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UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS

2019-20 Event Dates:

- Fun Fair: Thursday, September 19
- Handmade Show: Saturday, October 26
- Lions Bingo: Thursday, January 30
- Family Skate: Saturday, March 28, 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM
- Next Council Meeting: Thursday, March 26, 2020
- Council Meeting dates for 2019-2020 (the third Thursday of each month with some dates adjusted for events and holidays):
    - Thursday, Sept 12, 2019
    - Thursday, Oct 17, 2019
    - Thursday, Nov 7, 2019
    - Thursday, Dec 12, 2019
    - Thursday, Jan 16, 2020
    - Thursday, Feb 20, 2020
    - Thursday, Mar 26, 2020 (March Break: Mar 16-20, 2020)
    - Thursday, Apr 16, 2020 (Easter Fri Apr 10, Mon Apr 13)
    - Thursday, May 14, 2020 (Victoria Day, Mon May 18)
    - Thursday, Jun 11, 2020

ACTION ITEM SUMMARY

Initiative/Project	Action Item	Person Responsible
Mad Science - Reimbursement	Follow up with Mad Science and the Board if needed.	Mr. Sendrea
Library Bags and Center in the Square Music Workshops	Put on the agenda for March	Gena

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 12	Oct 17	Nov 7	Dec 12	Jan 16	Feb 20	March 26	Apr 16	May 14	June 11
Co-Chair	Jenny Benham	P	P	P	Meeting cancelled	P	P				
Co-Chair	Rebecca Hallman	N	P	N		P	N				
Treasurer	Karen Hofbauer	P	P	N		P	P				
Communications	Deb Jones	N	N	N		N	N				
Secretary	Gena Braun	P	P	P		P	N				
Principal	Michael Sendrea	P	P	P		P	P				
Teacher Reps	Carolee Fox	P	Lori Hillman	Kristyn Keyes		None (due to ETFO job action)	None (due to ETFO job action)	Lisa Carere	Carolee Fox	Shannon Brown	Carolee Fox
Community	n/a	N	N	N		N	N				
WRAPSC	Jessica Gordon	N	P	P		P	N				
Parent Members & Volunteers	Stephanie Forte	P	N	P		N	P				
	Colleen Heinrichs	P	N	P		P	N				
	Gloria Ramage	N	P	P		N	P				
	Christine Sanchez	P	N	N		N	P				
	Amy Hertz	P	N	N		N	N				
	Sandra Clank	P	N	N		N	N				
	Ian Howlett	P	P	P		N	P				
	Kristen Kent	P	N	N		N	N				
	Katie Misener	P	N	N		N	N				
	Marsha Ferguson	P	N	P		N	N				
	Agnes Lehtonen	P	N	P		P	N				
	Katherine Sunday	N	N	N		N	N				
	Shawna Gingrich	N	P	P		N	P				
	Karen Forsyth	P	P	P		N	P				
	Erin Schmidt	P	P	P		P	N				
	Mel Thompson	N	N	N		N	N				
	Laura Bredahl	N	N	N		N	N				
	Jenn Metzloff	P	P	P		N	P				
	Amy McDowell	N	N	N		N	N				
	Julie Oitment	P	P	P		P	N				

Agenda – Review & Approval

Adjustments to Agenda:

- Postpone Center in the Square Workshop discussion until the next meeting

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

Minutes, January – Review & Approval

Adjustments to Minutes:

- None

Minutes approval with changes motioned by:
1st: Karen F
2nd: Gloria

PRESENTATIONS

Teacher's Report – N/A

- Due to the ETFO job action, a teacher's report could not be provided at this meeting.

