

## Huntley Centennial Parent Council

Jan 9/13

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

### **Attendance:**

Stephanie Kola Amy Durant Evelyn James Debbie Millar Dianne Bramble Colleen Irving

Diana MacFarlane Dan Oliver Jo-Anne Graham Sue Grant Mark Tymowski Jennifer James

Angsuman Rudra Sarah Smith Tim Pychyl

### **Agenda: approved by Diane, Sue**

**Previous minutes Nov7/12:Approved by Tim, Sue** (Sue wanted it noted she was disappointed that Dec meeting was cancelled & asked what reasoning was- it was answered that it was due to attendance (weather & other commitments)

### **O/A items:**

**School Equipment List & Costs-** sheet was distributed for review (scan attached). Teachers came up with a wish list which would cost \$1524.93 before shipping & tax. It was decided that the Donation Campaign that Diane Bramble is going to head will go towards this. Kindergarten would like sleds & shovels for their yard & was decided to put out a call for Canadian Tire \$. Then a MOTION put forth by Jennifer James to give money from fundraising to cover the cost of all the items on the list which the office will order through the board. & to give \$200 towards shovels & sleds which Joanne will go purchase. **2<sup>nd</sup> by Evelyn & Amy-** vote all in favour

**O/A-**Dan to talk with Jim McKay in regards to Jersey & piney costs.

Soccer Fields to be done in the spring

Stencils-info given to Joanne & she will follow up for the Spring.

- PRO fund- Joanne has researched & can get (book) Dr.Maggie Mamen to come do a talk at the school. Cost will be \$500
- Motion put to go ahead & book-Sue passed MarkT 2nd
- **TeacherPower: The Quiet Revolution \* New Topic**  
The more children become empowered by their parents and society in general, the less confident teachers often feel when trying to defend their rights and uphold their responsibilities to their students. This presentation will explore simple mindset changes that can help teachers regain confidence and reclaim their classrooms.
- **ParentPower: The Quiet Revolution: \* New Topic**  
The more children become empowered by influences outside the family, the less confident parents often feel when trying to defend their rights and uphold their responsibilities to their children. This presentation will explore peaceful ways in which parents can regain their confidence and reclaim their families.
- **Parenting the Pampered Generation:**  
With the current cohort of children and adolescents growing up expecting the world to adapt to its needs, there are implications not only for individual mental health, but also for society at large. This presentation addresses the bigger picture generated by well-intentioned but child-driven parenting and teaching philosophies, and looks at what can be done to maintain a healthy balance for future generations.
- **The Pampered Child Syndrome and How to Avoid It:**  
Some of the best-intentioned parents have given their children's wants and demands priority over marital or

family harmony, financial considerations, respect and common sense, resulting in children with authority and power they are ill-equipped to handle, placing them at risk for serious social and psychological difficulties. This presentation looks at ways in which a healthy balance can be restored to family life, whilst nurturing a child's development and self-esteem.

- **Growing Up, Feeling Good: \* New Topic**

When our children are being bombarded with values that are very different from our own, it is often difficult to know how to establish, protect and encourage their sense of self in an ever-changing, challenging and sometimes even unsafe world. This presentation examines ways that parents can provide a family environment that supports the development of resilience and healthy self-esteem.

- **Brick Walls and Eggshells: Communicating with Children/Teens: \* New Topic**

Most parents encounter issues around communication within the family that can prove frustrating and often upsetting. It is not unusual for parents to exhaust themselves by negotiating, explaining, persuading and reasoning, yet to end up feeling as if they have run into an immovable object or are tiptoeing around to avoid confrontation. The focus of this presentation is on understanding different communication styles and how to maximize their effectiveness.

Other \$ from grant will be used for refreshments & daycare. We will also look at creating a resource centre/lending library with information which parents can borrow.-Joanne to discuss with M.Neamtz about having stored in Library & to help organize.

It was discussed whether hosting a dinner would be able to fall under the PRO grant but when looking up the specifics it does not.

**OCASC-** \$35 MEMBERSHIP fee is due as Mark Tymowski is attending & has agreed to continue attending on Huntleys behalf. Agreed by all that it is a benefit to have someone go & get information. Mark gave an overview

-2meetings attended. Most of it is geared to the High Schools & very similar to the meetings we have. Superintendent came in to speak to group about the strike. They held elections for different committees which you could only vote/be part of if you are a paying member so we need to pay this membership fee. **Voted on to pay – all approved**

**Treasurer's report:**

Smart Boards from last year have been paid for . It was Budgeted \$9000 but total came in at \$7923.51 so there is a surplus left over. Trophy Case still waiting on an invoice. Funds from Magazine sales are not in yet & Mazolla is being sent for up to the end of Dec. Projected funds from fundraising available are \$18247.91

**Principals Report:**

A big Thank you for all the support we get!

