

Huntley Centennial Parents Council

Wed. May 1/13

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

Attendance:

Donna Christie Erin Gloyr Colleen Irvin Diana MacFarlane

Jennifer James Beth Rohr Sue Grant Amy Durant Mark Tymowski

Debbie Millar Dianne Bramble Dan Oliver Jo-Anne Graham Sarah Smith

Agenda Approved: Dianna & Mark

April Minutes Approved: Dianna & Mark

O/A Items:

PROfund - Dr.Mamen spoke on Monday April 29/13. Atleast 40 parents attended.

5 Gr8's provided excellent childcare.

Motion : to give \$100 to Grad fund and purchase \$10 gift vouchers from Alice's to thank the Gr8 volunteers. Jo-Anne & Mark.

\$70 from grant went towards purchase of Dr. Mamens books/DVD to add to parent resource library:-

- Understanding Non-Verbal Learning Disabilities
- Pampered Child Syndrome
- DVD - Parent Power! Lost & Found

Motion : to spend a further \$70 to purchase a second copy of each book/DVD. Jo-Anne & Mark.

Item to be added to newsletter to inform parents that these resources are now available to borrow.

May 21st is the cut-off to apply for another PROfund for next year, to use again for similar event.

Tim Pychyl could also be approached to speak to Gr8 about procrastination.

School Equipment wishlist:

Flip video cameras : \$104 plus memory card \$25 (8 x \$140) total **\$1200**

Motion : to purchase 8 Flip video cameras total coast \$1200. Jennifer & Dianne.

Thank you Jennifer for volunteering to make purchase.

Soccer goalposts : paperwork is being submitted to board to go ahead and install a set of mid-sized goalposts. (\$3150 per set, incl installation).

Outdoor Equipment is needed for all 23 classes (eg balls & yard equipment), including a container for each classes equipment. Approx \$100 per class with purchases to be made through the board as that is generally the cheapest approach

Motion : to give \$2300 for the purchase of outdoor equipment, plus \$200 for kindergarten sand toys. Jo-Anne & Dianne.

Technology:

- 12 laptops, approx \$800 each, total **\$9600**. Possible Business & Learning Technology and the board may provide some funds for this.
- Smartboards, approx **\$4000** each.

Motion : allocate \$10000 to be spent on technology. Jennifer & Mark.

E-Waste Fundraiser : very successful. Over 100 cars lined up to drop off, filled over 1.5 containers. Plan to repeat the fundraiser in Fall & again next Spring. Thank you, Mark, for helping coordinate.

Treasurers Report :

Approximately \$19000 available to be spent.

Principals Report :

Colleen Irvin will definitely be remaining as Principal for next year.

Diana Macfarlane will be leaving to move to Broadview Public School, as from September 1st.

Jason Blauer will be joining us (from Pinecrest Public School) as the new vice-principal. He has been invited to the next school council meeting.

Staffing for next year not yet finalised. At the moment there is 1 surplus English teacher and 1 ECE. There will be 1 less kindergarten class as registration was down this year. Fewer primary & jnr in English. Up for French Intermediates (3 Eng & 3 Fr Int). More details should be available for next meeting.

Still on target with overall budget expenditures. Any surplus will be spent on technology.

All students had chance to see rehearsals for the musical. Performances are Thursday & Friday evening.

Garfield Ginny Newman will be in Toby Jones class on Friday. Staff will also get to attend workshops.

Teachers Report : D. Christie

Character assembly was held Apr. 4th

Many classes attended a spring water safety awareness workshop in the library on Apr. 5th

Scientists were in the School for many classes over the month

All Grade 3 classes were given 3 free swimming lessons at Britannia Pool sponsored by the City of Ottawa and Swim to Survive Program

Acknowledged Earth Day with many individual class activities and a school wide litter-less lunch week

Grade 3 & 6 teachers had an in-school workshop in preparation for this year's EQAO testing (which will take place the last week of May)

Spring school photos were taken on April 24th

Our Spirit Day was Crazy Hair Day on April 25th

All students attended the dress rehearsal performance of the School Musical

Recess Ropers is a new Primary Students club that started up this month

Jr. & Intermediate sports continue and we are doing well at all tournaments

Primary Choir has started up

4 students represented Huntley at a reception Sun. Apr 28th as we were honoured as a "Champion School" by the Free the Children Foundation

Our leaders at Huntley attended "We Day" on Mon. Apr. 29th

Teachers all wish to thank Parent Council most heartily for the new gym and recess equipment

Arts Committee: D. Christie

Name	Date	Grade Levels	Time	Number of students	Cost
1. Salamander Theatre	March 4	A) k – 2 B) 3 - 6	A) 9 - 10 B) 11 - 12	232 293	\$1 337.47
2. Yvon Soglo	May 7	7 - 8	11 - 12	105	\$ 463.30
3. Ragtime	Nov. 29	4 – 8	11 - 12	327	\$325.44
4. Bangers & Smash	June 3rd	K - 3	11 - 12	303	400
5. Off Beat	May 31	k - 8	1:30 – 2:30	630	\$ 600

The only unconfirmed expenditure is the "Bangers & Smash" NAC Ensemble as they have not yet invoiced us. They have agreed to perform for a combined audience rather than do 2 shows so our fee will be less than the \$400 projected in the fall.

\$3 477.00 was the projected total. Spent \$2 726.21 with a maximum of another \$400 required, total = \$3126.21 which brings it in under budget due to receiving a city grant and negotiating combining both NAC performances.

Did not proceed with procuring the Aboriginal Group as previously discussed due to their schedule being too hard to pin down and their fee too nebulous. Hoping to table their appearance to next fall and request the \$1000 not spent this year be slated for this purpose.

Motion: provide \$1000 for Aboriginal group be available in the Fall to allow early booking. Sue & Beth.

Intend to repeat their annual request of \$4000 next year for the Arts Committee for the 2013-14 season.

All of the performances this year have been fabulous and every student has had a chance to participate in 3 performances over the course of this school year.

OCASC - Mark Tymowski

Constitution amendment to enable proxy voting.

Q&A on IEP and IPRC's May 13th, 7-9:30pm at Woodroffe High School

Lone Star Fundraiser : Monday 27th May. Cards to go home to parents. Present card at Lone Star on March Rd on May 27th. 10% goes to the school

New Business

Beth introduced details of a website providing levelled readers - <http://www.raz-kids.com/> offered through www.learninga-z.com. Kids can access (English only) readers from home. Options to have book read to them, or record themselves reading the book, with a quiz at the end to review comprehension. Readers go up to Gr 3 curriculum. \$90 licence provides access to 36 children. 1 weeks free trial is available.

Any parents who are interested should email Beth Rohr (brohr@me.com). Depending how many families are interested, parent council would consider purchasing licences.

Gardening Club : will resume May 15th

The plaque in the front garden was damaged during the winter and will need replacing.

Motion : to purchase early spring bulbs to be planted in the Fall, approx \$200. Jo-Anne & Sarah.

Next meeting: June 5th 2013, at 7pm in the school library.

Motion to adjourn: Dianna & Mark