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UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS

2016-17 Event Dates:

ACTION ITEM SUMMARY

Initiative/Project	Action Item	Member Responsible
Fun Fair	Volunteer! Contact Jenny if you would like to help out.	Council
PRO Grant	Organize refreshment donations, contact new parents.	Laura, Deb
	Order chairs	Brian
Annual Report	Complete before the end of the school year.	Council Executive
	Update website (including completed report).	Deb, Brian
EcoTeam	Brainstorm initiative for next year and include library bag re-use.	Gena, Erin
Strong Start	Encourage new volunteers!	Council

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 15	Oct 20	Nov 10	Dec 15	Jan 19	Feb 16	Mar 23	Apr 20	May 18	Jun 15
Co-Chair	**Jenny Benham**	P	P	P	**Meeting canceled due to weather**	N	P	P	P	P	P
Co-Chair	**Rebecca Hallman**	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	N	P
Treasurer	**Karen Hofbauer**	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	N
Secretary	**Gena Braun**	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	N
Principal	**Brian Beney**	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	N
Teacher Reps	Carolee Fox	Kendra Platt	Lisa Carere, Laura McMillan	Angela Bauman – P		Thea Kennedy	Karen Larke	Carolee Fox	Melanie Morgan	Shannon Brown	Carolee Fox
Community	Susan Wagler	P	P	P		N	N	N	P	N	N
WRAPSC	**Fiona von Kannen**	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Parent Members & Volunteers	**Marsha Ferguson**	P	N	P		P	P	P	P	N	N
	Stephanie Forte	P	N	P		P	N	N	P	P	P
	Agnes Lehtonen	P	P	N		N	P	P	P	P	P
	Chris Sabean	P	P	N		P	P	N	P	P	P
	Katherine	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	N	N

	Sunday										
	Aimee Leveck	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	N	N
	Shawna Gingrich	P	N	P		N	P	P	P	P	P
	Carolyn Rouse	N	N	P		N	N	N	N	N	N
	Juli Chinnick	P	N	N		N	N	N	N	N	N
	Karen Forsyth	P	P	P		P	N	N	P	P	N
	Deb Jones	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	N	P- Secretary for this meeting
	Erin Schmidt	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	N	P
	Mel Thompson	P	N	N		P	N	P	P	N	N
	Maritza Roger	P	N	N		N	N	N	N	N	N
	Laura Bredahl	N	N	N		P	P	N	P	N	P

Agenda – Review & Approval

Adjustments to Agenda:

- Library bags
- Announcement Dates

Agenda Approval with changes Motioned by:
1st: Deb
2nd: Fiona

Minutes, May – Review & Approval

Adjustments to Minutes:

- none

Minutes Approval with changes Motioned by:
1st: Deb
2nd: Fiona

PRESENTATIONS

Principal's Report – Brian Beney

Reflect and Celebrate

The Conestogo school community is a great place to call home. On behalf of our entire staff we thank all of you for another successful school year. In particular, we thank our many volunteers who faithfully give of their time making a difference in the lives of so many of our students.

You have reason to be proud of your children's success and accomplishments. Your partnership and engagement has helped our school community to continue to grow and flourish.

I wish everyone a wonderful summer break as you spend time together as families.

2017-18 Classes
FDK A (Extended Day), FDK B
1, 2, 2/3, 3/4, 4/5, 5, 6, 7A, 7B, 8A, 8B

Upcoming Events

- Year-end Assembly - June 23rd at 10:45 a.m... - come and join us as we celebrate the end of a great year and say our goodbyes to a few of our departing staff
- Report Cards sent home - June 26
- Grade 8 Graduation - June 26 / Trip to Ottawa (June 27-29)
- Volunteer Appreciation - June 27 @ 8:30 a.m.
- Last day of school trip to Galaxy Cinema (Grades 1 - 6) - June 29
- Bowling at Bingemans (Grade 7)
- June 30th PD Day

Teacher's Report – Carolee Fox

Preparation for September:

- Everything kids learned leaves their brains in the summer. How can you prepare your child?
- Sleep, diet, activity: comes together to be structured so they can adjust to coming back to school and into routine.
- We have to give them security here.
- Prepare them to come back to school.
- Poetry Café 10:20am next Tuesday
- Co-Chair Question: Do teachers realise that we apply for grants to fund events, etc.?
  Mrs. Fox: Yes, they are aware of some. If you want to highlight items, send them to me. I can highlight them better.
- Mrs. Fox: The real goal is always "what is it doing for the kids?" You are doing the right thing.

COMMITTEES & EVENTS – STATUS REPORTS

Fun Fair – Jenny and Rebecca

Thursday, September 21, 2017

Update:

- Bookings: We already have a number of things booked.
- Tables: have the tables been booked? 40 tables.

