

## Huntley Centennial Parents Council

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### **Attendance:**

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

**Apologies:** Debbie Heuchert Mandy Eustace

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

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

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

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

- **Thank yous:** to Anita and the Xmas bazaar team and parent volunteers. The bazaar raised an amazing \$4145.14! Also thank you to Jo McGillavry & Shelley McCormick and parent volunteers for the Xmas Staff Appreciation lunch. It was very much appreciated!
- **Helmets/skates:** 4 new helmets bought and 5 pairs of skates donated.
- **Parent Involvement Grant:** Suggestions for ways to spend money: provide Scientists in Schools for an evening (it would cost a little more than the \$500 grant. Openings 4<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> April ); Translation services if families need it; babysitting services for school events and council meetings; parent breakfast or dinner at school and/or movie night; licence for software (eg survey monkey, e-books); family fitness night; family math night;  
**Motion (Mark & Lisa):** Run a "Scientists in School" program. Passed by consensus.
- **Rain Barrels:** Mark volunteered to organise the fundraiser. Aiming for the week of Earth Day (Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April). Mark will check if a Saturday delivery would be possible.

### **Treasurers Report: Lisa**

- Currently breaking even. Still waiting on Booster Juice invoice so hard to predict available funds.
- Lunch orders significantly down on previous sessions – approx \$9000. Deadline not until Friday. Debbie to send another email reminder to parents.

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

- Staffing changes – mentioned in January newsletter.
- Had very low enrolment for kindergarten - only 15 JK registrations so far. Often get many more before September. 41 senior kindergartens for next year. Transfer cap is 0. 67 Gr8 graduating this year.
- Budget on target. Anticipate finishing on target. 46% spent so far.
- Report Cards delayed till Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Working on school learning plan – specifically on number talks and new classroom strategies.
- Intermediate wish list: Polaroid Zip Instant Photo Printer. Pocket sized. Want to use it for photo booth at the coffee house. \$177. Paper is \$32 for 50 sheets. Total \$300.  
Also, National Geographic Global Issues. Looking for 6 packs of text. \$540.90  
**Motion (Sarah & Lisa):** Purchase Polaroid Printer and National Geographic Global Issues. Passed by consensus.

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

Thank you very much for Staff Appreciation luncheon. Very much appreciated!

### **Sports**

- Basketball and bordenball for intermediate students
- Junior students are engaged in intramurals (cooperative games)
- Volleyball and Triple ball for junior students as well

### **Clubs**

- Lunch and Bus Monitors
- Dragonflies - goal is to reduce the amount of paper used by the school. Working hard on recycling
- WE Team, Yearbook Committee, Opportunity club & Media Crew for intermediate students

- Instrumental Group, Jam Club, Primary Choir & Ukulele Club

#### **Field Trips**

- Skating at W. Erskine Johnston Arena.
- Ski trips for junior and intermediate students are pending.

#### **Awesome Social Awareness and Community Involvement**

- Coffee House will take place on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Special Events**

- Hair Day was celebrated on Jan.27
- Preparations are underway for this year's musical.
- Valentine's Day Parties/Celebrations & Dance for intermediate students
- Day of Silence for Intermediate students on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Our grade 3 students have been participating in Swim to Survive.

#### **Cultural Arts Performances**

- On Jan 26 Rag & Bone Puppet Theatre performed The Flying Canoe
- The Celtic Rathskallions will visit Huntley on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>

#### **VP: Jay**

- Thank you for purchasing hockey helmets
- Re-introducing WITS on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>(Red/White/Pink day) for youngest students.
- Lego Club proving very popular. Limiting to a small group for now.
- Kindergarten helpers also very popular!
- Snowsuit Drive: Letter from the Principal at RE Wilson thanking everyone. Approx 20 large bags of donated items.
- WE Team made a video to ask for donations for silent auction for the coffee house. Needing gift vouchers, etc. Debbie to send email to parents.

#### **OCASC: Mark**

- Discussions mostly on High School Issues. Nothing specifically relevant to Elementary school age.

#### **Grade 8 Grad:**

- Popcorn starting soon!
- Meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the arena
- Bottle Drive April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Considering doing a car wash

#### **New Business**

- **Looking ahead:** Creann will not be in the school next year so we will definitely be looking for nominations for Chair.
- **Muffin Mondays:** Jo is not available to do one in March. 24<sup>th</sup> April will be the next possible date.
- **Mazzola:** concerns that it doesn't meet nutritional requirements. Investigate other options – The Lunch Lady & Mummies Yummies.

Next meeting: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 at 7pm in the school library.

#### **Motion to adjourn (Tim & Janet).**

**Addendum Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February:** Traditionally parent council donates a portion of the proceeds from milk sales to the grad committee (last year this amounted to \$1607.70).

Email motion from Creann to request the same donation: Approved (NB Creann, Mark 7 Lisa all abstained from voting as they have a conflict of interest having children in Gr8).