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UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS

2023 Event Dates:

- Next Council Meeting: NONE, Final Meeting for the 2022 – 2023 School Year
- Council Meeting Dates for 2023 (the third Monday of each month with some dates adjusted for events and holidays)

WELCOME & GENERAL BUSINESS

Attendance

(P present, N absent/regrets. Parent Members must attend 70% of meetings to maintain voting privileges)

ROLE	2022 - 2023	Sept. 12	Oct. 17	Nov. 21	Jan. 16	Mar 20	April 17	May 15
Co-Chair	Colleen Heinrichs	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Co-Chair	Rebecca Hallman	P	P	P	P	P	P	N
Treasurer	Gena Braun	P	P	N	N	P	N	P
Secretary	Christine Sanchez	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Principal	Sara MacNeill (Carole Ann Fleming)	P	P	P	(P)	P	P	P
Teacher Reps	Carolee Fox (Lori Hillman, Oct.17)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Community	Katie Misener	P	N	P	N	P	N	P
WRAPSC	Kristin Kent	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Parent Members & Volunteers	Shawna Gingrich	P	P	N	P	P	P	P
	Mark Edwards	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Amy Hertz	P	N	N	N	N	N	N
	Angelique Gray	P	N	N	N	N	N	N
	Jenn Metzloff	P	N	N	N	N	N	N
	Karen Forsyth	P	N	P	N	P	P	P
	Ian Howlett	P	N	P	P	N	N	N
	Agnes Lehtonen	P	N	N	N	P	P	P
	Juli Oitment	P	N	N	N	N	P	N
	Erin Schmidt	P	N	P	N	P	N	N
	Jeremy Young	N	P	P	N	P	P	P
	Karen Hoffbauer	N	P	P	P	N	P	N
Kim Hart	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Alicia Gross	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	

AGENDA – REVIEW & APPROVAL

- **Adjustments to Agenda for May 15, 2023**

- **Agenda Approval**
 - **1st** – Kristin Kent
 - **2nd** – Mark Edwards

MINUTES, April 17, 2023 – REVIEW & APPROVAL

- **Not provided at the time.**

PRESENTATIONS

Teacher's Report – Mrs. Fox

- **Jump Rope for Heart** to take place on June 16, 2023
- **Skating Program with Skate Canada** took place at RIM Park over the course of 4 days. Transportation was organized amongst parents. This was a positive experience for all for all participants. Only available to Grade 1.
- **LIDS FOR KIDS** – There will be a presentation from Lids for Kids to stress the importance of wearing a bike helmet. The presentation is reflective and geared towards the different Grades within the school.
- **Farm Safety Information (Rural School)** – A presentation was given by a grandmother of a Grade 1 student. A lamb was brought in, and the students were enthralled and visited the kindergarten classes as well.

Principal's Report – Mrs. MacNeill

- **Track & Field** – Regionals for Grade 7/8 to take place June 23rd. Grades 4-6 are held on June 19, 2023. Timing of the events is a problem with respect to transportation.
- **Parent Workshop** – This is a literacy workshop for the primary and junior grades. Information regarding 'Decodables' will be discussed.
- **EQAO** – Grade 3 starts on May 23 – 26. Grade 6 starts on June 5 – June 9.
- **Yearbooks** available to order through School Day at \$10.00
- **May 18, 2023** – Grade 7 Emergency Preparedness Field Trip
- **Grade 8 YMCA 3 Rivers** outdoor adventure trip to take place May 25, 2023. Parent Council contributed \$170 towards the cost of the trip in order to bring the cost down to \$39/student.
- **Grade 6 – 8**, Ms. Carere is organizing bucket drumming to take place May 30, 2023
- **Grade 8** – On May 31 attending Elmira District Secondary School to familiarize themselves with the school.
- **June 1, 2023** – Rainbow Spirit Day
- **June 2, 2023** – PD Day
- **June 23, 2023** – The staff has decided to run a play day and Grades 6-8 will help facilitate.
- **KINDNESS CLUB**, The Safe Caring and Inclusive Schools Team meet every other Monday. Activities include Human Bingo, Bucket Filling, Kahoot game on kindness. On May 29, 2023, an Assembly will be organized to explain the Kindness Club to the primary and junior grades.
- **Library** – Magazine subscriptions would be greatly appreciated for the library. The anticipated cost would be around \$200 and Parent Council would be requested to fund this request. This will be a 'wish list' item for the 2023-2024 school year.

