

Huntley Centennial Parents Council

Wednesday 3rd December 2014

Attendance:

Jo-Anne Graham Debbie Millar Lisa Murphy Stacy Tzavelas Tim Pychyl Ian Richardson
Jay Blauer Colleen Irvin Mark Tymowski Donna Christie Donna Coutts
Mandy Eustace Sarah Smith

Regrets: Debbie McQueen, Jennifer James, Sue Grant

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

Agenda Approved: Mark & Debbie

November Minutes Approved: Mark & Mandy

O/A Items: Jo-Anne

- Pinneys: Quote from Jim McKaig. 100 pinneys in various sizes - \$800 plus HST (total \$904). Jo-Anne will do an inventory of the current pinneys and then decide how many and sizes.
- Archives: Jo-Anne has been successful in tracking down documents as far back as 2008/2009. Debbie has posted all archived documents on the website.
- Storage: space has been made available in one of the portables to store council items (eg banner and canopy).

Treasurers Report : Lisa

All bills are paid up to date. All revenues for lunch and milk programs have been banked. Currently, projected \$4448 available to council.

Colleen presented a wish list from Intermediates for science materials. Based on specific experiments relating to curriculum. Consumables totalled \$1k (eg food colouring, rubber gloves, glue sticks), non-consumables \$1670 (eg Rubbermaid tubs to contain all supplies for an experiment, stop watches, hot plates, scales, test tubes, beaker brushes, etc)

Motion (Mark & Debbie) : Purchase all consumable and non-consumable items on wish list, totalling \$3108.63. All in favour – passed by consensus.

Principals Report : Colleen Irvin

- School learning plan: multi-step/multi-strand math problems, (area of weakness identified from EQAO results). All math teachers received 100 minute session on learning activities, & will be trying out new activities in class. Will meet again in February to continue
- Growth mindset: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN34FNbOKXc> video shown to all staff. Dec 12th will be Huntley Growth mindset day. Activities going on throughout the school.
- OCDSB strategic plan: an email will be going out to all teachers and parents looking for input on the boards strategic plan for 2015-19. It will comprise 3 open-ended questions. Parents are all strongly encouraged to participate in this survey.
- Bell times: there will not be changes to bell times at Huntley

- Budget: expenditure is on target

Teachers Report : Donna Christie

Events from November:

- Very successful Book Fair
- Progress Reports and Interviews
- Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Clubs: Dragon Flies, Jr. band, Int. Drumming Circle, Primary & Jr. Choirs, New Spark singing group,
- Gr. 8 Yearbooks went on sale
- Gr. 7/8's to Diefenbunker and participated in a Conflict Resolution workshop
- Bus Safety Week and evacuation practices
- Bordenball (Jrs.) & Volleyball (Int.)
- Auditions began for next years musical
- Snowsuit Drive

Coming in December

- Musical Auditions continue
- Snowsuit Drive
- All same clubs continue
- Gr. 7 to War Museum on December 16th
- Gr. 4 to Nutcracker at Algonquin on December 12th
- Gr.3/4 & 4/5 Fr. Distribute food drive flyers to community
- Christmas Bazaar on December 12th
- Candy Grams
- Luv2Groove dance workshops K - 6
- Kindergarten concerts on December 17th
- Primary craft rotations
- Assembly on 19th, at 9 am , including the usual Sing-a-long

Teachers are asking for donations of gently used board games to be used during indoor recesses. Please give to homeroom teacher.

VP Report : Jay

- Thank you for all new Phys Ed equipment
- Met with Scott Muir. Road signs at the front need to be corrected (provide Drop-off zone along Langstaff)
- WITS : rolled out on a larger scale this year. Kindness posters, stickers for 'random acts of kindness', use of a common language throughout the school.

Grade 8 Grad Committee : Sue Grant

Meeting on Dec 4th at 7pm in the library

Arts Festival – May 9th and 10th

Donna Christie has again volunteered to be the teacher rep. 8 members of staff on the committee. Mandy Eustace kindly agreed to be council rep. Gr 8 grad committee will not be providing refreshments. These will be provided by volunteers from council.

Speakers Series: Tim Pychl

Did not apply for PROfund this year. Only spent \$300 of \$1k last year.

Plan to do a SurveyMonkey to get suggestions for speakers.
Possible ideas:- Procrastination, Time Management, Motivation, Growth Mindset.

Tech Committee: Debbie Millar

New Facebook page to be set up by Jay & Mark.

Hot Lunches: email will be sent to all parents currently registered on HotLunches.net to open up orders for end of January deadline.

Play Structure Fundraising committee: Jo-Anne

Plan to launch fundraising campaign towards the end of January. Sending out a note informing parents of the planned donation campaign and request for corporate sponsorship.

During March students will have the opportunity to design a t-shirt (Huntley@Play). Suggesting putting "This t-shirt helped fund a play structure". Winning t-shirt design to be selected at April council meeting. T-shirts for sale by May.

Looking at the possibility of making it a Greening Project. See <http://www.ocdsb.ca/com/pship/Pages/EVERGREEN.aspx> (more expensive). This would make it useable year round. 6 trees had to be removed over the summer.

Bazaar: Stacey (on behalf of Karen)

Need more volunteers for day of bazaar (Dec 12th).

Debbie to put post on website

OCSASC: Mark

- Presentation from EnviroCentre – concerned enviro friendly aspects to transport (occupancy/vehicle useage). See OCDSB website for more details <http://www.ocdsb.ca/sch/Consultation/Pages/Ottawa-Carleton-District-School-Board-Consultation-Strategy.aspx>
- Conference in Toronto P4E (People for Education). See <http://www.peopleforeducation.ca/>
- Chalk it Up: Health & Phys Ed appropriateness in schools.

New Business

- Xmas baskets: Groceries for 4 families in the school. 7 children in total. Jennifer James volunteered to purchase gifts. Sarah & Jo-Anne to purchase groceries.

Motion (Jo-Anne & Sarah) : Allocate \$100 to be spent per family on groceries, and then also funds for gifts.
Passed by consensus.

- Staff Appreciation Lunch : Tuesday 16th December. Jo-Anne to send out emails for volunteers and food contributions.
Jo-Anne will also organise muffin Mondays starting in January.
- Team Sports: making (or not making) the team. Inter-murals new this year for Ints. Consider organising a team that only students who aren't on any other teams can join to give all a fair chance. Limit how many teams a student can try out for.

Next meeting: February 4th 2015, at 7pm in the school library.

Motion to adjourn : Jo-Anne & Sarah