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UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS

2017-18 Event Dates:

- Next Council Meeting: Thursday, May 17, 2018
- Council Meetings (Third Thursday of each month):
  - Thu May 17, 2018
  - Thu Jun 14, 2017

ACTION ITEM SUMMARY

Initiative/Project	Action Item	Person(s) Responsible
Dress Code	Add as discussion item for next meeting	Gena
WEFI Donations	Add as discussion item for next meeting	Gena
CPA Talks	Reach out to local member who is working with this program	Jenny
Magazine Fundraiser	Make a decision regarding the future of this fundraising activity	Fundraising Sub-Committee (Shawna and Karen F)
Fun Fair	Storage location for fun fair items	Deb
Voice Kits	Check to confirm kits are complete	Marsha
Boomerang lunches	Compile list of educational materials around lunch waste/composting/recycling	Gena, Erin
	Create a PDF to provide to parents regarding lunch waste/composting/recycling	Deb
Principle Profile	Create a google survey	Deb

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 14	Oct 19	Nov 9	Dec 14	Jan 18	Feb 15	March 22	Apr 19	May 17	June 14
Co-Chair	**Jenny Benham**	P	P	Cancelled due to weather.	P	P	P	P	P		
Co-Chair	**Rebecca Hallman**	P	P		P	P	P	P	N		
Treasurer	**Karen Hofbauer**	P	P		P	P	P	P	P		
Communications	**Deb Jones**	P	P		P	N	N	P	P		
Secretary	**Gena Braun**	P	P		P	P	P	P	N		
Principal	**Cathy Baer**	P	P		A	P	P	P	P		
Teacher Reps	Carolee Fox	P	Karen Larke		Carolee Fox	Sherry Morland	Angela Bauman	Elisa Muise and Dougall Newport	Rachel Quickfall	Shannon Brown	Nancy Wagler
Community	**Susan Wagler**	N	N		N	N	N	N	N		
WRAPSC	**Fiona von Kannen**	P	P		P	P	P	P	P		
Parent Members & Volunteers	Marsha Ferguson	N	N		N	N	P	P	N		
	Stephanie Forte	N	P		P	N	N	N	P		
	Agnes Lehtonen	P	N		N	P	P	N	N		
	Chris Sabean	P	P		P	P	N	N	P		
	Katherine Sunday	N	N		N	N	N	N	N		
	Aimee Leveck	N	N		N	N	N	N	N		
	Shawna Gingrich	P	P		P	P	P	P	P		
	Carolyn Rouse	N	N		N	N	N	N	N		
	Karen Forsyth	P	N		P	P	N	P	P		
	Erin Schmidt	P	P		P	N	P	P	P		
	Mel Thompson	N	N		N	N	N	N	N		
	Maritza Roger	P	N		N	N	N	N	N		
	Laura Bredahl	P	P		P	P	N	P	N		

Introductions & Thank You's

- Thank you to active members for work this month.
- Re-reading the Mission Statement.

Agenda – Review & Approval

Adjustments to agenda:

- Principal Profile with Survey

Agenda approval with changes motioned by:
1st: Fiona
2nd: Karen

Minutes, March – Review & Approval

Adjustments to minutes:

- none

Minutes approval with changes motioned by:
1st: Shawna
2nd: Deb

PRESENTATIONS

Teacher's Report – Rachel Quickfall

- Previously taught at Westheights in Kitchener, taught intermediate math.
- Demonstrated new way of learning math.
- Demonstrated the Google Classroom.

Principal's Report – Cathy Baer

Playground discussion:

- New rules: Parent comment—lots of rules and restrictions.
- Attempting to ensure that all students are heard.
- Parent comment regarding supervision: difficult to supervise our large area.
- Baseball diamond: dynamic will change when baseball diamond opens.
- [note: we need new bases]
- School baseball diamond is also used for rentals so questioning which budget the maintenance should come out of.
- Intent is to address safety and equity.

Planners:

- $250 less than previously.

Dress code:

- Additional revisions.
- ACTION ITEM, Gena: Add dress code into the agenda for May.

Parent-Teacher Communications Committee:

- (request for clarification of purpose of the committee)
- Open dialogue about how we can ensure communication is timely, respectful, and in the best interest of the students.
- Working together to figure out those pieces.
- Parent feedback: would be nice if there was one system chosen for consistency.
- Concerns about consistency in communication. We are not sure who is connected. Ex. We assumed that teachers would receive fundraising communications through school-day—we now understand that they do not see what is sent out through School-Day.
- Privacy concerns: third-party applications now own the content, we do not. Ex. Concern with legacy content.
- Suggestion to give parents from different grades a voice.
- Question about the Google Classroom: would be beneficial to understand if the Google Classroom is being sanctioned by the Board.

Focus Group:

- Deb and Jenny attended a communications focus group at the Board office.

- Clear that we will not see results of the audit for two years.

