

Huntley Centennial Parents Council

Wed. Oct 2/13

Attendance:

Deborah Bradley Mark Tymowski Dan Oliver Jo-Anne Graham Debbie Millar

Sue Grant Karen Parker Zander Tim Pychyl Amy Durant Sarah Smith Marg Graff

Marg Graff introduced 3 representatives from the Student Leadership Council, Nick Arnot, Cameron Green and Seanna Oliver. The students gave a short presentation to providing insight into the Student Leadership Council and their plans for this year. They ended by thanking the school council for all the funding they have provided for items such as playground equipment, sports jerseys and technology. They had made a fantastic Thank You banner, signed by all the students in the school.



Jo-Anne mentioned to the 3 representatives that there is a position open on the Parent Council for a student representative.

The meeting was an informal one, with no formal agenda. The purpose of the meeting was to form sub-committees and assign representatives to each sub-committee, reporting back to the council.

Jo-Anne has applied again for \$1000 from the PROfund. She has also set up the Parent Resource Area in the library. DVD's and books are now available for parents to borrow. The notice board also includes contact information for members of the Parent Council, latest meeting minutes and other information. Information is also available on the school website

School Safety was discussed in the light of recent events at D. Roy Kennedy Public School. Jo-Anne will check if the emergency telephone contact network will be set up again this year.

Numeracy: Tim Pychyl

The School Improvement Plan is aimed at numeracy this year.

Tim offered to contact colleagues who are experts in the psychology of how students learn math, and also an expert in shyness. Aim to set up guest speakers for parents and teachers.

Book Fairs

These usually occur in October and May. Looking to have atleast 2 parent volunteers available throughout the day

Xmas Bazaar: Karen Parker Zander

Karen has a small team of volunteers already onboard to help run the bazaar this year. More parent helpers would be needed on the day

Donations Campaign: Sue Grant

The campaign this year will focus on raising funds to replace the back play structure. It is getting unsafe and does not meet new standards regarding wheelchair accessibility. Estimated cost \$100K. Investigate possibility for online donations, to encourage parent support. Hope that if the campaign is very specific parents will be encouraged to contribute.

Last years campaign had a poor response (approx \$500). Need to make it very clear that although cheques are made payable to the school (so that a receipt can be issued), the funds belong to the Parent Council. If parents do not need a receipt then they can make cheques payable directly to Huntley Centennial Parent Council.

Magazine Program: Jennifer James**Milk Program: Claire Atherfold****OCASC: Mark Tymowski****School Food Cupboard: Jennifer James****Staff Appreciation Lunches: Jo Robson****Grade 8 Grad Committee:**

Dan will email Grade 8 parents to find volunteers to lead the committee. The committee is separate from the Parent Council, but usually provides feedback about their fundraising campaigns to Parent Council to avoid any duplication.

E-Waste Fundraiser & Lone Star Fundraiser: Mark Tymowski

Both were very popular, easy fundraisers last Spring, so hope to repeat for this Fall.

Arts Festival: Sue Grant

Sue will liaise with Donna Christie. Jo-Anne will check out any limitations with use of the Agricultural Hall in case there is any conflict with vendors at the Farmers Market if we provide refreshments

Other fundraisers:

Jo-Anne had details about another fundraiser with Kiwi Kraze. If the school choir sings carols outside their Centrum location for a couple of hours, we could get a percent of the profits from that day

Website

Dan, Debbie (Millar & Bradley) & Sarah will aim to meet to discuss a way forward with the huntleycentennial.org website and email server. Also need to investigate the options for running the milk and lunch programs online.

Next meeting: November 6th 2013, at 7pm in the school library.