WRAPSC (School Board Meeting) – Kristin Kent

See WRAPSC attachments regarding May 2023 Meeting.

COMMITTEES & EVENTS – STATUS REPORTS

TREASURER’S REPORT - PARENT COUNCIL BUDGET, Gena Braun

CRAFT FAIR

- Close to \$2,000.00 was raised.

GENERAL SPENDING DETAILS

- The purchase of Portable Speakers (12 speakers) will come from the Recess Equipment line item in the budget.
- All monies have been spent concerning funds allocated for the library.
- The starting balance for September is estimated to be around \$12,000.00
- We anticipate raising close to \$5,000.00 from the Fun Fair in September

STATUS REPORTS

PLAYGROUND

- Inspection must be completed. Monkey bars have been raised 5”. Cement wasn’t cured. The height issue will remain on certain elements. Financial compensation has yet to be formalized. Feedback will be given to the School Board regarding their list of ‘Approved Vendors’.

HANDMADE SHOW

- May 6, 9:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- Attendance was around 280 compared to 317 in 2019.
- Vendor feedback was generally positive.
- In the future we need to close the main gym door to change the travel route.
- Instead of having the Hand Made Show (Craft Show) in the Spring, it needs to take place in the fall.
- This will cause a conflict with the Online Auction, however, there is little interest in bringing back the online auction for November 2023.
- The Mexican Food Truck was disappointed in their sales, but they also did not advertise on their own social media due to not being informed of a secured parking position.
- Instead of a Mexican Food Truck, it might be better to have a Coffee Truck.
- The Silent Auction brings in 1.5 times as much in revenue, however, the work involved is not sustainable at this time.
- Committee Members for the Craft Show in November will be: Gena, Shauna, Kim, Erin, Mark, Stephanie and Alicia
- There will be a MOTION to have the Craft Show in November.

FUN FAIR

- Committee members for the Fun Fair will be Katie, Karen F., Christine, Kristin and Colleen.

INQUIRY ITEMS

- **WALL MURAL**

- A proposal was made by a parent wondering if there would be any interest in adding a mural to the outside of the school were the kindergarten doors are located.
- SWR – Smart Waterloo Region can provide different artists through their ‘network’. They have done ‘pilot projects’ working with the School Board.
- Question is: Would Conestogo be interested in a mural?
- The Board would ultimately have to approve it and the cost of the project through SWR.

- **STAFF LUNCHEON**

- Christine Sanchez will organize and provide the staff with an appreciation lunch.
- The date will be Tuesday, June 13, 2023 and will be delivered by 11:20 p.m.
- The cost of this luncheon cannot come from Parent Council Funds. Payment for this lunch will be arranged separately amongst Council Members.
- All dietary accommodations have been given and Christine will provide a lunch around said parameters.

MOTIONS

1. MOTION FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2023, CRAFT SHOW, NO ONLINE AUCTION

Gena Braun (Tabled Motion), Shauna Gingrich (Second Motion). The following members voted in support of this Motion:

YEAS

Kristin Kent
Kim Hart
Christine Sanchez
Mark Edwards
Colleen Heinrich
Katie Misener

MOTION PASSED

2. MOTION TO CONTRIBUTE \$170.00 TOWARDS GRADE 8, YMCA OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Kim Haart (Tabled Motion), Mark Edwards (Second Motion). The following members voted in support of this Motion:

YEAS

Kristin Kent
Christine Sanchez
Colleen Heinrich
Shauna Gingrich
Katie Misener
Karen Forsyth
Gena Braun
MOTION PASSED

3. MOTION TO EXPLORE FURTHER RE: MURAL WALL ART INSTALLATION

Mark Edwards (Tabled Motion), Kristin Kent (Second Motion) The following members voted in support of this Motion:

YEAS

Shauna Gingrich
Christine Sanchez
Colleen Heinrich
Katie Misener
Karen Forsyth
Gena Braun

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by: Mark Edwards

1st: Christine Sanchez

2nd: Colleen Heinrich