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UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS

- **Next Council Meeting**: Thu May 12
- **WRAPSC meetings**:
  May 3rd
- **Staff Appreciation Treats**: Thursday, April 21, 2016
- **Healthy Kids Make Good Learners**: Thursday, April 21, 2016
  Conestogo PS, 6:30pm
  Register online: www.myhappyhealthyfamily.ca

2016-17 Event Dates:

- Fun Fair: Thursday, Sep 22, 2016
- Magazine Fundraiser Kickoff: Tuesday, Sep 20, 2016 at 2:15pm
- JungleSport Student Fitness Week: April 10-13, 2017

ACTION ITEM SUMMARY

Staff Appreciation Treats:

- **Date:** Thursday, April 21, 2016
- **Committee Leads**: Jen Sellars, Shawna Gingrich
- Staff Appreciation Treats – April 21: please volunteer to bring treats. Contact Jeniffer Sellars jeniffersellars@me.com – Council & Parent Community
- Staff Appreciation Treats – April 21: please consider experimenting with making a healthier treat for the teachers to enjoy.(See recipes at http://www.myhappyhealthyfamily.ca/) – Council & Parent Community

Healthy Kids Make Good Learners - PRO Grant Event

- **Event Date**: Thursday, April 21, 2016, Doors open at 6:00pm
  Online Registration: www.myhappyhealthyfamily.ca
  Paper cards go home: Thursday, March 24, 2016
- **Event planning:** in progress – Sub-Committee
- Please attend the event. Please register online at http://www.myhappyhealthyfamily.ca/ – Council & Parent Community
- Please enjoy the Happy Lunches and Healthy Treats posts on website. – http://www.myhappyhealthyfamily.ca/ Council & Parent Community
- Facebook: please share on Facebook. – Council & Parent Community
- Please include details and the registration in an "upcoming events" in School-Day message. – Mr. Beney
- Ask Martin's to provide a banner so we can display their brand prominently. – Christina
- Committee Name Tags: Please provide to Deb – Jenny
- Thank You gift: Provide gift to Jenny to present at end of evening - Deb

Mudpuppy Chase 2016:

- **Event**: Sunday May 1, 2016
- http://www.MudpuppyChase.com
- **Registration deadline**: Sunday April 24.
- Please encourage your children to register for our team, donate, come to cheerlead! – Council & Parent Community

PRO Grant Application

- **Proposal Deadline**: Sunday, May 1, 2016
- **Proposal Reviews & Decision**: Thu May 12 council meeting.
- **PRO Grant Application Deadline**: Monday, May 16, 2016
- Provide summary of results from last year's survey. – Deb
- Request proposals from Council and Parent Community by May 1st. – Deb
- **Mindfulness Course Proposal**: Contact Celeste Alles regarding Mindfulness Course proposal. – Deb, Celeste
- **Mad Science Proposal**: contact the Mad Science group regarding a proposal for a Science family engagement night. – Rebecca

Safe, Caring, Inclusive School Survey

- For: parents, students and staff.
- Can be accessed from our school's website: www.con.wrdsb.ca
- **Deadline**: May 13, 2016.
- Please complete the "Safe, Caring, Inclusive School Survey" by May 13, 2016. – School Community

Safe Talk training session:

- By trained WRAPSC members. For parents. They are looking for schools who would like to receive this training.
- Safe Talk training session – consider booking a session at our school. - Council

Jungle Sport Fitness Event 2017:

- **Date:** April 10-13, 2017
  Provider: Jungle Sport http://www.junglesport.ca/
- **Contract and Deposit**: $500.00, due in April. – Katherine, Karen, Mr. Beney

Spring Social Train Ride

- Clarify costs and meeting location with the railway - Deb
- Marsha will explore further, send Marsha the contact information – Deb, Marsha
- **Next Council Meeting**: Include agenda item for Yearbook Succession. – Council Executive

Yearbook Help, Volunteer:

- **Yearbook Committee Members**: Please advertise the need for a Yearbook Committee Volunteer. If interested, please contact Mrs Goodwin. Start date: start helping this year, with intention of taking a larger role starting in 2017-18 school year. - Council
- **Yearbook Parent Volunteers**: Consider committing to helping with the yearbook. – Parent Community
- **Photos through the year**: Please take and submit photos throughout the year. – Parent Community
- **Next Council Meeting**: Include agenda item for Yearbook Succession. – Council Executive

