

## Huntley Centennial Parents Council

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016

### **Attendance:**

Jo-Anne Graham Debbie Millar Heather McRae Lisa Murphy  
Jay Blauer Colleen Irvin Donna Christie Donna Coutts Mark Tymowski Sarah Smith

### **Meeting called to order 7:10pm**

**Agenda Approved:** Sarah & Debbie

**April Minutes Approved:** Debbie & Jo-Anne

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

- **Crossing Guard:** Rep been seen out in front of the school. Hoping to have in place for September. Have 2 requests in – one in front of Medical Centre/top of school parking lot & one for Cavanaugh. Jo-Anne to follow up.
- **Grant applications:** for trees & yard, due in for June 1<sup>st</sup>. Jo-Anne has it covered.
- **Small tractor:** Colleen/Sean spoke to the board. Facing lots of issues because its equipment purchase. Colleen to follow up with Sean & Jo-Anne.
- **Volunteers:** Jo-Anne will be stepping down. Email to go to parents asking for more parental involvement.
- **Muffin Mondays:** April 4<sup>th</sup> & May 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for all the volunteer bakers. Very much appreciated!
- **Itunes gift cards:** Apple Store not very helpful. Lisa to purchase for school to use as necessary. \$20 per class. Remainder of tech allocated funds to spend on Chromebook (\$1500 worth – approx 4).

### **Treasurers Report: Lisa**

- \$19813 in the bank, (not taking into account Booster Juice & outstanding payments for lunch programs, & Gr8 Milk program). Some earmarked for greening project - Lisa to confirm amount.

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

- Thanks for everything, especially financial support and volunteer time & efforts.
- PD day last Friday – morning focused on health & safety, afternoon on math.
- **Secondary School Review Summary Presentation:** what do high school students need for future success? Presentation available at [www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca). Looking for parent feedback.
- Staffing not finalised. 576 anticipated students. Received classing structure for next year. Down 2 homeroom classes (primary EFI & Jnr English). Losing 1 LST. 3 retirees (celebrating at Arts night) - Donna Christie, Marg Graff & M. Eveard. Losing 1 part-time contract – Lisa Favereau. New 0.3 English position. No info on EA or ECE allocation yet. Likely only 2 portables.
- Budget on track.

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

#### **Assemblies**

- An arctic explorer visited Huntley Centennial on Feb. 18 to educate our students on his adventures on Baffin Island.
- On March 22, 2 City of Ottawa employees volunteered their time to educate our students on recycling & composting.
- On March 29 Daniel Richler spoke to the intermediate students.
- The Mississippi Conservation presented information about spring water awareness on April 1.
- Our intermediate students have continued with character lessons with Jennifer Laale.

#### **Sports**

- Badminton & Basketball for intermediate students
- Athletic Council
- Intermediate students are participating in intramural bordenball.

- Volleyball for junior boys and girls.
- Triple ball for junior students.

### **Field Trips**

- Skating for all classes at W. Erskine Johnston Arena in Carp.
- Skiing for junior and intermediate students

### **Arts**

- All our students have participated in workshops with Esther Bryan
- Usual groups continue: Soundwave for junior students; Musical for intermediate students; Instrumental group; Primary Choir; Drum circle

### **Clubs**

- Ms. Heath's Instrumental Group
- Spirit Committee
- Lunch and Bus Monitors
- Dragonflies
- For Intermediate students: Opportunity club, Yearbook Committee, Character Crew & Leadership Council

### **Special Events**

- Have a Heart Day was celebrated on Feb. 11
- Toonie Tuesday-Pyjama Day took place on Feb. 23.
- Very successful Coffee House prepared by the intermediate students was held on March 9
- Rehearsals for the Musical are taking place in earnest.
- Many classes have participated in workshops presented by Scientists in the School.
- The Character Crew has organized a coin drive for the Ashuro Region of Tanzania. This will culminate in a student/staff challenge. Several staff members have volunteered to be part of the team. Students bring in their coins & use them to select the teachers for the staff's team. The challenge will take place on April 7.
- The Grad Committee is selling popcorn.
- Grad photos have been ordered.
- Preparations for the Arts Festival are underway. This will take place here at Huntley during Education Week.

