

Huntley Centennial Parents Council

Wed. Feb6/13

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

Attendance:

Stephanie Kola Evelyn James Kim Simpson Colleen Irvin Diana MacFarlane

Ross Trusler Sarah Smith Mark Tymowski Jo-Anne Graham Dan Oliver

Laurie Dillon Sue Grant Kendra Shaw

***Not enough voting members were present to hold votes for this evening**

Agenda Approved : Sarah & Sue

Jan Minutes Approved: Evelyn & Sue

O/A Items:

School Equipment- this was order & has been received. Came to a total of \$1794.53. Shovels & Sleds (10 of each) were also purchased through Canadian Tire & we were given \$3 off each shovel. Came to a total of \$206.11. C.Nel looked after getting the equipment sorted & placed into the 2 gyms & had some of the old stuff distributed to classes to use for outdoors.

The jerseys & piney are about to be ordered just waiting on final #s of what is actual needed.

Photographer- Lifetouch is who we are going to use for next year. They offer a 2 pose proof package where you get to choose the pose & background. 2+ kids then free pictures (pay for first 2 & rest free even if at different school that Life Touch serves). They have free shipping to school & offer retakes. They also offer a Spring photo program which can be used as a fundraiser. Diana to look into dates available for this to see if we can fit in as many people were unhappy with the photos from this year.

Engineers in Schools- this has been put out to staff by Colleen & will leave it up to them if they are interested in doing.

PROfund- April 29/13 is the date booked with Dr.Mamen to come & speak. Diana will look after booking the school for that booking. We will be having her present the Growing Up, Feeling Good topic.

Treasurers Report- Starting Balance in Jan of \$43297.32 Deposits made Feb 1 for milk & lunch program. Numerous cheques still outstanding. Balance at Feb 6 is \$61299.90

Q: How much \$ is given to Gr8s from Milk Program. Stephanie to look into. (Found out that 5 cents per carton delivered is given)

Principals Report

New staff now in school to replace Mat leaves. B. Cooper for L. Bell (5/6), T.Stoodley for A.Zeyl (ETFI) & K.Ascot for T.Stoodley (LRT). Ms. Bell had her daughter Feb5/13

Presently there are 24 JKs registered for next year. More expected between now & September. Info night is earlier this year-Wed Feb13/13. Looking forward to welcoming new & returning families.

Transfer cap for next year for next year has been received & set at "0". Transfer process is described on the OCDSB website & info available in the office.

Still on target with overall budget expenditures. Spent \$53000 of Operating budget (\$127000) & should finish on target. Recently purchased 5 new cameras for the school, a wireless mouse & keyboard for classrooms & a host of new resource books for staff.

The Board has started up professional development networks. At present Huntley has staff involved in math & core French initiatives. Also have started to continue the School Improvement Planning professional development on the conventions of writing & critical thinking. We were one of 14 schools chosen in the Board to have Garfield Gini Newman come to the school for a day to co-teach a lesson in a class then provide workshops to the staff. Release time will be paid by the Board for this initiative.

Character Assembly tomorrow with all the students, Concluding the trait of "Celebrating our Differences" & introducing the trait of "Friendship"

Teachers Report-K.Simpson

Leadership group is selling yearbooks for the Intermediates. Feb28-Mar1. This is being put all together by them

Musical Production is being started in class time for all Intermediates.

Penny Drive was a success & raised \$520.00

Gr8 Grad committee has been formed. Gr8s all signed a t-shirt which will be produced & available for them to purchase.

School Clothing is in & being handed out.

Beach Day is Feb21/13

Gr8s went to West Carleton last week for an Orientation. Each class is being given a trip to the rink to skate this month.

OCASC-Fundraising changes & ideas discussed. Discussed doing a lunch box sale where the school buys a bulk purchase for sale then can return what hasn't been sold. Also discussed banking for councils & the option to do thru the Board will be there. Lunchtimes were discussed & if there were ways to ensure kids were eating more/properly. It was discussed & it comes down to the individual parent having to tell their kids to eat & leave it at that.

Walk to School Day was today-Feb6/13- trying to bring awareness to being active- this was a Board wide initiative.

DIFD-Offering kits for sale for fundraising & to bring awareness to mental health. Also offering free workshops @ the RO for students to attend.

Gr8 Grad Meeting

First meeting held Feb5 next meeting in 2 weeks

Joanne Kennedy will oversee. The Grad trip & Ceremony are the focus. 17 people attended the meeting. Staff is meeting to discuss the trip & what the options are.

New Business

Suggested looking into Fundrazr website & using for our fundraising/donation campaign (Joanne to look into)

Want to make a donation to the Cheshire Cat Fund for the staff affected (\$250) as a number of the staff live in the community & have children @ Huntley. *O/A

Also will see about covering the lunch programs (Stephanie) of the children whose parents are now out of work due to this for the remainder of year.

Q: Was wondering what the call for indoor recess is as we seem to have a lot of those this year.

A: look @ the wind-chill & if it is -24 or more we stay in. Also stay in sometimes if -15 as the ground/yard has been unsafe due to ice (even though working hard to maintain/get rid of). Kids' safety comes first

Q: Meeting Attendance by voting members –how many can they miss?

A: - As stated in our Council Constitution- “3 consecutive meetings missed with no notice to the chairperson(s) then they lose their vote & become Members at large “

Next meeting: March6/13

Motion to adjourn: Evelyn & Mark