

Parent Council Meeting – Mar 26th
Attendees: Ann Kanjirappallil, Jennifer Mitchell, Milja Minic, Branka G., Nevena Simic, Tina Morabito, Ksenija Rudic, Natasha Duckett, Batool Zahra, Rubina Kebal, Sladana Delic, Annalisa Voskamp
Regrets:
Minute approval: Tina and Milja
Nutrition Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Write up presented (composed by sub committee after spending time with Jennifer and Mariola) - Determined that there is need but need time to establish how best to fill the needs. Will plan to outline a schedule with associated tasks for Sept. Will send out end of year and follow up early Sept - If needs are identified staff can fill in as needed - Key points from write up will be presented at Open House via infographic - Police check will be encouraged at Open House to prepare for next year
Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Translation for parents that don't speak/read English was brought forward as a request - Many holidays are included in the communications from the school however it was noted that Serbian celebrations are not included. This comes from the school board and will have to be reviewed at that level - Discussed read rate in regards to emails coming from teachers vs school wide communications – is it an option to have key messages be sent out from the teachers? - Facebook page to be provided at Open House as a means to encourage parent connection – QR code to be included in handouts to access this page - Poster to be printed for Open House to better advertise school council
Parent Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natasha D proposed using the pro funds to support a parent engagement night that introduces parents to the curriculum - Ideas brought forward to encourage attendance such as a scavenger hunt - Potential barriers to attendance may be language or schedule. Discussed how a teacher at VDES supports students who do not speak english and how she can continue to support this - Different from the Open House (May 6) as Open House is supposed to be a chance to “experience the school with your child” whereas the curriculum night will provide more details on what the kids are learning each year and how parents can support this
Action Items Summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Traffic safety contact to be widely circulated by Chad along with other key contacts, including contacts for group Active School Travel (Chad)

- Outline needs and potential schedule to support the nutrition program (to start in Sept) (Nutrition Sub-committee)
- Create poster for Open House (Annalisa and Sladana)
- Create hand out for Open House that includes QR code for FB group as well as outlines the role of the student council (Annalisa)
- Create infographic to socialize how the nutrition program supports the students at VDES (Sladana)
- Review the opportunity to highlight additional holidays in school communications (school leadership)
- Connect with Natasha D to assist with curriculum night for June (all)
- Obtain school council email (school leadership)