

## Huntley Parents Council Nov. 4/09

### **Attendance:**

Stephanie Kola	Patricia Crawford
Cindy Beauchamp	Louise McLarty
Kerry Chick	Lisa Gaudet
Tracey Brown	Dianne Bramble

**Agenda:** Approved by Stephanie Kola 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Gaudet

**Last Meetings Minutes:** Approved by Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tracey

### **O/A Items: -Busing issues at school**

- This was looked into and a traffic study was done by the city. They will put a no stopping on medical side of street and a stop & unload only no parking sign with time restrictions on it. School property signs to go up around. Bylaw will be called for violators and will be checking.
- Dianne to notify the WC Medical centre of changes and EMC (Tracey to forward EMC contact info to Dianne)

### **Treasurers Report:**

Invoices have been coming in. \$1000 cheque from HCC deposited and looking into ways to put this money to good at the school and in the community. It was suggested we could do a Christmas basket for a family. Stephanie to speak with Brenda about this. It is to be kept confidential who we are supporting.

Still a large balance in the bank but the milk man has yet to be give us his bill.

**OCASC- no report as no one representing.**

**Principal:**

Wish list funds are really appreciated by the teachers. Things have been ordered and most is in or coming in with a few things backordered. Thank you's from teachers in each of the divisions read out to council.

4 classes are going to NAC in Dec which will have them miss the Christmas Bazaar (Tracey to address with Jody).

It was brought up about the path way thru the parking lot people weren't parking properly and questioned whether it was plowed in the winter. Teachers have been told not to park into the path and it is not cleared in the winter as snow from the parking lot is pushed up to this side. The other pathway that the bus students use is cleared and is the pathway for the winter.

5 kids confirmed with H1N1 in school. Most kids away with colds or mild fever.

2 PD days coming up (Nov 13 & 16) on the 13<sup>th</sup> teachers will be working on report cards and the 16<sup>th</sup> is being used to teach Special Education sessions to the teachers. Some work on math and how to differentiate between students and their learning.

K. Chick is the teacher rep and part of the EQAO committee.

This year (2009 test) our Reading was = to board & province, Writing was below as was math.

Question: Have you found a balance between no homework coming home but having communication to parents of work/tests happening in class?

A: Still working on a balance, we are finding that not sending homework home hasn't affected our marks.

90 of 600 kids at our school are on IEP (Individual Education Plans) 12% is usual average of kids on IEP's. Some IEP's are just for different ways of learning or extra time not all are learning disabilities.

We are no longer eligible for OFIP funding. Cindy has applied for a booster and still waiting to hear. We want to improve and see our students doing/being the best they can be. Working on increasing kids preparedness, increase teachers moderation and involve parents more.

Breakfast with Santa will not be happening this year. Holiday focus is on giving.

Scholastic book fair at beginning of Dec (coincide with parent/teacher interviews)

Next Meeting: Dec 2/09 @ 6:30pm      Meeting Adjourned to close: Tracey/Louise

