lehtonen	P	P	N	P						
	Chris Sabean	P	P	P	P						
	Katherine Sunday	P	N	N	P						
	Susan Wagler		N	N	P						
	Fiona von Kannen	P	P	N	P						
	Aimee Leveck	P	P	N	N						
	Shawna Gingrich		P	P	P						
	Carolyn Rouse	P	P	P	P						
Parent Volunteers	Juli Chinnick	P	P	P	N						
	Natalie Edery	N	N	N	N						
	Vanessa Harrow	N	N	N	N						
	Lori McCrae	P	N	N	P						
	Jen Sellars	N	N	P	N						
	Karen Forsyth				P						

Agenda – Review & Approval

Adjustments to Agenda:

- none

Agenda Approval Motioned by:

1st: Agnes

2nd: Susan

Minutes, Nov 5 – Review & Approval

Adjustments to Minutes:

- Added in provided details from Fun Fair totals.

Minutes Approval Motioned by:

1st: Karen

2nd: Chris

PRESENTATIONS

Principal's Report – Brian Beney

Labour Updates

- Tentative Deal Reached With All Labour Groups.
- We expect business 'back to normal' in January 2016.

News and Dates to Remember

- Door decorating contest (Firefighters to judge).
- Time of giving (Tree of Warmth, Food Drive, Bake Sale) - Proceeds to the Woolwich Community Services.
- School Resource Officer (SRO) - Cst. Paul Rabidoux - monthly visits to school / classes.
- Libby Barrie (Woolwich) - JK-6 presentations on 'Resilience Roots' - overcoming adversity and managing difficult emotions in times of stress.
- Progress Reports - sent home December 16th.
- EDSS Band Concert - Dec. 15th 10:30am.
- CPS Christmas Concerts - Dec. 15th 2:10pm and Dec. 16th 9:45am – approximately 1 hour in length.

Mog's Christmas Calamity

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kuRn2S7iPNU
- May you and your families have a joyous time of celebrating and sharing this season.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

Treasurer's Report – Karen

[reviewed written reports]

Expenses:

- Plaques for bench paid for.
- Magazine campaign party expenses are complete.

- Fun Fair Thank You cards.
- Chromebooks and iPads coming out of technology.

Income:

- Majority of magazine money in: Very close to budget. Last $300 could come in throughout the year.
- ESNS lunch program: $165 in October. November statement $248. We are on track according to our budget for lunch program-related income.
- Mabel's Labels: we received a cheque!
- Holiday Arrangement Fundraiser: Money is in!
- Fun Fair came in on budget.

COMMITTEES & EVENTS – STATUS REPORTS

Fun Fair - Final Items – Jenny

- Jenny logged time spent on various jobs.
- Ennio's restaurant gift certificate prize: won by Shawna.
- Feedback collected: Please feel free to provide additional feedback.

Director's Town Hall Update – Jenny

- Tag line: "let's talk" – between all of the parent councils.
- Invitation from the Director of the School Board.
- We did not attend any of the town halls.
- Jenny spoke to coordinators after the events. They will provide us with a report.
- The Co-Chairs have been in contact with other School Councils, including St. Jacobs. We are considering some collaborative meetings to see what we can do in the community. If you have contact with other schools, we welcome feedback.
- Parent question/response: The Town Hall is not the same as WRAPSC.
- WRAPSC: Sometimes it is presentation-based. Next meeting will be more collaborative.

Mad Science - Jan 12th – Rebecca

- Based on last year's presentation, we are proceeding with a Mad Science program this year.

Free Kick-off Assembly:

- Tuesday, January 12th, 10:20am - 11:00am
- Up to grade 6.

8-Week Nutrition Break Program:

- We are bringing in this program in the winter term.
- Students will have the opportunity to sign up for an 8-week program during nutrition breaks.
- They will adapt the program to the age groups present.
- Parent cost: $108.
- We can nominate 1 child to participate without cost.

