

## Huntley Centennial Public School Parent Council

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014

### **Attendance:**

Dan Oliver Jo-Anne Graham Colleen Irvin Sue Grant Karen Parker Zander Debbie Millar  
Donna Christie Donna Coutts Tim Pychyl Mark Tymowski Natasha Magar Sarah Smith Amy Durrant  
Regrets from Jennifer James

### **Meeting called to order 7:10pm**

**Agenda Approved:** Sarah & Debbie

**May Minutes Approved:** Sue & Mark

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

- Freezies : some confusion over Track & Field. Freezies were supplied by Gr8 Grad and sold to students. Council will provide a free freezie for every child for the outdoor fun day/kindergarten bubble day. Ideally, to avoid confusion, a rep from Gr8 Grad committee to attend council meetings.
- Constitution: has been updated. Reviewed and approved by vote each year.  
**Motion (Jo-Anne & Sue):** approve updated constitution. All in favour.
- Microscopes: Still waiting to hear back from Jim to find out exactly what was on offer.
- Mabels Labels: only 2 purchases. Debbie will arrange for a note to go in the June newsletter.
- Lunch Program: Debbie Heuchert will be taking over as coordinator. Online ordering will be available from September (paper orders by cheque still available as well). PayPal adds a 3% charge on all orders. Still looking into Sobey's providing salads as Browns salads have been smaller this year and have not always been consistent (dressing should be low fat to meet OCDSB nutritional guidelines, however this is not always what is provided).
- Parking: the parking lot is being repaved over the summer. Some minor changes as well to improve bike racks and regarding to improve drainage.  
Also, from September speeding fines will be doubled along Langstaff.
- Fundrazr: donation campaign to be organised and ready to start in October. Fundraising Committee set up = Sue, Debbie Bradley, Sarah & Amy. Will need to have something ready for approval at the September council meeting.
- JK Parents Open House: Mon 16<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm. Sarah & Sue volunteered to attend to speak with parents to raise awareness of parent council. Sue will organise a plastic banner with Huntley Centennial P.S. Parent Council on it.

### **Treasurers Report : Amy**

- Teachers Lunch: cost \$692, with free chips included from Alice's. \$300 received in parent donations.
- Garden Club expenses: \$400 for tools, bulbs, mulch.
- E-Waste & Mazola cheques still to come.
- Sporting Equipment: spent \$2900. \$1500 still budgeted but not yet spent.
- \$8300 to carry over earmarked for the play structure.

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

- Thanks so much for the beautiful lunch that you and our community provided for staff on Friday. It was raved about by all! You go above and beyond and we are truly thankful.
- Thanks also for all your financial support and your help with all our Spring Events – such as track and field, sports and field trips and all the end of year events coming up.

- There are many exciting events happening, including our Gr 7's have their annual trip to Old Fort Henry in Kingston this week, our Gr 6's went to a Carleton University sports and activity day, our Gr 8's left this morning for their 3 day trip to Quebec City, and we are busy preparing for our Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony on Wednesday, June 25.
- We have had many visitors to our school and staff and students speaking about our technology pilot. Tomorrow we have a Superintendent and a member of Curriculum Services Canada flying in from Toronto to talk to us about it. We are thrilled to share our successes and next steps.
- Our staffing is still not finalized at present – and we have not yet completed the hiring process which may take several more weeks to complete. Updates will be in the newsletter which will come out at the start of next week.
- We are on track with our budget and expect to finish with a slight surplus. I will be able to spend more on the school in the fall when I see our final carry forward.
- We have finished our rounds of PD on Proportional Reasoning. We look forward to seeing our EQAO results to see if a difference can already be noted in our students' results. We will set our SIP goal for next year in the fall.
- We can't thank you enough for all that you do...thank you again and have a wonderful summer with your family.
- Sad news about the tragic accident in the Aubichon family. Memorial to be held on Friday. Asking for donations to be made at Scotia Bank in Carp to an education fund for the boys. \$100 donation being sent from the school & \$100 from Parent Council. Also Parent Council to send \$150 Walmart voucher to the family who are currently unable to return to their home due to fire damage.  
School-wide fundraiser to raise money & awareness of the importance of smoke & carbon monoxide detectors. Mr B has volunteered to shave off his beard to raise money.