Crossing Guard Position Opening for 2017-18 School Year:

- **Crossing Guard Needed**: Communicate the opportunity to the school community. – Council
- **Next Council Meeting**: Include agenda item for Yearbook Succession. – Council Executive

Communications Committee, Council Secretary Role Succession

- Consider people for these roles (Executive Secretary, Communications Committee, Community Rep). Communicate the openings. – Council

Bingo Fundraiser:

- Add a "Lion's Club Fundraiser" to next month's agenda. – Council Executive

Fun Fair

- Scheduled: Thursday, Sep 22, 2016
- **Food Donation - Optimist Club**: Contact them with the date. – Jenny

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 4	Mar 10	Apr 14	May 12	Jun 9
Co-Chair	**Jenny Benham**	P	P	P	P	P	N	N	P		
Co-Chair	**Rebecca Hallman**	P	P	N	P	P	P	P	P		
Treasurer	**Karen Hofbauer**	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N		
Secretary	**Deb Jones**	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Principal	Brian Beney	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Teacher											
Parent Members (10)	Marsha Ferguson	P	N	P	N	N	N	P	P		
	Stephanie Forte	P	N	N	P	N	P	N	N		
	Agnes Lehtonen	P	P	N	P	P	P	P	N		
	Chris Sabean	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
	Katherine Sunday	P	N	N	P	N	P	N	N		
	Susan Wagler	N	N	N	P	P	P	N	P		
	Fiona von Kannen	P	P	N	P	P	P	P	P		
	Aimee Leveck	P	P	N	N	P	P	P	N		
	Shawna Gingrich	N	P	P	P	P	N	P	P		
	Carolyn Rouse	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N		
Parent Volunteers	Juli Chinnick	P	P	P	N	N	N	N	P		
	Karen Forsyth	N	N	N	P	P	N	P	P		
	Lori McCrae	P	N	N	P	P	N	N	N		
	Jen Sellars	N	N	P	N	N	N	N	N		

Agenda – Review & Approval

Adjustments to Agenda:

- No changes

Agenda Approval with changes Motioned by:

1st: Chris

2nd: Shawna

Minutes, Mar 10 – Review & Approval

Adjustments to Minutes:

- No changes

Minutes Approval Motioned by:

1st: Fiona

2nd: Chris

PRESENTATIONS

Principal's Report – Brian Beney

Parent Engagement - Part Three

- Working with parents to support students' academic success.
- https://vimeo.com/channels/otfparentengagement

Organization and Staffing for 2016-17

- Enrolment numbers are down by ~25 students. (287 registered. Current enrolment 324.)
- We have the same number of classes and teachers.
- FDK (2 sections), 1, 1/2, 2/3, 3, 4, 4/5, 5/6, 6, 7A, 7B, 8
- One FDK teaching position needs to be hired.
- Carriage Crossing sub-division: Mr. Beney will check with the planning department regarding possible boundary review to place the new Carriage Crossing sub-division in our catchment.

Safe, Caring, Inclusive School Survey

- This annual survey is now available to be completed by parents, students and staff.
- The survey can be accessed from our school's website: www.con.wrdsb.ca
- The survey will remain **open until May 13, 2016.**
- All parents are encouraged to complete the survey as we use this information to monitor our progress and plan for next year.
- SCIS Team will meet in the next couple of weeks to discuss the content and importance of the survey.
- Survey information will be promoted soon.
- Team: Mr. Bellows, Agnes, Mr. Beney, Linda Barth, 2 students.
- **Action Item**: Please complete the "Safe, Caring, Inclusive School Survey" by May 13, 2016. – School Community

Upcoming Events

- Mud Puppy Walk-Run - **May 1** (Carolee Fox and Amber McKay are helping organize) - See announcement on *SchoolDay*
- Grade 3 'Swim to Survive' Program begins **April 15**
- Disney Character Day - **April 21**
- Alice in Wonderland (JK - 3/4 Classes) - **April 21**
- **Cake Raffle -** CLT sponsored event early in May.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

Treasurer's Report – Jenny for Karen

[reviewed written reports]

- 2 transactions: Purchasing prizes for Fun Fair (purchased from the magazine representative).

