

Huntley Centennial P.S Parent Council Minutes

January 5, 2011

ATTENDANCE:

Cindy Beauchamp Louise McLarty Tracey Brown
Stephanie Kola Jody Heath Donna Christie
Diana MacFarlane

AGENDA:

Approved by Stephanie & Jody

MINUTES: Minutes from November meeting approved by Cindy

O/A: Peanut Free School-Cindy contacted the board and there is no set policy, each school is to develop their own individual plan of action. Stephen Leacock has a policy in effect similar to ours but also enforces no nuts of any sort at school. Each class also has a list posted on the door that is visible to all to detail the allergies in that classroom. Education of all regarding existing allergies is the best policy! Most other schools use the same policies that we do. It was discussed and agreed that all like the idea of posting the allergies on the door so that visitors, supply teachers etc are aware as they enter a class. We will have signs made up so it can be done by our school.

Treasurers Report:

Magazines raised \$4722.12 Bazaar raised: \$2228.91

We have \$20000 to spend tonight.

It was discussed to spend the money on a Smart Boards to add to the number we have in the school. \$400 will go to the Gardening club to be added to their money carried over from last year. All Arts programs are already covered off. The Board is also giving the school a Smart Board for the arts room & a travelling notebook cart.

MOTION: Jody motioned to buy 3 Smart Boards & give \$400 to Gardening Club- 2nd by Stephanie- PASSED

**Cindy to also find out if Christine Heath requires anything that Council could help with as we will have more money in February as the second set of lunch deposits and milk cheques are to be deposited on the 1st of February.

It was asked if there was still money left over from the HCA as there are some students who could benefit for field trips. It was agreed to give \$140 towards this from this fund.

Principals Report

January saw everyone hit the ground running! December was busy and everyone enjoyed their holidays.

School Improvement has been on math and the teachers did a video involving 3 teachers teaching a lesson on Math. The video was presented to the staff & well received. Curriculum services wanted to view it and they were

thrilled with the results and now want to use this video! Cindy will bring it to share at the February meeting! The staff is also looking at doing a Math Night to show parents the video & new math that is being taught.

Huntley is being audited (which happens every few years). They require copies of council minutes. Cindy to go thru hers and find out which ones she is missing then to touch base with Tracey B & Stephanie K to find missing ones.

The school had a practice Lock Down drill in December which went really well. We are one of the few schools who have received a good report on their drills.

Brian has retired and been replaced by Shaun Holland. He is fitting right in.

Q: Back walkway @ rear school yard isn't being salted anymore...whose job is this? The schools or the cities?

Cindy to check with Shaun & get an answer.

District Review: A team of 6-8 will be coming in to the school & look at the school, how it is running operations etc. They will go thru our school improvement plan and go thru it with our improvement team. Feb 28 is the day they are coming. They will be walking thru & observing classes as well. They are looking at Best Practices etc.

Twoonie Tuesday is a board initiative which supports families in need. We are looking at doing this in February but need a parent to over see this. **Tracey to send out on Server requesting someone.**

All Day Kindergarten is proposed for 2012 at Huntley.

JK/SK registration is Jan31-Feb4/11

Tracey brought up that the Kanata schools are looking at overcrowding solutions and wondered if this was something we should also be concerned about. It was discussed and agreed we need a bit more information.

Next Meeting: Wed February 4, 2011 in Library 7pm

Meeting adjourned by Stephanie & Jody