

Huntley Centennial Parents Council

Wednesday 2nd December, 2015

Attendance:

Debbie Millar Tim Pychyl Mark Tymowski Jay Blauer Colleen Irvin Donna Christie Donna Coutts
Heidi Wieler Jo-Anne Graham Sarah Smith

Apologies : Lisa Murphy & Debbie McQueen

Meeting called to order: 7.05pm

Agenda Approved: Mark & Debbie

November Minutes Approved: Debbie & Mark

Thank you to Debbie McQueen for November's minutes.

O/A Items:

- **Bench:** has arrived! Moving rock in front of tree and put the bench where the rock was. Concrete being poured any time now. Install once snow is gone. New maple tree will be planted behind the new bench. School Yard tree program from the City. School Councils can apply (up to \$10k)– application by June. Jo-Anne to look into it. Council will need to make a commitment to care & maintained. Also no site preparation included.

Treasurers Report : Jo-Anne for Lisa

- High points - have approx \$13700 available.
- Booster Juice invoice expected to be \$9000 (for all 8 weeks).
- \$70800 currently in the bank

Principals Report : Colleen Irvin

- Thank you to all volunteers. So many parents for Terry Fox run, interviews, book fair & Remembrance Day.
- All staff groups ended work sanctions.
- Board is looking for input to EFI revised proposed changes. Please take time to look on the OCDSB website. Post to be sent out on Parent Council website. Initial revision was voted against. New proposal: Retain 50-50 Eng/French. Retain Gr 1-3 math in English. Deferring English Language Arts to 2017. To be voted on Feb 2nd 2016.
- Public Health sending out notices about immunization. Must provide documentation that immunizations are up to date otherwise students could be suspended in February. Deadline Dec 15th. Colleen to post reminder on website.
- Children born in 2012 can register for Kindergarten. Registration is last week of January. Parent Info night 22nd.
- Spending on target. 30% of operating budget spent.
- Thank you to Heidi & all involved in Xmas Bazaar. Really need more volunteers.
- Student Report cards coming on December 10th.

Teachers Report : Donna Christie

November :

- Book Fair
- Interviews
- Photo Retakes
- Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Clubs: Dragon Flies, Jr. band, Int. Drumming Circle, Primary & Jr. Choirs, Int. Opportunity Club, Int. Leadership Council
- Luv2Groove dance workshops K to Gr6. 3 full sessions for each class.
- Gr. 7/8 Rafiki Bracelet sales for their social action to start to raise money
- Intermural Dodge ball
- Gr. 7/8 Healthy Transitions
- Borden ball (Jrs.) & Volleyball (Int.)

- Musical Auditions
- Snowsuit Drive
- National We Day for Intermediates. Marg Graff was honored on stage.
- Intermediates who will be in the musical went to Canterbury H.S. to see "Shrek"
- Gr. 3/4 went on a field trip to map Carp and to visit the Public Library

December :

- Musical Auditions continue
- Snowsuit Drive continue
- All same clubs
- Intermediate Vow of Silence Day
- Chris McKool performs in song, music, dance and storytelling for the grades K - 6 about Global Celebrations
- Gr. 3/4, 4/5 to Nutcracker at Algonquin
- Gr. 3/4 & 4/5 Fr. Distribute food drive flyers to community (for pickup on 12th) and Sinterklaas visits to explain Dutch Dec. 6th traditions
- Xmas Bazaar
- Candy Grams started. Finish on 11th Dec for distribution on 17th Dec.
- Kindergarten concerts
- Almonte Dance Academy Showcase on 17th Dec.
- Primary craft rotations
- Singalong Assembly on 18th Dec, 9am ,

VP Report : Jay Blauer

- Terry Fox run raised \$2324 plus \$1000 raised by staff from Movember.
- First staff meeting next week. A sub item will be anti-bullying. Discussion with staff about what focus should be. Students finding challenging moments are those finding trouble in social situations.
- Always trying to generate more recognition for Huntley. West Carleton Review came out for Terry Fox. 141 followers on Twitter.
- Increased resources in Phys Ed. Focus on gym areas
- Always available if you have a concern. Please contact asap.
- Bus issues – OSTA/Voyager. School responsible for students on the bus. Any issues occurring on buses can be dealt with through the school.

OCASC : Mark

- Chalk it Up – asking about help with online payments.
 - Outdoor classroom discussed. Apparently it can be a major undertaking but worth consideration at Huntley?
- Pino Buffone (OCDSB Superintendent of Curriculum Services) – presentation on Board Improvement Plan for student improvement & wellbeing. On OCDSB website (www.ocdsb.ca). Should a link be sent out to parents on the Council website?
- October there was P4E (People 4 Education) seminar in Toronto. 8 people from OCASC attended. Their presentation is on OCASC website. For further info see P4e.com and ocasc.ca.

Speaker Series : Tim

- Natalia McPhedran (author). Speaking on "4 ways to keep your kids in check on social media". \$400. Can schedule her for January 27th 2016.
 - Motion (Jo-Anne & Debbie) :** Book Natalia for Jan 27th at a cost of \$400 . Passed by consensus.
- Tim's talk on procrastination for end of February (24th) .
- Seeking out a speaker on concussion. For end of March (30th) .
- Looking for volunteers to help with speaker evenings.

Grade 8 Grad

- Amy Durant taking the lead.

Arts Festival : Donna Christie

- Ag Hall is not available for usual weekend. Tentatively booked for April 22nd/23rd but plan to change as Farmers market wont have started.

Tech/Lunch Program: Debbie Millar

- Schedule 2 for lunches opens in January.

Xmas Bazaar : Heidi

- Has made a binder with details. Job descriptions & plans of what needs to be done.
- Asking for more volunteers!
- Asking for more donations and items of value for the raffle. Also need baked goods.
- Put a post on HCA facebook page to reach past parents who might like to volunteer.
- 5 High school students signed up to help.

New Business:

- Need more volunteers! January 26th 2016 at 6:30pm is Parents Info night. Need a parent council table to recruit more volunteers. All Council members to help if available.
Debbie to send out new posts (staggered) from the website calling for volunteers for Bazaar, Speaker Series, lunch program.
- Facebook : would like to do something .. Jay to look into it.
- Xmas Baskets: potentially 3-5 families. Jen James has offered to buy gifts.
Motion (Jo-Anne & Mark) : \$125 per family & \$25 per child. Passed by consensus.

Next meeting: February 3rd, 2016, at 7pm in the school library.

Motion to adjourn : Debbie & Jo-Anne