

Huntley Centennial Parent Council

Wednesday 10th September, 2014

Attendance:

Sarah Smith Michelle Rehkopf Debbie Heuchert Lisa Murphy Deborah Bradley Mark Tymowski
Dan Oliver Tim Pychyl Stacy Tzavelas Donna Christie Debbie Millar Sue Grant Jim McKaig
Jennifer Pereira Carol-Lynn Fifield Karen Parker Zander Jennifer James Colleen Irvin Jo-Anne Graham

Meeting called to order 7:00pm

Previous Council Dissolved by Colleen Irvin

Floor open for Nominations for Parent Council. Nominees:- Jo-Anne Graham, Sarah Smith, Lisa Murphy, Debbie Heuchert, Mark Tymowski, Tim Pychyl, Dan Oliver, Debbie Millar, Jennifer James, Sue Grant.

Chair: Jo-Anne Graham; Secretary: Sarah Smith; Treasurer: Lisa Murphy; OCASC: Mark Tymowski; Lunch Program: Debbie Heuchert; Website: Debbie Millar.

Opening Remarks: Jo-Anne Graham

Welcome everyone and round table introduction.

Agenda Approved: Sue & Mark

June Minutes Approved: Debbie M & Jennifer

O/A Items:

- Microscopes: Jim McKaig brought in 3 new microscopes for the school, generously provided by New Source Solutions in Brockville.

BBQ: Tim & Mark

- Have arranged for 3 bbq's (1 more than previous yrs), and plan to serve food in a large horseshoe to improve the flow. Dustin, Laurie & Mark will be working the grills.
- BBQ signs posted at school and sent home with students
- \$50 gift card from Costco. Mark to approach Browns in Stittsville as well
- No rain date organized. Hoping for great weather
- Set up after school. Volunteers needed from 3pm
- Council table with canopy and banner. Will need volunteers to give out flyers and encourage sign up to sub-committees. Donna offered the A-Frame from her classroom.
- Tim organizing volunteer schedule
- Amy & Jo-Anne have sorted out float already
- Jennifer suggested Van Haute coffee. Mark & Tim to follow up

Motion (Jo-Anne & Tim) : Staff members to be given free food. Passed by consensus.

Lunch Program: Karen

- New opportunity at Booster Juice: smoothies (8oz at \$2.26 or 12oz at \$3.11) and wraps. All meet board nutritional standards. It was agreed that there are enough options being offered at the moment but will consider a trial in the new year.
- Salads: Browns have been inconsistent with sizing, the dressing is not always fat free (so wouldn't meet board nutritional requirements) & they expect payment on snow days when no salads are required.

Alternative from Carp Pizza in a larger cardboard container with smaller dressing. \$1.60, delivered to the school, with no payment on snow days.

- [HotLunches.net:Debbie Millar](http://HotLunches.net). 2 schedules for lunches & milk:-
1) Sept to Feb (Family day) and 2) Feb to June.
Payment through PayPal or credit card (for a minimal fee), or by cheque. Paper copies are available on request from Debbie pretty in the office.

Treasurers Report :

Last year end balance \$5723.59.

Principals Report : Colleen Irvin

- Looking forward to the Meet the Teacher BBQ next week. Thanks to all who are working to organize this event.
- Current enrolment is 593 students, which is close to projected enrolment of 598 for this school year. Last year finished the school year with an enrolment of 625. Staffing allocation once again at 36.85 teachers this year plus 3.0 EA's and 6 ECE's. Have many new staff who are already feeling at home at Huntley. Office staff remains constant at a 2.0 allocation.
- Starting the year financially with a solid surplus which enables us to make purchases to enhance learning. Have started the year purchasing some teacher resources and 2 more Chromebooks (to add to the 4 that Grad Committee is purchasing) so that each intermediate class will have one more.
- Students have been busy helping keep our students safe as bus monitors and lunch monitors in the school. We appreciate their support. At recess we currently have 6 staff supervising the playground providing a wonderful level of supervision for our students.
- This year we asked for a voluntary donation of supplies which were on the standard supply list provided the Board. Thanks to the many families who sent in these much needed items.
- The EQAO results will be made public next week and individual student scores will be sent home when they arrive at the school later this fall. There will be a presentation on the scores at our next full Council meeting.
- Tell Them From Me Survey results from last spring are in. Jay will be presenting them at the November Council meeting.

Teachers Report : Donna Christie

- Donna Coutts will share this position with Donna Christie again this year
- Holly Burnell will be the school website webmaster
- Arts Committee met today to plan shows for the year
- First Arts event (approved at June Meeting): "Improve with Improv" takes place for all students tomorrow & Friday
- The Committee is seeking budget approval for sponsoring this year's events
- Garden Club starts up tomorrow. The club is seeking funding for mulch and clematis for next spring
- Classes are busy working on project entries for the Fair
- All Grade 4's will participate in Agricultural Awareness Day at the Carp Fair on Friday, Sept. 26th
- All students will participate in the Terry Fox Run during the last block of the day on Wed., Sept. 24th
- Cross Country Running has begun for Junior students
- Our first assembly has set the tone for a positive year and re-introduced the WITS program for ensuring a respectful environment for positive interactions and character development
- Our intermediate students are in the process of developing their leadership committee
- The first spirit day will be Dot Day on Monday, Sept. 15th
- We look forward to the Meet-the-Teacher B-B-Q next week and thank you in advance for organizing it and providing our dinners
- Is School Council on-board with Arts Festival this spring?

New Business

Gr8 Grad: Sue, Karen & Jennifer all have children in Gr8 and would be interested in helping.

Play Structure: flyer to be distributed at BBQ to raise awareness and get parents involved in sub-committee. Also, have plans to sell t-shirts, possibly designed by students.

Meeting Schedule : Jo-Anne proposed that we follow the same schedule as last year and do not meet in December or March. A minimum of 4 are required. 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).

Next meeting: October 1st 2014, at 7pm in the school library.

Motion to adjourn : Tim & Jennifer