WRAPSC Report from April 5 – Fiona

- Last WRAPSC Meeting: Tue May 3rd

Reminders of upcoming events:

- **Harmony Movement workshops** – info went to schools – shared at last meeting.
- **K-W Counselling Rainbow Parenting workshops** http://ok2bme.ca/rainbow-parenting/ for LGBTQ and families.
- **Safe Talk training session** by trained WRAPSC members. They are looking for schools who would like to participate—targeting parents not for teachers. 30 people max and a 3 hours session prepares participants to identify people with thoughts of suicide and connect them with life-saving first aid resources. If interested we can contact WRAPSC.
- **TEDxKitchenerEd** - Saturday May 14, 2016 – sold out but someone mentioned it will be streamed live. Some WRAPSC members are attending and will provide a summary at next WRAPSC meeting. There are also some tickets you can submit an application for. http://www.tedxkitchenered.com/

Kindergarten Program:

- Speakers in to talk about the kindergarten program and some discussions raised at previous WRAPSC meeting. Spoke about the play-based learning – more info at https://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/kindergarten.html
- Also watched a video which is available on the website "What does kindergarten look like" and recommend parents watch this.

Successful Transition to High School:

- Also had a speaker in to talk about successful transition to High School. Spoke about the number of credits needed, 40 hours of community service. Also on the board website resources – My Way and Career Cruising. Talked about other options available during high-school – eg. Night school or virtual classes.
- Studies show that the more engaged they are in various school activities (not just sports) the more successful they are in school.
- **Action Item**: Safe Talk training session – consider booking a session at our school. - Council

COMMITTEES & EVENTS – STATUS REPORTS

Healthy Kids PRO Grant Event – Deb

Event Date: Thursday, April 21, 2016, Doors open at 6:00pm
Online Registration: www.myhappyhealthyfamily.ca

Current registrations: 45 attendees, 15 childcare.

- Please attend the event. Please register online at http://www.myhappyhealthyfamily.ca/ – Council & Parent Community
- http://www.myhappyhealthyfamily.ca/ - Please enjoy the Happy Lunches and Healthy Treats posts on website. – Council & Parent Community
- Staff Appreciation Treats – April 21: please consider experimenting with making a healthier treat for the teachers to enjoy.

Project Plan with Grant Expectations:

- Deb has created a detailed project planning document outlining the Grant Expectations and how we are fulfilling them.
- Send the master planning document to council for review. - Deb

Advertising:

- Posters have been distributed.
- Flyers went home.
- WRAPSC sent word out at their meeting and via email with flyer attached.
- EDSS sent out a notification to parents.
- Other principals in the Board have advertised it.
- Woolwich Observer: provided a free advertisement.
- Mr. Beney contacted other local schools.
- Personal emails: many emails have been sent out with personal invitations.
- Facebook: please share on Facebook. We will email suggested Facebook post text with logo – Council
- Send out another School-Day message on Friday. – Mr. Beney

Refreshments:

- **Martin's Apple Farm** has kindly offered to donate apples, and apple chips. Thank you!
  In return, we will give them recognition on the website, in the thank you at end of talk, and signage. We have requested a banner from them.
- **Foodland**: We have requested water and paper cups, awaiting confirmation.
  In return, we will give them recognition on the website, in the thank you at end of talk, and signage. We have requested a banner from them.

Supporting Student Activities:

- Sprouting Kits were distributed to each classroom.
- Some classes are preparing themed artwork and decorations.

Attendee Takeaways:

- Will be provided as downloads off the event website.
- In progress. Will send a link for review when complete.

Post-Event Survey:

- Has been created. Please review here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fGcIczOui07Hdwdp4AUAwb6i4YVmS_sn6udaffKTm0U/viewform

Childcare:

Ages: Grades JK - 5:

Provided by: The Children's Place

Location: In the Conestogo Park building on Evening Star Lane.

Capacity: 16 kids (15 registered so far).

- Childcare Arranged: Care is confirmed with owner.
- Healthy Kids Committee will provide themed colouring sheets, activity papers and a "how much sugar is in it" activity with instructions.
- Cost: 3 hours @ $20.00/hr = $60.00. This item is $20 over budget.

