

Huntley Centennial Public School Parent Council

Wednesday 14th May 2014

Attendance:

Dan Oliver Jo-Anne Graham Jennifer James Stacy Tzavelas Debbie Millar

Jay Blauer Colleen Irvin Sue Grant Karen Parker Zander Donna Christie Donna Coutts

Tim Pychyl Mark Tymowski Deborah Bradley Sarah Smith

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

Agenda Approved: Jen & Mark

Amended April Minutes Approved: Jen & Mark

O/A Items:

- Microscopes: Jim McKaig has found 4 microscopes. It might be free although council would be willing to pay a minimal amount for them. Waiting to hear back from Jim to find out exactly what was on offer.
- E-Waste: No longer provided by Waste Management. Now run by Ontario Electronic Stewardship <http://www.ontarioelectronicstewardship.ca/>.
Mark has booked an e-waste drop off on Sunday 1st June from 9am to noon at the school. He will post flyers and signs and will also notify West Carleton Review. To find out what is accepted go to www.recycleyourelectronics.ca
- Parking: Jay spoke with OSTA – they have no jurisdiction, its covered by the City. Jay spoke with Sean, City rep, who will get it changed soon. Also suggestions about putting a STOP sign at the junction with Langstaff & the car park exit. It will need parent support to make changes. Also suggested flashing lights and signage during critical times (like St Isadores, for example).
- Jungle Sports: OCDSB will not endorse the program, although most other school boards do.
- Raz-Kids: Licence has been renewed. Currently have 8 kids registered. Sarah offered to raise visibility with all kindergarten teachers so they can inform parents.
IXL is similar math-based program. \$199 for class of 35 students. Not totally self-directed. Tried in Gr3 Mme Gaudets class. Looking for feedback from Gaudet with the possibility of setting up a trial class for the summer. IXL offers free 30 day trial.

Treasurers Report : Jo-Anne for Amy

\$13k remaining in the account. Last Mazolla cheque (approx \$325) and E-Waste fundraiser still to come.

All science equipment has been purchased and receipts have been received. Had budgeted \$1200 each for Jnr & Int. Spent \$1231.21 and \$1335.14 after tax.

Motion (Jo-Anne & Sarah) : Cover difference of \$166.35 for science purchases. Passed by consensus.

Donna Christie also mentioned that she will have a final performance and expenses from the Garden Club.

Principals Report : Colleen Irvin

- Thrilled to confirm that Colleen & Jay will both be returning next year.
- Thank you to all parent volunteers for their support. Muffin Monday was very much appreciated by all staff.

- Thanks so much for all your help with all our Spring Events – such as the school play, Arts Festival, Book Fair, sports and field trips and all the end of year events coming up.
- New Magnificent Math problem went really well. Involved proportional thinking using Jelly Beans
- Our staffing not finalized at present – we are in the second round of staffing both ECE and teaching positions with a couple more rounds to go before we have teachers in place. Class lists and teacher assignments will once again be available on the first day of school. Teaching staff numbers will be unchanged for next year. Currently have 598 students registered
- We will also be hiring a new Library Technician as Margaret Neamtz will be retiring at the end of this school year. We are very appreciative of all she has done for the school and know that she will love this next phase of life!
- We are on track with our budget and expect to finish with a slight surplus or on target with our allocated Operating Budget money as we finish the year.
- Hoping to purchase more technology: 1 more Epsom brightlink; Gr6,7,8 would like more Chromebooks (2 per room - \$310+tax each); Apple TV trial (\$109+tax)
Motion (Jo-Anne & Mark): allocate \$3K to technology (Colleen will match this). All in favour.

Teachers Report : Donna Christie

- Arts Committee brought in Masc performer: Autobiographical Story-teller, Kim Kirkpatrick. All Jnr & Int classes attended 2-class sessions in the library. Extremely positive feedback from all.
- Character assembly on resiliency was held on April 10th.
- Int held their “Vow of Silence Day” as part of their social justice studies.
- Many classes attended a spring water safety awareness workshop in the library on April 5th.
- Gr 4 & older participated in a board-wide survey.
- Gr 4 had Scientists in the School for a workshop on Sound.
- All Grade 3 classes were given 3 free swimming lessons at Britannia Pool sponsored by the City of Ottawa and Swim to Survive Program
- We acknowledged Earth Day with many individual class activities, wear green & blue day, and a school wide litter-less lunch week. Several classes shared natural resources for an earth art project.
- Grade 3 & 6 teachers had an in-school workshop in preparation for this year's EQAO testing (which will take place the last week of May).
- Mary Reynolds, a volunteer with the national Art Gallery, came in for an art appreciation session with all classes who signed up for this excellent opportunity.
- Spring school photos were taken on Apr. 24th
- Our Spirit Day was inside-out, upside-down, backwards day.
- School Musical : Alice in Wonderland. All students attended the dress rehearsal performance on April 29th. 2 performances on Thursday & Friday evening in Gym 1 went really well.
- Huntley Arts Festival at the AG Hall – thank you to everyone involved.
- Recess Ropers is a new Primary Students club that started up this month
- Jr. & Intermediate sports continue and we are doing well at all tournaments
- Primary Choir has started up
- 4 students represented Huntley at a reception Sun. Apr 28th as we were honoured as a “Champion School” by the Free the Children Foundation
- Our leaders at Huntley attended “We Day” on Mon. Apr. 29th
- We all wish to thank you most heartily for the new gym and recess equipment

