

Huntley Centennial Parents Council

Wed. Sept 18/13

Attendance:

Donna Christie Kendra Shaw Dan Oliver Jo-Anne Graham Debbie Millar Jim McKaig
Stacy Tzavelas Sue Grant Karen Parker Zander Dianne Bramble Laurie Dillon Tim Pychyl
Jay Blauer Colleen Irvin Amy Durant Mark Tymowski Deborah Bradley Cathy Code Sarah Smith

Meeting called to order 7:10pm

Jay Blauer took a moment to introduce himself as the new Vice Principal.

Previous Council Dissolved by Jay Blauer

Floor open for Nominations for Chair: Jo-Anne Graham & Dan Oliver nominated by Sue & Tim. All in favour - passed

Nominations for Secretary: Sarah Smith nominated by Jo-Anne & Tim. All in favour - passed

Nominations for Treasurer: Amy Durant nominated by Sarah & Sue. All in favour - passed

Voting members: Karen Zander Parker, Sue Grant, Jennifer James, Dianna Bramble, Tim Pychyl and Mark Tymowski nominated by Jo-Anne & Kendra. All in favour - passed.

Agenda Approved: Sue & Debbie

April Minutes Approved: Sue & Tim

O/A Items:

Jerserys : Pinneys, t-shirts and basketball jerseys (reversible for home or away games!) have all arrived. Jim McKaig brought out examples to show everyone. He also donated 10 Canada tracksuits to the school. Thank you Jim!

Stencils for kindergarten yard : Jo-Anne has painted the snake and bulls-eye stencils, but has run out of paint. The darker purple and green colours do not show up at all on the dark paving. She will arrange to refund these and purchase the brighter colours instead.

Motion (Jo-Anne & Sue) : Purchase more paint to complete stencils. All in favour – passed.

Treasurers Report : Amy

Waiting on outstanding receipts from last year (technology and gym equipment).

\$1000 already allocated for Arts and garden club

Soccer goal posts went up over the summer. Still need to pay to have lines painted and buy nets. Jo-Anne to price mini field sized nets. Colleen will also look into cost of nets and double check we don't have some already.

Year end, (July 31st) balance was \$20848. After all expenses are deducted \$4000 will be carried over to this year.

Principals Report : Colleen Irvin

Colleen took a moment to thank everyone for making the back to school bbq such a great success.

Currently have 628 students. We have 36.85 teachers, 3 EA's and 2 office staff. Extended Day program and the City of Ottawa After School program will both be continuing this year.

Started last year with a \$5K deficit. Starting this year with a \$15K surplus. Some will be set aside, with the remainder going towards more technology. 5 new Epson Interactive projectors have been bought (by School Council). Some of the surplus will go towards installation (which is expensive), 1 additional Epson Interactive Projector will be bought for kindergarten classroom (so all kindergarten classes now have some form of interactive technology). There are only 10 classrooms now without any interactive projection device.

Huntley has been chosen as the only school in the OCDSB for a pilot project to put iPads, laptops or Chrome books into every class, instead of moving the large cart of laptops to the classes. JK-Gr 2 will have iPads, Gr3-5 will have some iPads and laptops, Gr6-8 will have iPads & Chromebooks. There will be 5 devices in every class, arriving in October. Students will be taught security and proper use before they are made available in the classroom.

School improvement plan will be focusing on numeracy

Teachers Report : Donna Christie

Teachers really appreciate the new yard equipment, thank you, thank you!

Donna Coutts will share the teacher representative position, alternating meetings with Donna Christie.

Updates for school website to assist webmaster have been done as far as possible, & will continue. Sports teams, clubs etc are now all on the website.

The sign and stand in front round garden has been replaced and installed.

Fall planting materials (bulbs, bone meal, replacement tools) have been purchased.

Arts Committee will meet next week to plan shows for the year .

The staff are on-board with Arts Festival this spring. Is School Council willing to play a role? In the past, school council has run a concurrent book sale and refreshment booth.

New Business

Terry Fox Run : Takes place on September 26th. Jo-Anne & Sue volunteered to buy juice boxes. Karen & Sue are available to help hand them out

Council Email : Dan will be moving from the old HuntleyCentennial.org mailing system to Google groups. New parent email addresses will need to be added.

Meeting Schedule : Jo-Anne proposed that we reduce the number of council meetings. A minimum of 4 are required. Suggested October, November, January, February, April, May and June. There was concern that nothing would be done in-between meetings.

Motion (Jo-Anne & Dianne) : October council meeting to be planning session to set up sub committees only (the agenda will not include treasurers report, teachers report or principals report). All in favour – passed.

Next meeting: October 2nd 2013, at 7pm in the school library.

Motion to adjourn : Jo-Anne & Sue