

## Huntley Centennial Parents Council

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017

### **Attendance:**

Deanna Wainwright Debbie Millar Jay Blauer Colleen Irvin Tim Pychyl  
Heather Adeney Donna Coutts Janet Howse Lisa Murphy Creann Pieroni Sarah Smith

### **Apologies:**

Debbie Heuchert Ginette Taylor Mark Tymowski

### **Meeting called to order 7:05pm**

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

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

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

- **Muffin Mondays:** Thank you to bakers and to Jo McGillavry. Great response. Enough for a second day.
- **Rain barrel fundraiser:** Sold 54 barrels & 8 tanks, as of Thursday. Barrels to arrive on Friday morning (5<sup>th</sup> May) to be stored at Outdoor Rink overnight. Distribution from 2pm-5pm on Saturday. Creann to arrange for a photograph for the West Carleton review.  
**Motion (Debbie & Lisa):** Profits from rain Barrel fundraiser (atleast \$600) to go towards Greening project. Passed by consensus.
- **Scientists in School:** Very successful! 90 children & families. Many who attended 1<sup>st</sup> workshop stayed & attended a second. Gr7 & 8 volunteers were very helpful.  
If we want to do it again next year it will cost \$1250 (this year was \$850). Will need to apply for PRO grant. For bigger schools can run as a 'marketplace' so presenters set up in the gym and can come at varying times, not a fixed schedule.  
**Motion (Lisa & Deanna):** Apply for Parent Involvement grant to help fund for next year. Passed by consensus.  
**Motion (Heather & Tim):** Parent Council to cover costs of drink provided. Passed by consensus.

### **Treasurers Report: Lisa**

- Currently \$8277.41 available to Parent Council.
- **Jerseys:** \$43 for standard jersey. \$52 for better quality. Looking for set of 40.  
**Motion (Deanna & Debbie):** Approve purchase of 40 jerseys to a max of \$2500. Passed by consensus.

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

- Thank you for Muffin Mondays and Scientists in Schools!
- Jay & Colleen both definitely returning next year.
- Lots of Spring events – report from Donna Coutts.
- Staffing still not finalised. Have no vacancies & no surplus teachers, despite enrollment slightly down. All contract teachers & ECE's returning. No news yet about EA's. Classroom teacher assignments available on first year of school. Hoping for a few more enrollments for JK.
- Still on track with budget. Hoping to finish the year under budget.
- The school does get an HST rebate. Bought sports equipment; new core french resources; new novel sets Gr7&8 book clubs; social studies resources; 5 new Chromebooks (to replace 5 laptops so they can be used with Lego Robotics sets for Gr7 & 8); supplemented \$1k given by Gr8 grads giving a water fountain as a legacy gift; Red maple tree to go out front by bench.
- Board lent a set of Google Expedition, so no need to purchase any right now.

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

- **Sports:** Basketball and bordenball for intermediate students; volleyball and triple ball for junior students; The primary and junior students enjoyed a tennis workshop; our junior girls participated in a basketball tournament; Our junior girls basketball competed in a tournament on April 25 and then on April 28.

- **Clubs:** Lunch and Bus Monitors; Dragonflies; Yearbook Committee; Opportunity club for intermediate students; Media Crew for intermediate students; Instrumental Group; Jam Club; WE Team; Ukulele Club; Garden Club
- **Field Trips:** he grade one students will be visiting Fulton's Pancake House.
- **Awesome Social Awareness and Community Involvement:** Primary students participated in an assembly to promote the WITS program on April 27; Earth hour was observed here on March 24; Our intermediate students will be participating in Earth Day Clean Up on April 21; Primary students also celebrated Earth Day on April; Intermediate students will take a vow of silence on Thursday April 13; The WE team has organized a cake walk for next Wed. May 10.
- **Special Events:** Preparations are underway for this year's musical on May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>; Day of Silence for Intermediate students on Feb. 22; Scientists in the School for grade two, four, and grade eight students; Peter Joynt visited on April 27 for grades 4-8. The topic is anti-bullying; Preparations for the Arts Festival; Dog buddies presentation for grade one students on April 2; There will be a cake walk on May 10.
- **Cultural Arts Performances:** Rhonda Doxtator instructed hoop dancing workshops for our junior students on April 18 and 19; Colores Andinos was here on April 26 to perform for the whole school.

*Thank you so much for your support!*

#### **VP: Jay**

- **Peter Joynt :** visited the school. Has a severe stutter when he talks normally, but can speak normally when he raps or sings. Message about being resilient & standing tall. And that if you are nice, people will help you and awesome things can happen.
- **School Survey:** Completely confidential. Any students who missed out will have a chance to complete the survey.

#### **Arts Festival: Heather**

- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at the school.
- Baking cookies to sell on the night. Will also provide drinks (juice boxes). 3-4 parents donating baked goods.
- Need more volunteers for book fair.
- Plan to have performances & visuals in gym 2.

#### **Grade 8 Grad: Creann for Jenn Sparks**

- Ordered a water fountain (with cooling system) as legacy gift to go in the intermediate wing.
- Bottle drive raised \$3800.
- Popcorn fundraiser going well. Over \$3200 profit.
- Milk: Grad fund will receive \$1294.40.

#### **New Business**

- **Freezies for Track & Field:** 300 freezies, cut in half. Need to be bought by 15<sup>th</sup> May to be frozen for 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Will need Parent Volunteers with coolers to help distribute.  
**Motion (Debbie & Creann):** Purchase freezies. Passed by consensus.
- **Raz Kids Subscription:**  
**Motion (Debbie & Tim):** Renew subscription. Passed by consensus.
- **Staff Appreciation Lunch:** Plan PA Day on June 9th. Approx 50 staff.  
**Motion (Creann & Debbie):** Provide staff lunch. Passed by consensus.
- **Any other business:** will be needing a new Chair & webmaster for Parent Council for next year.

Next meeting: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7pm in the school library.

**Motion to adjourn (Sarah & Deanna).**