- They will bring as many staff as required.
- Grades 1 - 6.
- Parent Comment: We had the program at our last school and it was really good.
- Schedule program. – Rebecca, Brian

Winner of "Scientist in the School" Complimentary Workshop – Jenny

- "Scientist in the School" is a program similar to Mad Science.
- Jenny completed a ballot at a business event and we won a complimentary workshop!
- Who can we use this workshop for? Since Mad Science caters to Grades 1-6, we would like to use this workshop for Grades 7-8.
- **Action Item**: proceed with scheduling. - Jenny

ESNS Lunch Program Update –Agnes

Status: Need volunteers to support this program.

- The program is going well.
- Word is getting out. The students are doing a lot of selling on our behalf.
- The Grade 8s come and find Agnes. They have a home base by the cupboards.

Extra Pizza:

- There are always extra slices of pizza. Sometimes 2 entire pizzas, sometimes only two slices. What do we do with the extra?
- Mrs. Bauer takes the leftovers to out-of-the-cold program on Wednesday nights. To be equitable, Mrs. Bauer has the contact to donate the left-overs.
- Mrs. Bauer knows which children do not have lunches and she can provide at her discretion.
- **Decision**: Mrs. Bauer will take the extra pizza to be used at her discretion to feed students or those in need outside the school.

Needed:

- Rubber gloves needed to serve the pizza. We will need a supply of serving gloves.

Space:

- We need more space. Currently storing items in the council mailbox.
- **Cupboard under the glass case**: Could we have a cupboard custom built under the glass case in the entryway?

Action Items:

- Purchase serving gloves and expense to Council – Council?
- Check with facilities to see if building a cupboard under the glass case would pose any issues. - Brian
- Investigate local carpenter to build the cupboard. - Deb

Magazine Fundraiser Update – Chris

- Ended: Tuesday, October 13, 2015.
- 783 magazines

- $8600 net approximately.

Cartoon Party:

- Complete. Nov 25, 2nd nutrition break 1:30pm.
- For classes with over 50% participation. About 160 kids. They will watch cartoons and eat popcorn.
- Served 160 kids popcorn in 20 minutes.
- Felt it was rushed. Attempted to have the Kindies come in separately. It did cut it short for the older kids. Some kids returned for popcorn.
- Kids preferred plain.

Icecream Party:

- Complete.
- For kids who sold 8 magazines or 4 online. Or families who sold 14 magazines. Usually about 100 kids. Date depends on the QSP Rep's availability. Wednesday, if possible.
- Fed 110 kids icecream in 20 minutes. 2nd nutrition break.

Holiday Arrangement Fundraiser Update – Chris

- **Started**: November 1, 2015.
- **Ended**: November 13, 2015.
- **Pickups**: Tuesday, December 1, 2015, 3:30pm – 5:30pm, CPS main entrance
- **Total Earned**: $955
- **Items Sold**:
  119 poinsettias
  26 urns
  10 wreaths
  4 gift cards
- **Last year**: about $500 on poinsettias.
- The products looked wonderful.

OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS

PRO Grant – Healthy Kids Make Good Learners – Update – Deb

- **Motion to proceed with the speaker, date and topic outlined below (and discussed at last month's meeting)**: 1st: Agnes, 2nd: Susan
  Decision: Motion passed.
- **Chairs**: booked for Thursday, April 21st.
- **Speaker Books-Resources**: Request that the speaker brings resources and have a book signing, etc.
- **Reach**: Invite other schools.
- **Recording**: Can we book Board resources to record it the speaker?

Details:

- **PRO Grant**: We received a grant for $780.
- **Proposed Date**: Thursday, April 21, 2016:

Presenter:

Brenda Wollenberg BSW RHN
Registered Holistic Nutritionist

- Author of the book: *Overweight Kids in a Toothpick World*
  http://www.amazon.ca/Overweight-Toothpick-World-Step-Step/dp/0986636509
- Founder of: In Balance Weight Loss and Wellness Programs
- Website: http://www.inbalancelm.com/
- Video exemplifying her speaking style:
  http://www.inbalancelm.com/happy-healthy-holiday/

Speaker Budget:

- Speaker: $650 inclusive.

Presentation:

- Presentation will focus on nutrition and lifestyle habits that support children's brain development and ability to learn.

Reach:

- Invite other schools in Waterloo region.
- Advertising and Registration: We plan to create a website for the event, which will continue to provide helpful information afterward in order to extend the value of the presentation.