### **Upcoming Events**

- The staff-student challenge will take place on April 7
- Everyone will have an opportunity to celebrate denim and plaid day again on April 7
- The musical The Lion King will be presented on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Friends of the Art Gallery will visit grade 1-6 students on April 28, 29, and May 2, 3
- Earth Day will be celebrated on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will be a spirit day where our students are invited to wear blue and green clothing.
- Mrs. Skevington has organized a project where each class will create artwork made with recycled materials.

**Motion (Debbie & Mark):** \$400 for Gardening Club supplies for the year. Passed by consensus.

### **Arts Festival:**

- Providing refreshments, similar to coffee house. Looking for donations of baked goods to sell. Discussion about possibility of BBQ – concerns that too few volunteers available to run it and not sufficient interest to make it viable.
- Need to send info to West Carleton Review for advertising

- Celebrating each of the retirees.

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

- Lots of activity outside now the snows gone
- **EQAO:** Begins May 30th. Will be purchasing higher quality head phones for students requiring them. Looking for volunteers (parents of students NOT taking EQAO).
- Natalia McPhedron presented to teachers & students. Lots of student discussion.
- Lego Club on Tuesday/Thursday afternoons.
- Cellphone drive in aid of Tanzania.
- Gr5/6 – used book drive to raise money for Tanzania at Arts Festival. Donations needed.

#### **OCASC: Mark**

- Last OCASC meeting cancelled due to weather.
- School calendar for next year now finalised & available on [www.ocasc.ca](http://www.ocasc.ca).
- Nominating committee meeting to re-elect new executive.

#### **Lunch Program: Debbie**

- **Booster Juice.** Online website now open for orders. Deadline Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.
- **Next Year:** online ordering set up will be same as this year with 2 schedules. No option to pay for the entire year.

#### **Speaker Series:**

- Very low attendance. Not continuing.

#### **Grade 8 Grad: Sarah**

- Fundraising has gone really well. Exceeded target of \$6k.
- All plans on track for the graduation ceremony and dance.
- Legacy Gift: Buddy Bench – cant have a wooden bench (risk of burning). Colleen has proposed some ideal alternatives. Aim to be bought & installed asap.

#### **New Business: Jo-Anne**

- **Babysitting/Home Alone Courses:** offer courses by City of Ottawa at the school? Also First Aid courses. Wednesdays are potentially available. Jo-Anne to contact City of Ottawa about feasibility.
- **Parent Correspondence:**
  1. Concern about increasing amounts of money request from the school (activities, lunch program, fundraising, etc). Jo-Anne to respond.
  2. Question about how Council Fund-raised money is spent. Jo-Anne has already responded. Encouraged parents to look on the website and attend meetings to find out more.
- **Teacher Wish List:**
  - Kindergarten – outdoor active equipment (replacements) approx \$500.
  - Primary Grades – earphones (encourage students to bring their own!) ; science equipment – pulleys, magnifying glasses, magnets (approx \$500), more Chromebooks (Colleen providing some & council covering \$1500).
  - Intermediates : hands on science equipment. School supplied consumables (\$1800).
  - Field markings, approx \$350.
  - Freezies for Track & Field & Bubble Day, approx \$50 (May 31<sup>st</sup>).
  - Lego Robotics & 3-D printer long term wishes.

**Motion (Debbie & Jo-Anne):** Provide funds for field markings (\$350) and freezies (\$50). Outdoor active equipment for Kindergartens (\$500); Int Science Equipment (\$900); Primary Science Equipment (\$500). Passed by consensus.

Next meeting: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 7pm in the school library.

#### **Motion to adjourn: Jo-Anne & Sarah**