

Huntley Centennial Parents Council

Monday 3rd April 2017

Attendance:

Deanna Wainwright Debbie Millar Jay Blauer Colleen Irvin Ginette Taylor
Heather Adeney Donna Coutts Janet Howse Lisa Murphy Creann Pieroni Sarah Smith

Apologies:

Debbie Heuchert Tim Pychyl

Meeting called to order 7:06pm

Agenda Approved: in advance, by email

February Minutes Approved: in advance, by email

O/A Items: Creann

- **Muffin Mondays:** Jo McGillavry asking for volunteers to bake for Tuesday 18th April. Email to parents.
- **Rain barrel fundraiser:** Barrels to arrive on April 29th. Selling will start tomorrow. Parent email to go out asap.
- **Mazzola Lunch Program:** Had Lunch Lady come in with samples. Overwhelmingly positive response from students and adult tasters. Considering changing for next year however concerns about meeting nutritional guidelines and no funds to the school. Would only be available on Wednesdays though so would need to rearrange current lunch programs.
Debbie to contact Mazzola to let them know our concerns and see if they can improve the quality and ensure its meeting nutritional guidelines. Follow up at next meeting.
- **Scientists in School:** waiting for organiser to get back to us with details for workshops. Thursday 27th April from 6-8pm. 4 presenters doing 2 sessions. Need to advertise asap.

Treasurers Report: Lisa

- Currently \$8277.41 available to Parent Council.
- Ideas to spend additional funds: Google Expedition (trying out at staff meeting); Lego Robotics; soccer jerseys (approx \$2000). To be discussed further next month.

Principals Report: Colleen Irvin

- Working on school learning plan – numeracy based. Started Math Minutes initiatives today to improve number fluency. Spending 3 mins daily in class to work on number skills throughout April. Combining with growth mindset to see the improvements through the month. Last Friday of the month will have Number Talks & Walks – providing students a visual question on paper and have students come up with the answer in their head.
- Enrolment projected to be 30 less than this year. 19 JK students enrolled already. Currently have 45 in JK. Projected at 36 this year. Will have some answers next month for staffing next year.
- Still on track with budget.

Teachers Report: Donna Coutts

- **Sports:** Basketball and bordenball for intermediate students; volleyball and triple ball for junior students; Primary and Junior students enjoyed a tennis workshop; Badminton will be starting up for intermediate students.
- **Clubs:** Lunch and Bus Monitors; Dragonflies; Yearbook Committee; Opportunity club for intermediate students; Media Crew for intermediate students; Instrumental Group; Jam Club; We Team; Primary Choir; Ukulele Club.
- **Field Trips:** Skating at W. Erskine Johnston Arena; Ski trips for junior and intermediate students; Grade 1 students will be visiting Fulton's Pancake House this Friday.
- **Awesome Social Awareness and Community Involvement**
 - Coffee House took place on March 8.
 - Primary students participated in an assembly to promote the WITS program.
 - Earth hour was observed here on March 24.
 - Our intermediate students will be participating in Earth Day Clean Up on April 21
 - Intermediate students will take a vow of silence on Thursday April 13.

Special Events

- Toonie Tuesday was held on Feb. 28.
- Preparations are underway for this year's musical.
- Day of Silence for Intermediate students on Feb. 22
- Mississippi Mills Conservation visited to education students about water safety in the spring.
- Scientists in the school for the kindergarten students.
- Peter Joynt will be visiting on April 27 for grades 4-8. The topic is anti-bullying.
- Preparations for the Arts Festival.
- Dog buddies presentation for Grade 1 students on April 21.

Cultural Arts Performances

- The Celtic Rathskallions will visit Huntley on Feb. 15.
- Rhonda Doxtator will be conducting hoop dancing workshops for our junior students on April 18 and 19.
- Colores Andinos will be here for two performances for the whole school on April 26.

Thank you so much for your support!

VP: Jay

- WITS program is up and running. Printer is used every week to take a picture of child whose name has been drawn for good behaviour.
- Significant pile of lost and found.

Arts Festival: Heather

- Thursday 4th May at the school.
- Baking cookies to sell on the night. Will also provide drinks (juice boxes).

Grade 8 Grad: Creann for Jenn Sparks

- Ordered a water fountain (with cooling system) as legacy gift to go in the intermediate wing.
- Bottle drive on 22nd April.
- Popcorn fundraiser going well. Over \$3100 profit.
- Possibly doing a paint nite.
- Next meeting on 25th April in the school library.

New Business

- **Outdoor Classroom Day:** (Ginette Taylor) May 18th to promote learning outside. Happening all over the world. Eg math skills to build a teeter totter and use leaves, sticks etc to do balancing. Colleen to share with teachers.
<https://outdoorclassroomday.com/>
- **Huntley Curling Club:** Jill Rivington is Youth Program Coordinator & Instructor. Looking to set up an after school youth league starting next season. Will be working with contacts at OCDSB but will be run by the Curling Club. Program will run on Fridays from 4:30-6:30.
- **Email request from parent for IXL math:** \$1700 for 90.
- **Budding Artists:** fundraisers with childrens artwork.

Next meeting: Monday 1st May 2017 at 7pm in the school library.

Motion to adjourn (Sarah & Janet).