Committee:

- A committee has been formed:
  Lead: Deborah Jones
  Members: Celeste Alles, Stephanie Forte, Christina Wood, Erin Schmidt.

Action Items:

- **Other similar events**: Linwood held a healthy eating night on September 26th. Look at their information – Deb
- **Recording**: Investigate booking Board resources to record the event. - Brian

Safe Caring and Inclusive Schools – Jenny

- Need to put a team together. Need to have a school team. Needs to be submitted yearly.
- Committee must meet 4 times per year.
- About being an inclusive school, culturally and otherwise.
- **Action Item**: Back on Agenda for January. – Council Executive

Music Performance Fund (MPF) Grant – Jenny

Details:

- http://www.musicpf.org/mptf_musicintheschools.html
- The Music Performance Fund (MPF), a non-profit, tax-exempt public service organization. Headquartered in New York City, MPF is the world's largest sponsor of live, admission-free musical programs. Last year, MPF presented over 10,000 performances to the people of Canada and the United States. Millions of people in major Canadian and U.S. cities and villages enjoyed instrumental music of high quality without having to buy a ticket or belong to an organization in order to gain admittance.
- The Fund was established in 1948 by the recording companies of North America and the American Federation ofMusicians as part of their collective bargaining agreement. A small royalty on the sale of some recorded music is

contributed to the Fund by signatory recording companies, and these funds are supplemented by co-sponsoring organizations. There is never an admission charge for MPF performances, and its performances cannot be used to raise money, sell merchandise, or promote political or religions events,

MPF's mission is:

- To present admission-free, live, musical performances of high quality to the People of Canada and the United States;
- To contribute to the public's knowledge and appreciation of music;
- To make music a part of every child's life experience.

Action Items:

- Investigate grant – Fiona
- Send information to Fiona, include in minutes. – Deb

Staff Appreciation Treats: Looking for someone to take this over – Jenny

- Jen Sellars leads two events in November and March. Jen will do it this year and the following year until her son graduates.
- We need to bring in someone else to work with her the rest of this year so that Jen can show what needs to be done.
- **Supervisors**: do we need to provide supervisors to cover the teacher breaks.
  Principal: Not an issue. Did not hear staff say it was an issue. Everyone was grateful.
- **Volunteer**: Shawna will lead this venture! Thank you, Shawna!
- **Action Item**: Follow up with Jen Sellars - Shawna

KW Youth Theatre - Fiona

- They do plays 3-times/year.
- $5/student.
- They do not come into schools.
- **Spring**: Little Mermaid, Monsters Inc.
- Brian: Rockway Mennonite Collegiate - in the past, we have attended spring performances at. That will be an option this year. But, we can look at this option as well.
- Jenny: Koinonia is also putting on Annie – investigate options.
- **Actin Item**: Investigate further and send information to council.cps@gmail.com - Fiona

S'Cool Life Fund for improvements to the Art Room – Deb

About the Grant:

- 2015-16 Grants accepted Dec 1 - Jan 31.
- http://www.scoollifefund.ca/
- This grant funds D.R.E.A.M.S. (Drama, Recreation, Extra-Curricular, Arts, Music, or Sports). S'Cool does not look to fund core academic subjects, but instead those areas that fall outside of the core curriculum but are no less important for a child's development.

WHAT WE FUND

- Ideally, projects that leave a tangible legacy behind, can be used year-to-year and that reach the greatest number of students.

- Projects should be aligned with DREAMS- Drama, Recreation, Extra-Curricular, Arts, Music or Sports.

Our Involvement:

- Last year, we applied for and received a grant to fund purchasing music program equipment.
- This year, we would like to apply for a grant to fund art room improvements.

Basement art room - discussion:

- Does have a kiln, drying racks, larger individual desks.
- Brian: Biggest issue is space to spread out presentations, etc. Option get the projector mounted on the ceiling. That would clear off the computer and speaker. $1200 to do that.
- Katherine Sunday: (Katherine is a teacher with an Art Specialist.) Art rooms I've seen work best with large tables (like the library tables) so that kids can spread out.
- Could we custom craft larger tabletops to go over the desks?
- Art room versus other options: Grant applications close Jan 31st. There may be other worthwhile projects to fund but we need to choose and move forward with one.
- **Motion to proceed with exploring art room improvements**: 1st Karen 2nd Agnes.
  Decision: passed.
- **Committee formed**: Deb, Katherine, Agnes.

