

## Huntley Centennial Parents Council

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016

### **Attendance:**

Deanna Wainwright Debbie Millar Mark Tymowski Tim Pychyl Martin Pieroni Jay Blauer Colleen Irvin  
Ginette Taylor Heather Adeney Donna Coutts Janet Howse Mandy Eustace Lisa Murphy  
Debbie Heuchert Creann Pieroni Sarah Smith

### **Meeting called to order 7:06pm**

**Agenda Approved:** in advance, by email

**November Minutes Approved:** in advance, by email

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

- **Investments:** best option is GIC. Market linked 2.5-28% interest depending on term (2-5yrs) and market value. Currently earning 0% interest. \$24500 for greening project available for investment (provided principal is protected).

### **Treasurers Report: Lisa**

- Currently \$1436.64 available to Parent Council.

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

- Thank everyone for attending evening volunteer tea.
- Getting ready for kinder registration. Last full week of January for those born 2013.
- Public health sending out notices for incomplete immunizations
- Working at math learning. Focusing on using effective descriptive feedback. Also, developing resilience.
- School is filled with charitable works; selling bracelets for WE villages, handing out flyers for Carp Xmas food drive, snowsuit drive, selling cookies for toy mountain, collecting gifts for Chrysalis house
- Thanks to everyone working at the Xmas bazaar
- Have a wonderful holiday!

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

#### Sports

- **Sports:** Volleyball for intermediate students; Bordenball for Junior students; and Junior students are engaged in intramurals
- **Clubs:** Leadership Council; Character Crew; Lunch and Bus Monitors; Dragonflies; Yearbook Committee; Opportunity club for intermediate students; Media Crew for intermediate students; Instrumental Group; Jam Club; WE Team
- **Field Trips:** Grade one EFI students visited the Museum of History; WE Day was attended by the intermediate student of the We Team on Nov.3; Grade 8 students will participate in orientation at West Carleton S.S. on Dec. 8; and Junior Girls/Boys Bordenball tournaments will be held next week at Confederation S.S.
- **Awesome Social Awareness and Community Involvement:** Rafiki bracelets were sold to raise money for our WE village in Haiti; Huntley is collecting gifts for families staying at Chrysalis House from Dec. 5-16; and on Dec. 2 the junior students handed out fliers for a food drive.
- **Special Events:** Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov. 11 and Scholastic Book Fair was held from Nov. 15-18.
- **Cultural Arts Performances:** Luv2Groove will be here on Nov. 14 for the primary students; Jennifer Cayley visited for grades 3-6 on Nov. 22; Yaki performed for our kindergarten students on Nov. 22; and a play based on Aesop's Fables was presented to grade 1-5 students on Nov. 7.

Thank you so much for your support.

### **VP: Jay Blauer**

- Took a group of students to Sir Guy Carleton High school. Many unique programs.
- **Jnr intramurals run by Mr Ready:** Jnr students identified a higher level of bullying so targeting initiatives for them. Scavenger hunt based on points scored for good behaviour and team building as much as end results. Also supports those students who try out but never make a team.

**OCASC: Mark**

- Complaints resolution policy – new framework through OCDSB. Process for raising a complaint and escalating appropriately. Details at OCDSB.ca.
- Elementary school program framework- looking to do consultations and get as much feedback as possible. Online web-form to provide feedback and more details at OCDSB.ca.
- When there are school activities at night is there an age limit for students who can attend without a parent? Is there a minimum age for older siblings to bring younger siblings? Do we have a policy?

**Arts Festival: Heather**

- Planning to provide baked cookies rather than buying them this year.

**Grade 8 Grad:**

- Thank you to Jen Sparks who has volunteered to Chair the committee (again!). Potentially, 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to be Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**Xmas Bazaar: Anita**

- All organized. As always, last call for volunteers and donations.

**Donation Campaign: Heather**

- \$9017.30 in school bank accounts for donations.
- Spare helmets (approved CSA child & adult sized) needed for skating field trips as no one is allowed on the ice without a helmet. HCA outdoor rink had hockey exchange. Lots of equipment left and will seek donations from school community

**Motion (Creann & Lisa):** Approve purchase of up to 10 helmets (depending on how many are donated). Passed by consensus.

**New Business**

- **Lunch program:** please remind students that pizza or subs left in the box in the classroom are not available for anyone to help themselves.
- **Parent Involvement Grant:** we've received \$500 to improve parent involvement. Mark to seek input from OCASC. Janet suggested weekly coffee/donuts for morning drop offs.
- **City Builders award:** Well done to Debbie H for being recognised for her volunteering. She received City Builders award from the mayor!

Next meeting: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7pm in the school library.

**Motion to adjourn (Sarah & Deanna).**