

## Huntley Centennial Parents Council

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015

### **Attendance:**

Jo-Anne Graham Lisa Murphy Stacy Tzavelas Mark Tymowski Tim Pychyl  
Colleen Irvin Jay Blauer Donna Coutts Donna Christie Mandy Eustace Carol-Lynn Fifield  
Dan Oliver Debbie Millar Sarah Smith

**Regrets:** Jennifer James, Debbie McQueen

**Meeting called to order 7:09pm**

**Agenda Approved:** Debbie & Lisa

**March Minutes Approved:** Debbie & Lisa

### **O/A Items:**

- Pinneys: on a back burner for now
- Arm bands: first quote \$1200. Waiting on quote from Gadar.

### **Treasurers Report : Lisa**

- \$13K available funds. Lower than anticipated due to lower revenues from lunch program.
- \$800 from donation campaign

### **Principals Report : Colleen Irvin**

- Thank you for Muffin Monday. Much appreciated by everyone.
- ME to We/Free The Children filming promo/info video yesterday & today in the school.
- Ministry Of Education also coming in to film a promo about loving/learning math (Int grades).
- Budget on track. Occasional teacher budget almost spent, but overall under budget.
- Started staffing process for next year. Hoping to have in place for June. Gr4/5 Ms Clouthier returning from mat leave (replacing Ms Chambers). Julie Roberts has been signed off for remainder of year. Position has now been filled.
- Ordered new science equipment & phys ed equipment (shovels & pails for primaries).
- Bought new beans bags, rug and rocker for the library.
- Results from parents survey will be available at next meeting.

### **Teachers Report : Donna Coutts**

- Thank you for Muffin Monday.
- Assemblies: Jnr and Int students enjoyed a presentation from "Strings Around the World".
- Field Trips: Gr1/2 to Fullers Pancake House; Gr 4 to Bill Mason Centre; Grade 3 have been participating in the "Swim to Survive" program.
- Members of the Character Crew participate in National We Day at the CTC on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Sports: Volleyball for junior boys and girls. The boys team won a silver medal at their tournament!; Basketball for Ints, Intramural ball hockey for Ints, Intramural volleyball & Triple ball for Jnrs,.
- Arts: Int Coffee House; New Sparks (Gr6); Primary Choir; Soundwave; Rehearsals going well for musical for Ints; Drumming circle; Instrumental Group.
- Clubs: Dragonflies, Chess, Year Book, Character Crew.
- School Spirit Day: denim & plaid (to celebrate our rural roots).
- On March 31 the Character Crew hosted a film crew from Ford's Everyday Heroes.
- All the students at Huntley Centennial created a Pledge Garden on March 27.
- Earth Hour was observed from 1:30-2:30 on March 27.

- Character crew has initiated awareness of how students can take steps to conserve water.

#### **VP Report : Jay Blauer**

Tell It For Me: Gr 4-8. April 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Done online in the library. No parent survey this year. Approx 110 questions for Gr4-6; 130 for Gr7/8. Questions on social engagement, Safe school, classroom climate, advocacy outside school, socio-economic factors.

An information sheet & opt-out form will be going home for all students.

#### **OCASC Report : Mark**

- Presentation from Mike Carson about upcoming budget cuts. Trying to minimise impact to students. Most impact on special programs. Also, OCDSB hoping to have a board instituted electronic payment system for next year.
- Speaker Series: 'Talking With Our Kids About Money' - April 15<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at 131 Greenbank Rd.  
The Qualities of Engagement - John Antonetti - April 29<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at 131 Greenbank Rd.  
See OCDSB.ca for more details.
- Revamping OCASC website.

#### **Arts Festival: Mandy**

Everything is on track.

#### **Gr8 Grad: Jo-Anne for Sue**

- Bottle Drive – April 11<sup>th</sup>
- Car Wash – May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Graduation Ceremony moved to arena. Dance still at Ag Hall
- Council given \$1829 (5c given from every carton of milk from milk program).

#### **Speaker Series: Tim**

Tim will speak about "7 Myths About Procrastination" on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.

#### **School Greening Project: Jo-Anne**

Colleen & Jo-Anne met with OCDSB rep through Evergreen to pick locations for 8 new trees. 8 10-15ft trees to be planted with prep, mulch, wire fencing and stick support, plus 1 year watering contract included. Definitely get 5 trees, but hoping for 3 extra, or Council will pay for 3 extra (\$500 each).

#### **Tech Committee: Debbie Millar**

- Booster Juice trial – still waiting to hear back from Booster Juice.
- Plan to meet to make decisions about how to run the program next year.
- Mazzola – need to check all items are meeting OCDSB guidelines

#### **New Business**

- Proud To be Me – how was money used? Invested in resources including read aloud books, lesson plans, videos, posters, informational brochures and texts, supporting WITS/LEADS for all students from Jk-8. This program is in full swing with 'Caught-Ya's', WITS Stars of the Week, monthly assembly contributions, student recognition, 'radio ad' contests, etc. Future plans also include a school-wide student button design contest (needs button maker and supplies). Also, a variety of in-house guests and presentations, for example, a visits from 'Stunt Man Stu', in-house conversations by Ottawa Fury team members, and most recently, an amazing full day of energetic, powerful assemblies and workshops from **Saidat** and her **Get Up Stand Up To Bullying Tour**.
- Debbie – we have \$13K available. Are there any wish lists?
- Freezies for play day, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion (Jo-Anne & Mark)** : pay for soccer pitch, track & field lines and also freezies. All in favour – passed by consensus.

Next meeting: June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015, at 7pm in the school library.

#### **Motion to adjourn: Sarah & Debbie**