Upcoming plans for May:

- May 15th : Crazy Hair Day
- Garden Club resumes on Thursday 15th May & continues till June 19th.
- Track and Field meet at the end of the month
- EQAO for Gr3 & Gr6 during the last week in May.
- Volunteer tea on Monday 2nd June after school in the library.

Vice-Principals Report : Jay Blauer

TTFM: has been completed and our completion rate was 90+%.

Soundwave: presented to the seniors at the Carp Memorial hall. Thank you to Marg Graff.

Tech at Huntley: proud to say that we are leaders in the board. The OCDSB is very pleased with the tech integration plan and the approach we have taken. Jay presented to Superintendents meeting on the success of Huntley. Members of staff & students gave feedback.

Next steps - BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) and what that really looks like

Agendas: orders will be placed in June

Christine Heath asked for freezies to be available for track & field. Jo-Anne offered to purchase from Costco.

Speaker Series : Tim

Series is complete. Videos will be made available online in the future.

Grade 8 Grad : Dan

Fundraising has exceeded their original goal.

Tech: Debbie Millar

Mucho Burrito : we will not be continuing with their lunch offering and it did not meet the nutritional requirements set by OCDSB

Subscribe : a Subscribe button has been added to the parent council website so that parents can choose to receive a notification sent to their email address whenever a new post is added.

Arts Festival : Sue

The festival went very well. Thank you to everyone involved. Unfortunately, Gr8's did not sell baked good as planned, so baked goods were donated instead. Coffee would have been a good idea for Saturday morning and donation tins would have allowed people to donate to parent council. Also, a sign to indicate refreshments were provided by Parent Council.

OCASC : Mark

Nominating committee, with ongoing elections. Mark has volunteered to help with communications (Twitter, Facebook) for OCASC.

"Tech in Schools" meeting. Mark spoke about technology used at Huntley.

BOYD (Bring Your Own Device) discussed.

New Business

Committee of the Whole: Sue

Board is proposing a budget restructuring concerning how play structures are funded. Proposing to increase funding to a max \$25K (up from \$7K). Socio- economic profile will be taken into account.

School Councils are viewed as fundraisers only. True purpose is to look after student well-being.

Looking for \$80-\$100K to build a new play structure at Huntley. Approx \$10K earmarked from this years fundraising.

Staff Appreciation: June 6th is a PA day when teachers will be writing report cards. Discussed ideas for showing staff our appreciation. Proposed that we offer a catered lunch from staff. Sue offered to contact Alice's Cafe. Suggested \$10 a head for 50 staff. \$600 total budget. Agreed by consensus.

Constitution: all decisions can be made by concensus. Voting by Council members is only required when there is not a consensus. After much discussion, the following changes were agreed by consensus:

ARTICLE 3.

- 1.(d) Ingrid Hunt (HCA Chair) has agreed to be our community representative
- (f) remove student representative
7. Notice of council meetings will be posted on the Parent Council website
10. Remove altogether
9. & 11. A majority of the members shall be necessary to form a quorum
13. Membership on the council will terminate when a member has missed 2 consecutive meetings without prior notice to the chairperson
14. Membership to the council email list is maintained by the chairperson

ARTICLE 4.

1. Parent/guardian representative elections will take place at the commencement of each school year, during the annual meeting. Elections will be organized by the retiring Council and the school principal, with newly elected officials beginning their term immediately following the elections

ARTICLE 5.

3. It is the duty of the Chair to:
 - (h) maintain the Council contact list with members names, contact information and positions as applicable, amending as required throughout the school year.
5. It is the duty of the Secretary to:
 - (c) liaise with office administration to add pertinent items from the Council meetings to the school newsletter.
6. It is the duty of members at large to:
 - (b) attend the first Council meeting at the commencement of the school year and make commitment to attend the majority of the council meetings held throughout the school year.
7. Remove

Jo-Anne to update the Council Constitution to reflect changes.

Next meeting: Wednesday 11th June, at 7pm in the school library.

Motion to adjourn : Jo-Anne & Sarah