Name Tags:

- Committee will print and wear name tags. Pick up tags from Jenny – Deb

Speaker Thank You:

- Council typically presents the speaker with a small gift. Deb: Not necessary. [In hindsight, Deb changed her mind after the meeting]. Provide a thank you gift to be presented by Jenny - Deb

Volunteers day of:

- April 21st – Healthy Kids Committee (Erin, Christina, Celeste, Steph, Deb) will arrive at 4pm day of to set up.

Yearbook Succession – Juli, Mrs. Goodwin

- Juli Chinnick and Mrs. Goodwin, create the yearbook year.
- Next year will be Juli's last year at CPS and last year working on the school yearbook.
- Seeking another council volunteer who is passionate about memory preservation to take pictures at school events and work with Mrs Goodwin on the yearbook.
- **Photos**: Mrs. Goodwin - hoping that more parents and kids will take photos and submit them for the yearbook.
- **Yearbook Club**: Considering starting the yearbook as a club. Looking for students willing to commit time dedicated to a page or sections. Get interested kids involved in the yearbook.
- **Photographer Parents**: Still always looking for photos from field trips, etc.
- **Time required**: A countless number of hours are spent choosing photos and formatting the yearbook. The team attempts to ensure that all students have at least one extra-curricular photo in the yearbook.
- **Printing**: Printed with Kitchener Printing. We anticipate the cost to remain about $15/yearbook. We do not make a profit from the yearbooks.
- **Technology**: "Artisan" by Forever, digital scrapbooking program. Application on your computer. The school owns the program. Licenses for 2 different computers.

- **Year Book Google Account for photos**: Creating a free Google Account would allow staff to store files in Google Drive photos and share the folders with yearbook committee members.
- **Parent comment**: The students love the yearbooks. We know that many primary schools do not have yearbooks. We really appreciate your time. We understand that the contribution is significant.
- **Student Participation**: Could the senior grades be involved in creating the yearbooks?

Action Items:

- **Yearbook Parent Committee Members**: Please advertise the need for Yearbook Committee Members. If interested, please contact Mrs Goodwin. Start date: start helping this year, with intention of taking a larger role starting in 2017-18 school year. - Council
- **Yearbook Parent Volunteers**: Consider committing to helping with the yearbook. – Parent Community
- **Photos through the year**: Please take and submit photos throughout the year. – Parent Community
- **Next Council Meeting**: Include agenda item for Yearbook Succession. – Council Executive

Crossing Guard Succession – Juli

- Required for 2017-18 school year.
- Next year will be Juli's last year as Crossing Guard. She will give notice to the Township.
- CPS School Council was the driving forces to get the crossing guard position reinstated.
- The school needs to help find crossing guard replacements.
- 0.5hrs in morning, 0.5hrs afternoon. 8:55am – 9:25am, 3:30pm – 4:00pm.
- Payment: through Township and through the school.
- Spare: We currently have a spare crossing guard. It is good to have that spare as an emergency backup.

Action Items:

- **Crossing Guard Needed**: Communicate the opportunity to the school community. – Council
- **Next Council Meeting**: Include agenda item for Yearbook Succession. – Council Executive

Staff Appreciation Treats – Shawna

- Thursday, April 21, 2016
- School-Day message went out.
- Looking for more volunteers.
- Concerns that people do not want to participate because they have been encouraged to bring in a healthy treat.
- Treat Volunteers: Healthy Kids Committee will provide several treats. Fiona will also bring a treat.
- Action Item: Please consider bringing in a treat for staff. – Parent Community

Annual PIC Event, April 16, Bluevale – Jenny

- This Saturday.
- Number of parents from our school are attending.

Spring Social Train Ride – Deb

Details:

- Deb received the following information via email:

