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## Elementary Task Force Minutes

October 21, 2015

**In attendance:** B. Messinger, J. Grzegorek, D. Delia, C. Butwill, S. Sciucco, P. Talty, H. Hollander

- **Multi-Age Classroom Proposal Update**

- Mr. Butwill provided an update. Things are going well. Many exciting projects and experiences are going on. Both the students and the teachers are working collaboratively.

**Question – Do we want to expand class configurations? This is something the committee will continue to explore.**

- Looping
- Multi-age Expansion

- **K-5 Report Card Update –**

- Holly will continue with the communication and support plan that was outlined during the report card committee's work in the spring. A community coffee is scheduled for next week.

- **Enrichment – HOT Block**

Dan Delia share about the HOT Block starting at WIS next Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. The HOT Block replaces the enrichment block that was previously in place.

As the courses were designed, teachers ensured that they were aligned to the CCT.  
Courses include:

- Sign Language
- Math Using the Abacus
- Robofest
- Yoga
- Puppet Play
- And more!

Students had the opportunity to choose the course that interest them. For this first five week session, students will be mixed among their own grade-level. As the year progresses, the goal is to provide mixed grade-level offerings.

The HOT Block committee will look to survey the students and families to get feedback for future consideration.

- **Genius Block**

Blaise Messinger shared about the genius block. Students are encouraged to learn about something they are interested in and want to learn more. Students must engage in research and share a final project or learning. At CMS, this will be occurring during the social studies period.

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- **Open**

Hour of Code - Holly share information about work occurring with Doug Kiss and Doug McGough. During the next week, the group will be bringing the K-5 media specialist and technology teacher together to continue the planning process.

As plans develop, the committee will share information with Dr. Talty and the Cromwell community.