

Huntley Centennial Parents Council
Wednesday 3rd February, 2016

Attendance:

Debbie Millar Tim Pychyl Mark Tymowski Colleen Irvin Donna Christie Donna Coutts
Debbie McQueen Mandy Eustace Jo-Anne Graham Sarah Smith

Apologies : Jay Blauer

Meeting called to order: 7.05pm

Agenda Approved: Tim & Mark

December Minutes Approved: Debbie McQueen & Tim

O/A Items:

- Crossing Guard: still trying to get approval to improve safety for students crossing in front of the school from Medical centre. Someone will be coming to watch & review
- Trees: Application to City due June 1st.

Treasurers Report : Lisa

- \$13185 in the bank.
- Still have outstanding bills. Still not been invoiced by Booster Juice (Approx \$10k).
- \$4135 made at the Xmas bazaar. \$3228.80 profit. Thank you to all who helped.
- Considering soliciting donations in Aug for back to school bbq in September.

Principals Report : Colleen Irvin

- Staffing changes : Mrs Fallak been replaced by Miss Thomas. Ms Boyer off for medical reason - Ms Maloney covering sick leave. New member of staff, Ms Fabero off for personal reasons & Ms Barrington who is an experienced EFI teacher is covering. Julie Miller retired. Hired Melissa Dean who is currently at Alta Vista. Joining on Monday. Toby Jones now back.
- Really successful Kindergarten info night. Thx Tim for speaking up council! 20 applications returned so far. 10 havent yet returned forms.
- Bench out front looks beautiful. Hoping to figure out a way to get a red maple planted behind the bench.
- Discussion with trustees about EFI changes. Follow updates on board website.
- Started school learning plan. Have a shorter time so scaled back. Focused on questioning (by staff & students). Will have school wide question day (for Kinders to Gr8).

Teachers Report : Donna Coutts

Assemblies:

- Saidat performed for primary and junior students on Jan. 7
- The primary students enjoyed a presentation by Rock the Arts. Theme was Earth Care.
- Our spirit day was January 21. The theme was Rainbow Colour Day for diversity & celebrating uniqueness.
- On January 21 the whole school attended an assembly prepared by the Character Crew. The assembly was named "Making an Impact" and the purpose was to introduce their goal for this year which is to raise funds for the Ashuro Region of Tanzania. It is part of the Adopt a Village Program which is part of Free the Children.

Sports:

- Intramural sports for junior students
- Intermediate students are participating in intramural bordenball.
- Volleyball for junior boys and girls.
- Basketball for intermediate boys and girls.

Field Trips:

- Skating for all classes at W. Erskine Johnston Arena in Carp.

Arts:

- Soundwave for junior students
- Musical for intermediate students
- Instrumental group
- Primary Choir
- Drum circle

Clubs:

- Ms. Heath's Instrumental Group
- Leadership Council
- Character Crew
- Spirit Committee
- Lunch and Bus Monitors
- Dragonflies
- Yearbook Committee

Special Events:

- Kindergarten Information Night was held on Tues. Jan. 26.
- The speaker series on procrastination was AWESOME.
- Many classes have participated in workshops presented by Scientists in the School.
- The Character Crew has organized a coin drive for the Ashuro Region of Tanzania. This will culminate in a student/staff challenge. Several staff members have volunteered to be part of the team. Students bring in their coins and use them to select the teachers they would like to see of the staff's team.
- The Grad Committee is selling popcorn.
- Preparations for the Arts Festival are underway. This will take place here at Huntley during Education Week.

Upcoming Events:

- Intermediate ski trip on Feb. 4 and Feb. 25
- Junior ski trips on Feb. 9 and 17
- Intermediate dance for Valentine's Day on Feb. 11.
- On Feb. 11 our spirit theme will be red, pink, and white "Have a Heart" Day.
- On Feb. 19 Primary, Junior & Int students will enjoy a visit from an Arctic explorer, John Dunn.
- Junior students will learn how to play tippie ball.
- Intermediate students will participate in character sessions with Jennifer Laale.
- Feb. 23 will be Toonie Tuesday-Pyjama Day. Money will be donated to the Education Foundation. Mrs. Merrill will be organizing this.

OCASC : Mark

- Nothing to report.

Speaker Series : Tim

- Natalia McPhedran (author). Speaking on "4 ways to keep your kids in check on social media". \$400. Scheduled Feb 24th 2016. Really need to advertise more to reach parents.
- Cancel March 30th speaker on concussion due to low attendance.
- Sadly, no plans to continue to put on speakers as lack of support from parents.

Grade 8 Grad

- Next meeting of Grad Committee on Feb 10th, 7pm in the school library.

- Popcorn fundraiser already going well. Sold around 2000 bags for the first 5 weeks.
- Bottle Drive planned for Saturday 20th February. Drop off at the school all morning.

Arts Festival: Donna Christie

- Unfortunately the AG Hall is fully booked. Planning to hold it at the school on Friday 6th May.
- Will have the stands in hallways with art work from every child and performances in the gym.
- Mandy Eustace has volunteered to be Parent Council Rep.

Tech/Lunch Program: Debbie Millar

- Orders coming in and going well.
- Reminder: no lunches or refunds for snow days, as food is not delivered.
- Donate button added to website and hot lunches site. There have been donations. Thank you!

New Business:

- Scientists in the School: parent concern about being asked to pay when topic was required for curriculum but not being covered by teacher.
Scientists in School are brought in to enhance curriculum. No students are excluded. If parents haven't paid the school covers any shortfall.
- Muffin Mondays: Jo McGillavry offered to coordinate again. Thank you Jo! Once a month for March, April, May & June. Looking for volunteer bakers - please contact parentcouncil@huntleycentennial.org.
- Spring BBQ: a lot of disappointment that the Fall bbq didn't happen. Plan now to hold it night of Arts Festival (Friday 6th May). Mark, Tim & Debbie all happy to volunteer.
- Snow removal: custodian would potentially benefit from a commercial type Compact Crawler Tractor. \$6K US. Need to list the pros/cons in order to justify expenditure.
- Next year Parent Council: Jo-Anne will sadly be stepping down after 4 years. Need to put an 'all-call' out to build more support and new parent involvement.

Next meeting: March 2nd 2016, at 7pm in the school library.

Motion to adjourn : Lisa & Sarah