- **Diesel Train**: Train will be diesel hauled, steam train cost is prohibitive for your event.
- **Meeting Location**: Meeting point, best place is St. Jacobs Farmer's Market. [Deb needs to discuss meeting points, including available facilities as the market does not have a shelter or washrooms. The Restoration Shop in St. Jacobs may provide a better location. Parking could be arranged with St. Jacobs school.]
- **Length of return trip**: St. Jacobs Market to Elmira is 1 ½ hrs.
- **Runs**: 1 only. Doing multiple runs greatly increases price.
- **Touring the Train**: Looking at the train, yes this can be done prior to departure, train cannot stop on route.
- **Facilities**: Washrooms are available on our coaches as is a snack bar.
- **Train Capacity**: 225 people.
- **Cost**: Based on selling 225 tickets.
  - All ages ticket for $15.99.
  - For fundraising events we will offer a discount of $3.00. = $12.99/ticket.
  - Also offer an extra $3 for the school for each ticket sold based on the max capacity. This will go to your fundraising after all discounts ticket price will $9.99. [Deb needs to request clarification on this statement.]
- **Purchasing Tickets**: We will provide a private link, so your group can purchase tickets, this will be available for a scheduled market day train that we would block out solely for your group or an evening event.
- **Timeframe**: Explore scheduling for early June.

Discussion:

- Cost is more than originally anticipated. Is the cost prohibitive for parents?
- Would still like to proceed with exploring the event.

Action Items:

- Clarify costs and meeting location with the railway - Deb
- Marsha will explore further, send Marsha the contact information - Deb
- **Next Council Meeting**: Include agenda item for Yearbook Succession. – Council Executive

OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS

Fun Fair, Thu Sep 22, 2016 – Jenny

- Scheduled: Thursday, Sep 22, 2016
- **Food Donation - Optimist Club**: Contact them with the date. – Jenny
- On track for Fun Fair, forming the committee.
- **Prizes**: already purchased – thanks Chris Sabean!

Magazine Fundraiser Kickoff, Sep 20, 2016 at 2:15pm – Chris

- Kickoff: Tuesday, Sept 20, 2016 at 2:15pm
- Under control.

Teacher Rep – Mrs. Fox

- Here to support Council.
- I do feel your support and feel very grateful for what you do.
- This effort really impresses me.

- The sprout jars are really cool.
- Things you contribute to the classroom are very exciting.

Mudpuppy Chase 2016

- **Event**: Sunday May 1, 2016
- http://www.MudpuppyChase.com
- **Registration deadline**: Sunday April 24.
- Presented by Rotary Club of Kitchener Grand River.
- Fundraiser for KidsAbility.
- Conestogo PS has registered a team. Conestogo Public School would like to invite all students and families to participate. The goal is to help 20 children to receive therapy.
- The distance options are 3, 5, or 10 km and there is also a 600 m youth run (6 years and under).
- **Registration**: There are two ways to register for this event:
  - Complete the paper pledge form.
  - Complete the online pledge form by going to https://secure.e2rm.com/registrant/startup.aspx?eventid=193121
- **Costs/Funds to Raise**: Participants must raise or submit $30 each or more to participate in the 3, 5, or 10 km run and $15 for the 600m youth race (6 years and under).
- Mrs. Bauman, Mrs. Fox, and Ms. McKay: 4 teachers, a committee of children, and any other students. Donate to the team.
- Atmosphere at the MudPuppy is more welcoming, more family feel. At Laurel Creek, very social with music, etc. It really is a social event.
- Best way to encourage exercise is through having fun with your kids.
- Action Items: Kids to run, money to contribute, families to cheerlead. We do need sponsors.

Technology Development:

- The technologies coming into play in the classroom are very exciting.
- Key is to use technology mindfully.
- Mature teachers like me can help kids to transition.
- Mr. Beney has great technical strengths.
- The more you as parents can be on board with platforms like Dreambox, the better.

Jungle Sport – Next Year's Fitness Event – Katherine

- Jungle Sport: http://www.junglesport.ca/
- **Booked for April 10-13, 2017**: Tentatively booked, pending contract and deposit.
- **Contract and Deposit**: $500.00, due in April.
- **4 Days**: $4000 + $250 travel surcharge, no tax = $4250
- **Student Limits**: Can run two classes at a time, as long as max numbers are not exceeded.
  Grades K-3 max is 45.
  Grades 4-6 max is 50-55.
- **Status**: awaiting contract and deposit invoice.

