

## Huntley Centennial Parents Council

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015

### **Attendance:**

Dan Oliver Jo-Anne Graham Lisa Murphy Debbie Heuchert Ian Richardson Mandy Eustace  
Jay Blauer Colleen Irvin Mark Tymowski Donna Christie Donna Coutts  
Sue Grant Carol-Lynn Fifield Sarah Smith

**Regrets:** Jennifer James, Debbie Millar, Tim Pychyl

**Meeting called to order 7:07pm**

**Agenda Approved:** Mark & Ian

**December Minutes Approved:** Sue & Debbie

### **O/A Items: Jo-Anne**

- Penneys: waiting on revenues from lunch program before making purchase. Dark green, mixed sizes. 75\*\$8 + HST = \$678
- Intramural sports: Floor hockey for Jnrs started today. Others on Tuesday/Thursdays.
- Muffin Mondays : volunteers needed. Jo-Anne to post message on the PC website.

### **Treasurers Report : Lisa**

- \$7k available. On-going commitments - \$10k to tech and \$1500 to arts
- Sign up for lunch program down by almost half. Today was last pizza and next week is last sub day for first session. Next session starts Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. Concern that parents assume the September order was for the year, so students will be coming to school expecting lunches that have not been re-ordered. Paper reminder to go home tomorrow and ask teachers to email reminders. Deadline extended from Feb 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> to allow for late orders. Suppliers need min 1 week notice.  
Consider doing one order next year, but allow parents to pay by cheque in 2 installments.

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

- Staffing changes: new Gr4 English teacher in Mme Laughtons class. Interviewing for replacement for Amanda Zeyl to cover her maternity leave
- Transfer cap at 0
- On target with budget. \$63k spent
- Epsom Brightlink ordered for library, (due to be installed Feb 13<sup>th</sup>) and for Kerry Chicks classroom. Smartboard from Kerry Chicks class to be moved to Mme MacDonalds portable.
- Additional Chromebooks have arrived for Gr7/8 classes.
- Math Initiatives: at staff meeting this week, staff worked together on math problem involving fractions. Also watched a video (recommended by Tim Pychyl) concerning technology, what's the next best thing, how its used
- Assembly: Feb 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm on Unity and Black history month. All welcome.

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

- Saidat: All school (by division) anti-bullying assembly very well received
- Tell it for Me Survey: preparing for this years survey
- Every Voice: OCDSB survey, round 1 received 68 pages of comments. Round 2 involved assigning stars to comments. Now collating data and lessons learned.

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

Assemblies:

- Conflict resolution for grade 7 and 8 students on December 2
- Anti-bullying assembly and dance workshop for the whole school on January 26
- School spirit assembly to introduce 'teamwork' as the character quality that is our focus for January
- K-3 students viewed a puppet show by the performers Rock the Arts on January 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Masabo East African Drumming on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### Field Trips:

- Grade 8 students went to West Carleton H. S. for orientation on December 12 and then returned on January 27 to select their courses.
- Grade 5 students saw Beethoven Lives Upstairs at N.A.C.
- Grade 5 students tour of Parliament buildings and skating on Rink Of Dreams.
- Grade 1-8 students have been walking to W.E. Johnson to skate.
- Grade 7 students visited the War Museum.
- On Dec. 14 our grade 4 students went to the N.A.C. to see The Nutcracker.

#### Sports:

- Volleyball for intermediate students in December
- Bordenball for junior students in December
- Basketball for Intermediate students
- Ski trips for junior and Intermediate Students
- Soccer-dodge basketball for junior students ( intramural activity on Tuesdays and Thursdays)
- Floor hockey for junior students (intramural activity on Tuesdays and Thursdays)

#### Arts

- New Spark for grade 6 students.
- Primary Choir
- Soundwaves for junior students
- Musical for intermediate students
- Drumming Circle
- Instrumental Group

#### Clubs

- Dragonflies:
  - Recycling
  - Turn Off Tuesdays – classroom lights turned off during Tuesday nutrition breaks
  - Turn Off Tech
  - EcoSchools survey
- Chess Club

#### **Arts Festival Committee : Donna Christie**

Meeting on Monday. Mandy has agreed to be Council rep. Hall etc booked.

#### **Gr8 Grad Committee: Sue**

Bottle drive raised \$920. Thank you!

Next meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm at Alice's.

Ag Hall booked and DJ provisionally booked. Jo-Anne & Colleen suggested alternative DJ's if necessary.

#### **Speaker Series: Jo-Anne for Tim**

Planning to have 2 speakers present on one evening in April. Topics tbd, based on availability of speakers.

Tim will be giving a talk to Gr7 & 8 on procrastination.

#### **Play structure: Jo-Anne**

Have now found out that the original expiration date related to the old kindergarten play structure. The current structure in the main yard is good till 2023.

Need to find volunteers from the community and staff to assemble a 'Green Team', to fill roles for design and fundraising teams.

**Tech Committee:**

Need to meet to work on improving communications. There are still many parents who have not subscribed to the Council website.

Jo-Anne & Sarah volunteered to produce a 'Parent Council Welcome package' to be included in the Kindergarten package, to provide information about Parent Council to new parents.

New school website soon to be launched along with Facebook and Twitter.

**OCASC: Mark**

- 'Kids on the Block': disability awareness and anti-bullying presentation for K-Gr3.  
Donna Christie confirmed that they had been to the school before, however they try and bring in different acts each year so students are less likely to have seen them before.
- Speaker Series: Garfield Gini-Newman, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Farley Mowat Public School.
- Presentation on internet security & apps in school & best practices. Highlighted the lack of guidelines/policy from OCDSB. Also, security of Google docs, privacy of students work and how students are communicating using tech in schools. OCDSB Rep to take concerns back to the board.
- Searching for repository for rules on record keeping, banking, money usage for school councils.
- CHEO Panel on eating disorders. Feb 19<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm at Sir Robert Borden HS
- Wellness Fair: how fitness impacts kids ability to learn. Request for OCDSB to provide rules about the duration of Phys Ed to educational instruction time. Ratio varies
- Chalk It Up: some grocery schools will donate items for a school food basket.  
Colleen purchases (using school funds) 2 bags of apples every 2 weeks. These are available, in the office, to any student in the school, along with non-perishable supplies in the food cupboard. Colleen will approach Sobeys to ask if they would consider a donation.

**New Business: Jo-Anne**

- Mazzola lunches: not all dishes meet OCDSB nutritional guidelines. Offending items have been withdrawn from the most recent order form.  
Planning a trial of Booster juice (wraps & smoothie) for May & June.
- Yoga & Tea Fundwellness: Mothers Day fundraiser. 10% of all passes sold goes to the parent council.

Next meeting: March 4<sup>th</sup> 2015, at 7pm in the school library.

**Motion to adjourn: Sue & Mark**