

Huntley Centennial Parents Council

Nov 2014

Attendance:

Lisa Murphy Debbie Millar Donna Christie Donna Coutts Jennifer James Jay Blauer Colleen Irvin
Mark Tymowski Deborah Bradley Dan Biggs Elena Koutsavakis Stacy Tzavelas Sue Grant
Carol-Lynn Fifield Mandy Eustace Dan Oliver Jo-Anne Graham Sarah Smith

Regrets: Debbie Heuchert

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

Agenda Approved: Sue & Mark

September Minutes Approved: Sue & Debbie M

O/A Items:

None

Treasurers Report : Lisa

PayPal has made the lunch & milk program payments much smoother.

\$750 donation kindly received from HCA.

Based on current budget, current year end profit \$2400.

Principals Report : Colleen Irvin

- Staff changes: SK EFI class has split, so Allie Bowie has moved from Gr1/2 class to the new SK class. Sarah Artell has joined the staff to take over the Gr1/2 class. Other new staff - Mr. Sirkissoon to Core French and Arts, Ms. Khoury as an ECE in JK, and Ms. Song as the new Library Technician
- Report cards go home on Nov 13th and will include interview times. Interviews on Thursday 20th & Friday 21st along with the Book Fair.
- Tuesday 11th November – Remembrance Day assembly. All welcome (at 11am?).
- Expenditures are on target. 20% of budget spent (budgetting 10% per month).
- 7 new Apple TV's, 2 Epsom Brightlink for Ms Chick's classroom & library.
- Memo dated Oct 31st concerning play structure funding. City will give \$7500 and board will match this (up to \$25000). City must approve grant first – must have \$8000 funds available before applying. City awards twice a year.

Presentation on EQAO results. Huntley students scored higher than Board and Province in 5 out of 6 areas. Results can be found online

<https://eqaoweb.eqao.com/eqaoweborgprofile/profile.aspx? Mident=5299&Lang=E>

As a result of examining this and other data, staff have decided to focus on multi-step questions and specifically multi-step, multi-strand questions in mathematics.

Also showed a TEDTalk video about Growth Mindset

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN34FNbOKXc>

Vice Principals Report : Jay Blauer

Presentation of Tell Them From Me survey results.

- WITS & LEADS (for Intermediates) Anti-Bullying programs have been launched.
- OSTA: Mandatory Bus Evacuation drill to be practiced at the end of school on Nov 12th.
- Lockdown: drill at end of week. Discussion about secure school/shelter-in-place/lockdown situations.
- City reviewed traffic during drop off/pick up times. Still big problem with students crossing Langstaff.
- School Clothing Order coming soon ...
- Hoping to repeat ski days for Jnrs (Pakenham) & Ints (Calabogie). Int feedback from last year was that the time spent at the hill was too short.

Teachers Report : Donna Christie

- Terry Fox Run was a big success. Raised \$5199.75
- Carp Fair : Grade 4 classes participated in Agricultural Awareness Day at the Fair. The whole school participated in the school projects competitions
- Arts Committee has the season finalized (copy attached). There are English & French, primary, Jr. & Int. level performances and some for whole school and a wide variety of genres from dance, drama, puppetry, drumming, NAC instrumental ensemble and spoken word poetry.
- Agricultural Hall booked for the Arts Festival this spring - Fri. May 8th and Sat. May 9th. A committee is being stuck for the Arts Festival in the spring. Require a representative from School Council.
- Chess club has begun as well as Soundwave, Drum Circle, New Spark, Junior Band, primary Choir and the Dragonflies club
- The Garden Club went up to the end of Oct. and will resume in spring.
- Jr. Boys & Girls soccer, cross country running club, and Intermediate Football has occurred and Bordan Ball has now begun.
- Canterbury H.S. information session was held
- Our school participated in the Clean up the Capital initiative
- Leadership Council took responsibility for the Scare Away Hunger food drive
- Marked fire prevention week & Waste Reduction Week
- School photos were taken on Oct. 16
- The Great Pumpkin Walk was held on Oct. 30
- Grade 7's received their Hepatitis inoculations

- Many field trips have occurred such as the Gr. 1's to Hidden Lake, Gr.Gr 3 & 4 to map Carp and visit the Public Library, Gr. 5 & 6 to the Ottawa Symphony Concert, Gr. 7 & 8 to YMCA.
- Halloween craft rotations happened for the Primary classes while the Intermediates had a dance
- Spirit Day: Costumes or Fall Colours

Upcoming:

- 7 & 8's to Diefenbunker
- Snowsuit Drive end of Nov. to Dec. 6
- Candy gram Sales Dec. 1 - 12
- Musical Auditions
- Love-to-Groove Dance Workshops for Gr. K to 6, Dec. 8 – 10
- Holiday craft rotations

OCASC Report : Mark Tymowski

- Transportation issues : no clear parent drop off/pick up area.
- Speaker – Dr Maggie Maman, Nov 6th from 7-9pm at Westwind PS, Stittesville.
- All events are listed on OCASC website & Facebook page.
- Principal Profiles were considered to be a waste of time as not referenced

Xmas Bazaar: planned for 12th December. Volunteers needed.

New Business

- Huntley Centennial Facebook page: Mark volunteered to help set up.
- School Pictures : parents not happy. Jay will call LifeTouch.
- Bus Monitors: Jay & Christine Heath are working hard to address any issues on buses.
- Cross Country : white pinneys are not ideal for muddy conditions. Jo-Anne to contact Jim McKaig about options for darker colours and variety of sizes.
- Int Water Fountain: (Sue) Students not happy with the water. It is the same water as all the other water fountains and is unlikely to be replaced in the near future.
- Archives: (Sue) on HCPS website includes a link to previous Principal's Award which needs removing. Need to ensure archives of all previous documents are being kept. Jo-Anne to look into this.
- Buddy bench: (Mark) recommended we consider purchasing a bench for the school

Next meeting: December 3rd, 2014, at 7pm in the school library.

Motion to adjourn : Sarah & Sue