2016-2017 PRO Grants Applications, Due May 16 – Jenny

Background:

- Our past grants have included Anti-Bullying Kits, Conestogo Counts Math Info Night, Healthy Kids Info Night.
- Last years events: http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/progrants_schools2015.pdf

Schedule:

- **Proposal Deadline**: Sunday, May 1, 2016
- **Proposal Reviews & Decision**: Thu May 12 council meeting.
- **PRO Grant Application Deadline**: Monday, May 16, 2016

Discussion:

- **Purpose**: PRO Grant—Parents Reaching Out—is really about engaging the community and getting a pulse on the desires of the school community. We don't have to do it every year. Perhaps a two-year cycle gives us the opportunity to find out what parents want. What does our Parent Community want?
- **Timing**: Need to get it out of the month of April because PIC always takes place in April. Too much going on in the month of April. If we are going to continue, it cannot be in April.
- What questions do we want to ask on the survey this year?

Ideas:

- **Digital Literacy Seminar**: There are many educational opportunities around digital literacy.
- **Mindfulness course**: Support for parents and students interested in practicing mindfulness—learning to be more present and focused. – Celeste Alles
- **Mad Science Night**: We could ask the Mad Science organization to do a family engagement night.
  Motion to explore bringing in Mad Science for a parent engagement night: 1st: Rebecca, 2nd: Fiona.
  Decision: Proceed with investigating a science night. - Rebecca

Post-Event Survey Results from Last Year:

[This information was reviewed briefly by Deb and Rebecca in the meeting. These details are provided as an addendum.]

Last Year's Survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12tZUFiHn61kaIXvXuaEZJ5VwwvmCZ8er2mLdizVyRmA/viewform

Choice:	Number Selected:
Science - Learning & Enjoyment	19
Health & Wellbeing	14
Literacy - Learning & Enjoyment	12
Social Media Literacy	12
Music - Learning & Enjoyment	8
Multiculturalism	3
Other	Special Ed resources (enrichment vs remediative)

Action Items:

- Provide summary of results from last year's survey. – Deb
- Contact Celeste Alles regarding Mindfulness Course proposal. – Deb
- Request proposals from Council and Parent Community by May 1st. – Deb
- Mad Science Proposal: contact the Mad Science group regarding a proposal for a Science family engagement night. – Rebecca

Bingo Fundraiser – Susan

How it works:

- Lion's Club runs regularly scheduled bingo nights at their designated facility. They take ownership of the event as a Service Club to run it for us. Lion's Club holds the license. They designate each bingo night to a different organization. So, one night would be designated for proceeds going to Conestogo PS—we benefit from their fundraising.
- The School Council advertises the event. All the regular bingo-goers attend. The school community can attend if they choose.

Discussion:

- It is like a gift in kind because we do not need to complete any work associated with it.
- The Lion's Club is going to run the bingo no matter what.
- We need a separate bank account for bingo.
- In the past, Council had our own separate bank account.
- The Lion's Club wants to help our school in whatever way that is. So, we want to work with them. We are rich in this area with clubs that want to help our community.
- Is there some way for the Lion's Club to donate the proceeds to us without the event being advertised as a Conestogo PS bingo night? Could they simply provide us with a donation? Donations from organizations are always welcome.

Concerns:

- Treasurer must take on more work.

- Potential message it sends to our school community: Obtaining school funds through gambling will be an issue for some people in the school community.
- Principal: The Board Finance department discourages using bingo or gambling for fundraising for various reasons. It is not against the rules but it is clearly discouraged.
- Does this school community at large really need funds from this fundraiser that badly?
- In the public eye, a public school's actions are different than those of a private organization and we need to be aware of Conestogo PS's image in the eyes of the community.

Action Items:

- Add a "Lion's fundraiser" to next month's agenda. – Council Executive

Council Development – Jenny

Succession Planning:

- **Council Executive Secretary**: position open for 2016-17 school year.
- **Crossing Guard**: needed for 2017-18 school year.
- **Yearbook Committee Lead**: needed for 2017-18 school year.

Discussion:

- **Council Executive Nominations**: Council Secretary is an executive role that must be nominated. It can be advertised to a more general message going out about to the parent community inviting them to put forward a nomination to join council, not a help wanted. General invitation to come to council. Feedback is people don't want the responsibility.
- **Communications with parents**: Barb Dowling has offered to speak with us about the innovative communications strategies that EDSS is using to effectively communicate with parents.
  Ask Barb for an email with information.

Action Items:

- Consider people for these roles—Executive Secretary, Communications Committee, Community Rep, Crossing Guard, Yearbook Committee Lead). Communicate the openings. – Council

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by: 1st: Susan 2nd: Chris