#### **Teachers Report : Donna Christie**

- Thank you for the lovely luncheon on June 6<sup>th</sup>
- Arts Committee brought in Almonte Dance Academy who performed their Dance Showcase for the whole school on June 10<sup>th</sup>
- Various field trips (Gr. 3/4/5 to Bill Mason Centre, Kindergarten farm trip, Gr. 7 to Fort Henry, Gr. 4 to Museum of Nature)
- Miss Heath directed her Junior Band in a concert on June 5<sup>th</sup>
- Grade 3's and 6's did the EQAO tests
- The Junior/Intermediate Track Meet was held on May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Kindergarten and Gr. 1 classes released their butterflies at the end of the month
- Garden club, Soundwave, Drum Circle continue
- The Volunteer Tea was held June 2<sup>nd</sup> after school in the library
- Gr 5 & 6 students held their Wax Museum Event June 11<sup>th</sup>
- JK to Grade 2 had dental screening

#### **Upcoming Plans for the rest of June:**

- The Regional Track Meet will be held at the Earle of March H.S. on June 12<sup>th</sup>
- Kindergarten Spring Concerts will be held June 13<sup>th</sup>
- The Grade 8 Grad Trip to Quebec City will be June 11 – 13
- Grade 6/7 transition day will be June 19<sup>th</sup>
- The Intermediate Dance will be June 20<sup>th</sup>
- The Grade ¾ Urban Buddy B-B-Q will be also on June 20<sup>th</sup>
- Kindergarten Bubble Day is June 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Play Day will be on June 24<sup>th</sup>
- Grade 8 Graduation will be June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Ag Hall
- Report Cards go home on the 25<sup>th</sup>
- Final Assembly will be June 26<sup>th</sup>
- Spirit Day will be on June 26<sup>th</sup> and will be Canada Day (wear red/white &/or flags)

- Friday, June 27 is the last day of school  
Happy Summer, it's been a pleasure working with you and your children

Looking forward already to performances for next school year. Many need to be booked early to get better rates and ensure dates.

**Motion (Sue & Sarah):** approve \$4K to be made available for Arts performances for next year. Passed by consensus.

If any parents or teachers have suggestions for other science/math/geography/social studies based workshops, then please bring them to the attention of Council.

#### **E-waste Fundraiser : Mark**

Filled 2 dumpsters. Funds will be sent directly to the school, so don't have a final figure yet. Suggested that this should be held every second year. Thanks to Mark for organising this again.

#### **New Business**

Sue - OCDSB Budget: Amount allocated to new play structures had been increased to \$1M, allowing \$25-\$35K per project. This has now been reduced to \$300K, with the board funding 12 projects of up to \$25K per year. There are currently 131 such projects coming up.

For a new play structure, looking at around \$80K (\$30-\$40K for structure, rest for removal, ground prep & installation).

Debbie – Youth Writing Contest : provided details of a Youth Writing contest for kids 7-14yrs. Winners receive \$50 certificate. Deadline July 13<sup>th</sup>. Details added to school council website and provided to teachers.

Musical Instruments: currently have drums, recorders & ukuleles, and have a music grant that covers repairs. Is there a need for more instruments? Colleen to ask at September staff meeting.

Sue - Back gate year round access: bike racks are needed at back gate (approx 8-10 bikes are regularly left there ). Also, it would be desirable to make this access point available year round. Colleen to talk with Sean.

Jo-Anne - Council Banking: Board requires a declaration of banking procedures. Council agreed to continue as is, with Council maintaining accounts and records. Amy is happy to continue as treasurer for next year unless anyone else comes forward (thank you Amy!).

Dan - Pinneys need washing: none of the new sports pinneys have been washed. Tim volunteered to wash them all. Thanks Tim!

Dan – Portable soccer nets: seen during Gr6 field trip to Carleton Uni. Not suitable as we dont have any storage area for outdoor equipment. Look into smaller nets/mini fields again, possibly sideways on septic area.

Dan – Litterless Lunches : unpopular with some parents. Colleen suggested that any parents with concerns should contact her, and she can go into classrooms to help students to better manage this. The school is required to track how much waste is generated, and to consider ways to reduce waste.

Jo-Anne – retirement card & gift for Margaret Neamtz: Council agreed to provide a \$100 Chapters giftcard and also a card for all Council members to sign to show our appreciation.

Jo-Anne – Back to School BBQ: to be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Volunteers needed. Mark & Tim volunteered to coordinate. First council meeting to be held week before not after the BBQ as in past years, in the hope that it makes it easier for parents to attend both activities.

Next meeting : Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, at 7pm in the school library, focusing on elections & fundraising.

**Motion to adjourn : Amy & Sue**