

Huntley Centennial Parents Council

Wed. November 4, 2015

Attendance:

Lisa Murphy Mark Tymowski Joanne Graham Debbie Miller Beth Rohr Stacey Tzavelas Vicky Carrington Heather McRae Creann Pieroni Jay Blauer Colleen Irvin Madonna Oliver Melanie Brown Donna Christie Donna Coutts Debbie Heuchert

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

Opening Remarks: Jo-Anne Graham

Welcome everyone.

Agenda Approved: Debbie Miller and Debbie Heuchert

June Minutes Approved: Lisa & Mark

O/A Items:

- Arm bands: Arm bands have arrived. They are being kept in Jay's office. 225 for use on field trips.
- Music Stands: Decision made not to purchase music stands. No need for them right now. Cost was going to be \$408 + tax.
- Field lines: Lines have been painted on the field. \$400 was cost for last year. Motion put forward by Joanne to pay the same amount again this year. Seconded by Heather.
- Magazine Campaign: Creanne reported that \$4796 worth of magazines were sold this year.
- Lice Checks: Cancelled due to lack of volunteers. No current letters have been sent home. Plan to run a school wide check in January

Treasurers Report : Lisa

- Profits are down due to no BBQ and increase in amount paid to support students in the lunch program
- Current funds available are \$54 642. All vendor payments have yet to come out of this amount.
- Actual available (ball park) is \$14 000

Principals Report : Colleen Irvin

- Work to rule is over. Job well done to teachers who still went above and beyond despite the strike.
- Additional staff...a new 7/8 teacher has been added. Class sizes have decreased for these grades. New staff are: Tom Bennet (7/8 math, gym and spec ed), Karen Newfelt (arts and phys ed), Lisa Fabbro (given contract to teach core French for 7/8)
- Still awaiting direction from the board regarding interviews and report cards
- Book fair will be November 17th, 18th and 19th during the day only as library staff is still on work to rule.
- Remembrance Day Ceremony November 11th at 11am. All welcome.
- Huntely clothing will remain on sale until Friday. Online sales only.
- 20% of operating budget has been spent so far this year.
- Bench has been shipped. School is paying for it to be concreted into the ground. Plaque to be ordered still.

Teachers Report : Donna Christie

- Our primary and junior students enjoyed two original plays written and presented by students from West Carleton H.S.
- Football for intermediate boys and girls
- Soccer for junior girls and boys

- Intramural ball hockey for intermediate students
- Cross-country
- Athletics for intermediate students
- Football tournaments for intermediate students
- Soccer tournaments for junior students
- Cross –country races for junior and intermediate students
- Soundwave for junior students
- Musical for intermediate students
- Instrumental group
- Garden Club
- Leadership Council
- Character Crew
- Spirit Committee
- Lunch and Bus Monitors
- Dragonflies
- Yearbook Committee
- Character Crew members participated in Clean Up the Capital.
- Character Crew members also organized and ran the “We Scare Hunger” a food drive for the West Carleton Food Bank.
- The Spirit committee created a treasure hunt for all students.
- “Pumpkin Games” were organized by the leadership council.
- Bus Safety Awareness and Evacuation Drill on Nov. 11.
- Lockdown and fire drills.
- Halloween parties in homeroom classes and a dance for intermediate students.
- Orders for clothing, pictures, and magazines have been completed.
- Boys vs girls football game for intermediate students

VP Report : Jay Blauer

- PH Nurse is monitoring the morning drop off issue. She has made observations and will report back to the City. This may allow us to potentially apply for a new crossing guard at point of entry to the school parking lot. Parents can call 311 to initiate an investigation into a second crossing guard.
- Changes to the Health and Phys Ed curriculum. Phys Ed activities will now be grouped into teaching categories that will lead up to the actual sport. TGFU (Teach games for understanding)

OCASC: Mark

- Presentation on proposal to change EFI. Math to be taught in English is proposed. Feedback being gathered from the web forum will help impact the final decision. Parents are encouraged to go to the OCDSB website to give their feedback.
- Impact of new proposal on the school (coming into effect in Sept 2016) would be having to hire more French ECE’s.
- Dues of \$35 are due now.

Speaker Series: Beth for Tim Pychyl

- Tim to do a survey with Debbie Miller to see what people want to learn.
- Form a subcommittee to work on forming a budget and finding speakers (budget was \$400 in the past)
- Request by Colleen to add talks about concussions and Internet safety

Grade 8 Grad: Joanne

- Joanne spoke with Sandra Wallace regarding the binder. It is almost complete and ready to pass along.
- No chair for this committee yet.

Arts Festival: Donna Christie

- Date has been set for Mother's day weekend.

Christmas Bazarre: Madonna Oliver

- Looking for a few more people to help on committee
- Debbie Millar will send out an email asking for volunteers. Debbie Millar to set up a volunteer sign up page for the committee.

Arts Committee: Donna Christie

- \$1877 over budget for this year.
- Motion put forward by Joanne to cover the extra cost for the arts. Second by Debbie Miller. All in favour.

Tech Committee: Debbie Millar

- There is now an option on the Hot Lunches website for parents to donate to help pay for kids at our school who need lunches.

New Business

- Beth Rohr: Will there be a meet the teacher night? Colleen advised that we are still waiting on direction from the board on this.

Review and Approve the Constitution: Joanne Graham

- Motion to approve the constitution put forward by Joanne. Seconded by Mark. All in favour.

Next meeting: December 2, 2015 at 7pm. No meeting in January.

Motion to adjourn : Mark and Vicky