Fitness Event: Limitless Performance – Update – Rebecca

Limitless Performance:

- http://www.limitless-performance.ca/
- **Cost**: Free of charge. Limitless Performance has offered their services free of charge to complete a presentation and session.
- **Experience**: They have experience working with kids and are fully insured.
- **Format**: They will do a short presentation and then break the students into smaller groups. Grades working together. Team challenges.
- **Goal**: Team Building, Leadership: Working on building leadership and team building, accomplishing goals.
- **Budget**: We have $1000 budgeted for a fitness-health event.
- **Last year's**: $715 inclusive.

Format Discussion:

- Teams – one kid from each grade on every team. Can we pull kids out of class one at a time?
- Break up into primary, junior, senior.
- Willing to do 3 sessions in the day?
- We need to confirm the format.
- Module, circuit? How many can they put through the circuit at a time? Do the activities as teams.
- Grades? All grades.
- Challenges that everyone can do together.
- 3 blocks in the day.
- 3 groups, according to age. 1 hour each. 3 modules.

- Format used last year worked really well—students participated in the gym, in classes, during their regularly schedule gym times. Last year, the event culminated with a school-wide assembly.
- Idea of team bulding is great but it is difficult to schedule unless we do it with the Winter Carnival. We could probably timetable 3 groups but it would be complicated.
- Brian: **Winter carnival**: Late February we try to do a winter carnival with different stations and rotations. Maybe we could incorporate this group as a fitness component.
- **Team Building idea**: Fitness day, start team building with teams, then keep those teams for the Carnival – use the same teams for both.
- **Purpose**: encourage physical activity and show them there are many ways to exercise.
- **Motion to proceed with continuing to explore this option**: 1st: Karen, 2nd: Agnes
  Decision: proceed with exploring Limitless Performance.

Schedule:

- March.
- Need a date – need to confirm the date.
- **Last year Fitness Day**: February 11 – Wednesday before the Family Day weekend. Last year was good timing.

Action Items:

Rebecca - Follow up with Limitless Performance to:

- **Proposed Date**: Wednesday, February 10, 2016.
- **Proposed Format**: Provide format used in following years (full day, each class participates separately as their gym period for the day).
- **Fee**: What fee will be associated with a full day event?

Next Year's Fitness Event

- Jungle Sport
- http://www.junglesport.ca/
- School Katherine taught at rented it for the entire week.
  2 classes at a time.
  All kids ages JK – 12.
- **Motion to proceed with investigating this option for next year**: 1st Deb, 2nd: Carolyn
  Decision: Proceed with investigating for next year.
- **Action Item**: Look into this possibility for next year. – Katherine

Kelly Lovell – Motivational Speaker – Lori

Background:

- www.Kellylovell.com
- 24-years-old, award-winning, passionate entrepreneur, Youth Mobilizer and Expert.
- Just received a Youth Leadership Award from the Queen.
- Wants to ensure that youth are fostered to follow their passion. That their passions are respected and honoured. "The You Effect".
- Spoken all over North America. Organizing a virtual summit with Communitech, etc.

Proposal:

- Kelly would like to speak to schools. She has standard talks or could customize a talk based on our requests. New concept for her to come into schools.
- Opportunity for CPS to be one of the lead schools to invite Kelly in.
- **Cost**: Typically a paid speaker but she would likely do a talk for us pro-bono.
- **Ages**: Age level of the message—appropriate for these age groups?
- **Size of the venue**: only appropriate for older grades. Would speak to a smaller group.
- **Timing**: Spring event. Daytime assembly, grades 6-8.
- **Budget**: If there was budget for it, that would be good but she would likely speak for free in order to test the format. We have $1000 for fitness. We can call it $1000 for "health" and split it. We could consider this split and provide $500.

Next steps:

- **Feedback**: Yes, interest in having her come in to speak to the school. Availability in the spring of this year.
- **Action Item**: January agenda - bring a proposal to the group for approval. - Lori

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by: 1st: Deb 2nd: Fiona