Kindergarten:

- Welcoming new members.
- Council will be represented.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

Treasurer's Report – Karen

- Zero activity on the account since last month.
- Awaiting some refunds from double bookings.
- ACTION ITEM, Gena: Agenda item for next meeting: Note about advertising using WEFI online for donations.

WRAPC Report – Fiona

CPA Talks:

- ACTION ITEM, Jenny: reach out to local member who is working with this program.
- Erin volunteered to help organize.
- Polarized Thinking talk.

Safe, Caring, Inclusive, and Healthy Schools Team – Agnes

- Agnes has done a tremendous job this past month in organizing the Multicultural Fair.
- Multicultural Fair was very successful.
- There was a lot of interest in running the multicultural fair again.

COMMITTEES & EVENTS – STATUS REPORTS

Fundraising Update – Karen F

- Karen met with the QSP representative to make decisions for next year.
- Theme: Space Chicks
- Can choose another fundraiser to do in combination with the magazines.
  Options include gourmet cakes, jewellery, Tri-City Savings passes with a variety of discount passes, pretzel rods, cookie dough, jerky, popcorn, etc.
- It is possible to purchase other products online when browsing for magazines.
- **Deadline**: June 1 to let QSP know how we would like to proceed.
- Parent comment: my children want the chickens but we do not want to purchase magazines. Is it possible to provide a monetary donation and get a chicken?
- Summary sheets available for the other fundraising options.
- Kids do want a prize.
- We will receive another bonus next year.
- Motion to leave the decision to the sub-committee: 1st Fiona, 2nd Chris.
    - ACTION ITEM, Karen F and Shawna: Decision to be made by the Fundraising Sub-Committee.

Fun Fair – Rebecca

- Thursday, September 20, 2018
- Shawna: Edible Cookie Batter Truck: was at the Elmira Maple Syrup Festival. May be fun.
  Contact Info: Jennifer Appleby Vines, thecrumbycookiedoughco@gmail.com
  https://www.thecrumbycookiedoughco.com/
- Waterloo Kung-Fu Academy: book them for their usual time 6:00-6:30pm.
- Clown Miniput Booth: booth was donated to us but we need a place to store it.
- ACTION ITEM, Deb: Storage: Deb contact Honey Hill about temporary storage options.
- Rubbermaid bins.

PRO Grant – Deb and Laura

- Deb submitted the PRO Grant report back.
- Deadline for grant submission: The application period for the 2018-2019 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants program is now open. The deadline to submit applications is June 5, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

Feedback from Staff:

- Loved the idea of the math night. Can open up classrooms with additional activities.
- Interested in coding night.
- End of year preparing kids for being active in the summer.
- Building on the multi-cultural fair.
- Storage: would be very difficult for the school to store mats and larger items to be signed out to parents.

The Voice Kits:

- Purchased using the PRO Grant in the past.
- Parent suggestion: offer a section in the library specifically for parents.

- Voice Kits are being used by teachers in the various grades (there are specific kits for each grade).
- ACTION ITEM, Marsha: Motion to request Marsha to review the kids to ensure they are actually complete? 1st Chris, 2nd Karen

Playground/Gagaball update – Cathy, Gena

- Covered in the Principal's Report.

OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS

Boomerang Lunches – Cathy

- In the truest sense of the word, everything in a Boomerang lunch goes home. We would like to a modified version.
- We want to continue to encourage kids to use the green bin and to recycle.
- We would like to encourage the students to rinse before they recycle.
- Lots of conversation about reusable containers.
- Lots of new reusable container products available. Would like to encourage families to invest in reusable packaging that will last for many years.
- The website we created for the PRO Grant Healthy Kids night is still available with healthy lunch ideas: https://www.myhappyhealthyfamily.ca/
- Uneaten food: how to send home uneaten food? Reusable containers sent to school to carry home uneaten food.
- Cutlery: suggestion that you can reuse the frozen yogurt spoons. In September, we will stop providing cutlery with purchased lunches.
- Boston Pizza: we can inform them that we do not need cutlery.
- There is extra cutlery available in the school if a student needs cutlery.
- More of a Balanced Lunch system than a Boomerang Lunch system.
- Lunch bags can be thrown in the washing machine.
- Communications piece: provide some educational information.
- ACTION ITEM, Gena and Erin: Gather information for communications and collate for next meeting.
- ACTION ITEM, Deb: write up the information into a PDF if it can be provided to her.
- Do a Lunches Bulletin Board in September.
- Kids could win environmental awards – win free tickets to the Fun Fair.
- Have "Litter Free Lunch Days" encouraging kids to use all reusable containers.

Principal's Profile

- Last year, we created a survey. We can do that again to provide feedback.
  - ACTION ITEM, Deb: Create survey using Google Docs.
- Collate information from the survey results.

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by:
1st: Fiona
2nd: Erin