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UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS

2017-18 Event Dates:

- Next Council Meeting: Thursday, June 14, 2018
- Council Meetings (Third Thursday of each month):
 - Thu Jun 14, 2018
- Fun Fair September 20th 2018

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	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	P	
Communications	Deb Jones	P	P		P	N	N	P	P	P	N	
Secretary	Gena Braun	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	N	N	
Principal	Cathy Baer	P	P		A	P	P	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	N	
WRAPSC	Fiona von Kannen	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Parent Members & Volunteers	Marsha Ferguson	N	N		N	N	P	P	N	N		
	Stephanie Forte	N	P		P	N	N	N	P	P		
	Agnes Lehtonen	P	N		N	P	P	N	N	P		
	Chris Sabeau	P	P		P	P	N	N	P	P		
	Katherine Sunday	N	N		N	N	N	N	N	N		
	Aimee Leveck	N	N		N	N	N	N	N	N		
	Shawna Gingrich	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P		
	Carolyn Rouse	N	N		N	N	N	N	N	N		
	Karen Forsyth	P	N		P	P	N	P	P	P		
	Erin Schmidt	P	P	P	P	N	P	P	P			
	Mel Thompson	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N			
Maritza Roger	P	N	N	N	N	N	N	N				
Laura Bredahl	P	P	P	P	P	N	P	N	N			



Introductions & Thank You's

- Thank you to active members for work this month and plants given out.

Agenda – Review & Approval

Adjustments to agenda:

- Principal Profile with Survey

Agenda approval with changes motioned by:

1st: Karen

2nd: Fiona

Minutes, April – Review & Approval

Adjustments to minutes:

- none

Minutes approval with changes motioned by:

1st: Agnes

2nd: Shawna



PRESENTATIONS

Teacher's Report – Shannon Brown

- Teaches elementary
- EQAO (Education Quality & Accountability Office) Administration Dates – May 2018
- Grade 3, Primary Division
- Grade 6, Junior Division
- Here's the link: <http://www.eqao.com/en>

Principal's Report – Cathy Baer

Coffee with Cathy:

- Four parents attended
- Deb attended from CPS council
- Cathy will host again in Fall 2018

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.
- Gena added 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.

Kodaly Choral Festival:

- 24 CPS Students participated in the 31st Annual Kodaly Choral Festival held at Centre in the Square on Tuesday, May 8 and Wednesday, May 9, 2018
- CPS Kodaly Choir impressed a full-house at evenings that celebrated a 490 voice choir comprised of students from 23 elementary schools.
- The group will perform at Conestogo has talent on June 20th 2018
- Thanks to CPS Council for supporting
- Special Thanks to Mrs. Hillman, Mrs. Carere and Mrs. Booker

Kindergarten:

- Welcoming new members.
- Council will be represented by Jenny Benham on May 28th 2018

CPA Talks:

- Cathy reached out to local member who is working with this program.
- Jenny & Erin volunteered to help organize.
- Polarized Thinking talk.



STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

Treasurer's Report – Karen

- Limited activity on the account since last month.
- Awaiting some refunds from double bookings.
- Note about advertising using WEFI online for donations.

WRAPC Report – Fiona

- Jen Crits, Principal, Preuter Public School - Preuter is a small school (260 kids) in an area with a lot of families in a lower socio-economic range. They have an autistic class as well as some other special programs.
- Katie Gingerich The Ripple Effect
 - The Ripple Effect (TREE) is a program that teaches healthy conflict resolution skills to adults and children. Conflict is a normal part of life but we need to learn some tools to help us resolve it. For children, TREE can provide in-class programs that run for five weeks, one hour to 80 minutes per week, at a cost of \$150. This is subsidized through the Lyle Hallman Foundation. The program also provides resources to parents and teachers. They are also willing to work with groups of children and parents together. Finally, they are partnering with Conrad Grebel University College to offer Peace Camp this summer. Contact them for more information at <https://uwaterloo.ca/centre-peace-advancement/ripple-effect-education>.
- Waterloo Region Assembly of Public School Councils (WRAPSC) – in 2018/19 CPS will require a new rep to attend the meetings – Shawna & Jenny have volunteered

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

- Agnes has done a tremendous job these past months 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.
- Kick off September 18th 2018
- **Action Item:** Karen F to email Beth Snelgrove regarding prizes
- **Action Item:** Karen F and Shawna: Decision to be made by the Fundraising Sub-Committee.

Fun Fair – Rebecca & Jenny

- 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.
- **ACTION ITEM, Deb & Laura:** Approved to move ahead with submitting application.



Playground/Gagaball update – Cathy, Gena

- Covered in the Principal's Report.



OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS

ArtShine

- Running November 2018 – January 2019
- Grades 1-6
- [ACTION ITEM, Karen F. to call confirm](#)

ESNS

- Last year, we created a survey. We can do that again to provide feedback.
- Deb: Created survey using Google Docs.
- [ACTION ITEM, Jenny Collate information from the survey results & submit](#)

WEFI

- Covered in Karen's Treasurer's Report
- [ACTION ITEM, Karen to continue to monitor](#)
- [ACTION ITEM, Cathy to ask for clarification from the Board](#)

Dress Code

- [ACTION ITEM, Cathy to send out revised Dress Code](#)

Grade 8

- Hosting movie night

Principal's Profile

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ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by:

1st: Fiona

2nd: Chris