Principal's Report – Mr. Sendrea

- Labour Update:
  - The staff have been very professional and continue to give their best to the students.
  - Mr. Sendrea will continue to send out general information e-mails but reminded the community to check the labour update website for details.
  - Note that the EA Union (including the principals) settled in the fall and so these individuals will be in the school on strike days.
  - With labour action – every time a principal is away, the Board will send someone to cover that position for a few hours.
  - Report cards and marks:
    - Mr. Sendrea requested feedback from Council regarding communication around report cards (report cards are not being provided due to labour action).
    - While marks can't be shared, student progress can be discussed with teachers and parents are encouraged to contact teachers to initiate this discussion. Note that meetings can only occur during the school day, also due to labour action.
  - EQAO: Currently on hold
    - The EQAO organization has provided all of the documentation, but the teachers can not currently administer the tests due to labour action.
  - Mad Science:
    - Teachers can not participate in extracurriculars, and the school can no longer be used for any rentals, before or during the school day.
    - The organization also neglected to properly consult the school when planning dates for the program.
    - Mad Science should be providing refunds and Mr. Sendrea is trying to facilitate this process.
    - Some parents have indicated that Mad Science has refused to provide a refund: **Action Item, Mr. Sendrea: Follow up with Mad Science and the Board if needed.**
- Staff Updates:
  - Several staff members are on or will be on leave and their positions have been or are in the process of being filled. The new staff to fill these positions have been a great addition to the school team.
- Kindergarten Registration:
  - The school sign will be updated to remind local community to register new students (registration level is currently lower than at this time last year).
- Bus Safety:
  - Very positive presentation including "Buster the Talking Bus" for primary students – no cost to the

school.

- Renovation:
  - Preparations are being made to begin these renovations. Art and bulletin boards are being relocated.
  - Leaks in the roof will be repaired in the process.
  - New bottle filling station is part of this renovation **(NOTE: the other filling station was paid for by fundraising money, but this one is being paid for by the Board).**
- Grade 7 students: Vaccinations in January (Hep B and meningitis)
- Year End Trip: Remains on hold – final decision to be made at the end of March based on labour negotiations.
- Ned Mind Set Mission (free presentation) around growth mindset and resilience. Hope to book for March.
  - Program is run as "pay it forward" by selling small items (bracelets, etc.) to help cover costs (no purchase necessary).
- Youth Symposium: Currently scheduled for April, also currently on hold.
  - Students from several schools go to Landmark and listen to motivational speakers, etc.
  - Optional trip, and currently about half of the grade eight students have signed up.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

WRAPSC Report – Jessica

- PIC is looking for a representative to join their committee.

Treasurer's Report – Karen

- Withdrawals/paid for:
  - Skating rink for family skate.
- Deposits:
  - Christmas flowers
  - Kidney donation ($300, from clothing drive last year)
  - Mabel's labels
  - Craft show funds for next year

Safe, Caring, Inclusive, and Healthy Schools Committee – Steph

- The committee is not meeting under current labour negotiations, but the school continues to support a strong positive learning environment.

COMMITTEES & EVENTS – STATUS REPORTS

Fundraising Update

- Bingo – Rebecca/Jenny
  - Revenue: $300
  - Those that did attend enjoyed it and recommend doing it again next year (with additional advertising to increase participation).
  - This event requires very little planning and is easy to run.

Family Skate - Rebecca

- Saturday, March 28, 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM.
- Ice has been rented ($159).
- Request for volunteers, and communication plan has been created by Deb.
- Plan to order and sell pizza, but no hot chocolate.
- Last year we had left over candy from Fun Fair that was sold:
  - We can get penny candy again this year or sell a $3/cup of candy.

OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS

Library Bags – Jenny/Colleen

- Colleen brought in a sample library bag, but they are not the right size.
- Colleen will discuss with Ms. Goodwin (bigger sizes will be required for the larger books used by younger grades). **ACTION ITEM, Gena: Include on the agenda for March.**
    - There are some concerns these bags will not last and/or get lost.
    - Perhaps something that is cloth on the outside and plastic on the inside.
- Perhaps do an incentive program? Order enough for next year and then only provide bags to students that actually need them.
- Other schools: Bags are not purchased by Parent Council.

Center in the Square Workshops – Mr. Sendrea/Jessica

- Action item, Gena: Put on the agenda for next meeting.

Note from Parent Council: The government childcare reimbursement for strike days can be found on the Government of Ontario website.

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by:
1st: Karen F
2nd: Steph