Rag Time Brass came in & performed for the students. It was really good & entertaining.

The Christmas Bazaar was a huge success(\$2313) as was the Book Fair.

We thank Council for providing 2 gift baskets (meals for Christmas) for 2 Huntley Families in need which were delivered by Colleen & Diana

Kindergarten concert was well done & lots of fun.

Our school Food Drive did well.

We have another strike (Province wide) on Jan11/13 Info will be sent home but the Extended Day program will still run at the school.

Jan28/13 is the start date for Kindergarten registration

School Operating Budget is @40% Looks to be on track.

Wed Feb6/13 SK-Gr8 report cards go home.

School Improvement instructional coach is coming in.

2 Teachers going on Maternity Leave so in the process of hiring their replacements- Bell,& Zeyl

Also an ECE-Rory

### **New Business**

Will be putting out on community server to look for someone to come once a week to do gym equipment maintenance. Perhaps a High School student could come after school & get volunteer hours.

Photos- will be looking for a new Photography company for next year. Lots of complaints about the photographer & the photos. Looking at possibly Life Touch. It was brought up though that Life Touch would not be an acceptable choice if you have to pay in advance for school photos before seeing them so Diana to look into with them.

Gr8 Grad- Info being sent out to Gr8s. Will be requiring someone to oversee & for volunteers to help (don't have to have kids in Gr8) . The hall has been booked for the ceremony & dance.

Chinese Delegation was delayed due to Visa issues. We were approached with the possibility of being a host school next year for some students to come for a few months. It was discussed that we could put out to our community after we get a bit more information.

**Q:(Sue Grant) Concern with Bullying in the Intermediates- is it under control/dealt with? Heard families were leaving Huntley due to this.**

**A: (Colleen)**Bullying is dealt with immediately & taken very seriously if we hear about it. Not aware of any current issues. Anyone who is leaving Huntley usually meets with the Principal & she has not met with anyone who had this concern or told her this was the reason. All movement is tracked & followed.

Joanne-Would like to make up a Council phone & email contact list – all agreed so sheet passed around.

It was brought forth that there is a program run by the Professional Engineers of Ont that has a school sign up for & they are assigned an engineer who works with the school & runs programs to develop an interest in Engineering/Science training. It is a whole year program. Colleen to put to staff at next meeting & to look at website to get more information.

Diane B- Girls Circle/Boys Square- will this be run again this year for the intermediates? It wasn't run last year. Diane explained what the program was (a small intimate gathering of students boys separate from girls to talk about everyday situations & to have questions answered they may not feel comfortable doing in large group or to parent) Stephanie to pass on Jen Charbonneau's information/contact to Colleen.

Meeting motioned to Adjourn 8:25pm – Sara/Amy Next Meeting:Feb6/13

**Sports Equipment Wish List**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Quantity to Order</b>	<b>Cost Per Unit</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Small, soft utility balls	20	\$1.10	\$ 22.00
Bean Bags	60	\$0.68	\$ 40.80
Soft Frisbees	20	\$2.34	\$ 46.80
Hula Hoops – 24"	10	\$3.08	\$ 30.08
30"	10	\$3.58	\$ 35.80
36"	10	\$4.08	\$ 40.80
Dodge Balls (Gator) – 7"	6	\$9.63	\$ 57.78
8.25"	6	\$13.23	\$ 79.38
Soccer Balls (Size 4 & 5)	20	\$11.46	\$ 229.20
Volleyballs	15	\$10.88	\$ 163.20
Large Utility Balls 10"	20	\$4.04	\$ 80.80
Soft, Squishy Balls	10	\$2.89	\$ 28.90
Mesh Pinnies	4 sets/assuming 4 per set	\$2.53	\$ 30.36
Pylons	20	\$11.18	\$ 223.60
Badminton Net – 20'	2	\$13.23	\$ 26.46
Badminton Racquet	15	\$11.27	\$ 169.05
Badminton Birdies	50	\$1.66	\$ 83.00
Tennis Balls	20	\$0.31	\$ 6.20
Indoor Hockey Nets	2 sets (2 in a set)	\$49.96	\$ 99.92
Soft Orange Pucks	20	\$1.54	\$ 30.80
		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1524.93</b>