Before the End of School Year:

- Notice to the Grade 8 students to return to the school to help.
- Save the Date notice to parents with the opportunity to donate a raffle prize or silent auction item.
- Gym: needs to be booked off that afternoon. 1:30pm onward, if possible.
- Parent Question: Have you considered doing a food truck? We get the food for free from the Optimist Club. For the Picnic in the Park, we had the Schmuck Truck.
- Optimist Club is willing to do the food again, confirmed by Chris. They are in partnership with us.
- Cupcake Truck: can be used for fundraisers.
- **ACTION ITEM: Volunteer! Fun Fair is the biggest event we run and everyone is requested to volunteer.**

Pro Grant – Laura

- Grant proposal was submitted.
- Speaker: Ann Douglas
- Tentative Booking: Tuesday, November 14, 2017
- Planning must take place in September.
- Posters, take-home flyers
- Post-event survey.
- **ACTION ITEMS, Laura:**
  - **Chairs need to be ordered.**

  - **Refreshment donations.**
  - **Contact parents coming into the school with new kindies.**
- Sub-Committee List: list of people with emails.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

WRAPSC Report – Fiona

- Full minutes available on the WRAPSC website: https://www.wrdsb.ca/our-schools/get-involved/wrapsc/minutes/#.WSeDlevyvIV).

Treasurer's Report – Karen

Karen was not in attendance.

Budget Planning – Jenny

- Long-term planning: We made the decision to put a nest-egg of money over to a separate fund to support building a playground.
- All of the year's spending is outlined in the Annual Report, which is posted on the website.
- **ACTION ITEM, Jenny: Communication with Parents: Once the annual report is complete, we could send that out to parents.**
- We want to ensure parents know what we do and where the money is going.

OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS

School Dress Code – Brian

- It is our responsibility as school council to review the dress code annually and update it as needed based on what is reasonable and a best fit for our school.
- Last year, we added a note regarding short length. "Shorts and skirts should be long enough for the fingertips to touch the bottom hem when arms are held to the side."
- Tonight, we need to collectively discuss what we want the wording to be.
- We need very clear language.
- Discussion.

Overall guidance:

- General Appropriateness: Must be appropriate length. Must be able to sit and bend with dignity. At the discretion of the staff.
- Specific Appropriateness: Midriff cannot be exposed, Buttocks cannot be exposed. Undergarments cannot be exposed.
- Give the staff more discretion. For instance, the female teacher will have a conversation with a female student who is not dressed appropriately.
- Tops long enough to be tucked in. Undergarments not visible.
- Two-finger width straps: Do we keep this stipulation? Top should have straps and be long enough to be

tucked in. We can remove the two-finger stipulation.
- Clothing should not restrict you from participating in daily activities.

A child youth worker did come over from EDSS to talk to the Grade 8 kids about dress code at high school.

Elmira Maple Syrup Grant – Fiona

- Grant Application successful. We received $500.
- Gena attended the meeting last week and received the cheque (cheque was given to Ms. Bauer on June 16).
- Money will go to Home Reading resources.
- Another school did receive a grant for playground upgrades so we should keep that in mind for future.

Council Appreciation Social Night

Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Library Book Bags - Shawna

- Volunteers sorted bags today: 84 good ones. 30-something bad ones so far.
- If kids who spoiled there bags get new ones, they will be rewarded with a shiny new bag whereas the other kids get their old bag back.
- Names of kids who kept their bags are put into the database so if their bags don't make it through the year.
- It will not be a money-saver next year but should be in future bags.
- Bags should last 2 years.
- **ACTION ITEM, Gena/Erin: Kids in the Eco-Club could talk to the kids in each class about how important it is to save the environment.**
- Volunteers came in today to get a head start.

Year Book – Shawna

- Year Book is done and sent to the printer.
- 191 definite orders.
- 200 ordered.

Strong Start – Agnes

- Strong Start is finished for the year. It was a good year.
- If you know of anyone who would be willing to participate in Strong Start, please advertise it.
- **ACTION ITEM, All: Please advertise the opportunity to new parents.**
- We brought kids up to the level they need to be for next year through one-on-one help.
- Talk to Agnes or Mrs. Fox.
- Agnes will coordinate next year but is not able to volunteer as much time.

Mad Science & Art Shine Nutrition Break Programs – Rebecca

- Do we want to offer Mad Science again next year?
- It was a full program this year.
- The program curriculum changes yearly.

- They have been good about accommodating numbers and breaking the groups down according to age.
- Offer Mad Science the same time as we did this year.
- **ACTION ITEM, Karen: Talk to Art Shine again regarding next year's program.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by:
1st: Fiona
2nd: Agnes