

## Huntley Centennial P.S Parents Council

Nov. 7/12

### Attendees:

Stephanie Kola Sue Grant Dan Oliver Jo-Anne Graham Colleen Irvin Diana MacFarlane

Debbie Millar Donna Christie Mark Tymowski Sarah Smith Tracy Facchinn Kendra Shaw

Lynn Scott Tim Pychyl Amu Durant

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Meeting Called to Order 7:05pm

Welcome to Lynn Scott (Trustee) who was in attendance

Quick Intro of everyone attending meeting

Meeting Agenda approved-D. Christie, S.Grant

Minutes from Oct meeting passed out & approved – T. Pychyl, S.Grant

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

**Guided Reader Program**-Books being ordered & an A-Z membership purchased

**School Equipment**- List of teacher's wish list items for this passed out. It was discussed that a volunteer be required to help look after this. This to go out to community to see if anyone willing to help. It was also discussed using Donation campaign to this as this list is quite large; **Joanne to also look into pricing as we may have to use board approved suppliers. Stephanie also to send info to Joanne regarding stencils for playground as there are free ones available we just need to volunteers to spray-paint.**

**Soccer Field Lines**-Motion put forward by Joanne to redo the soccer lines. 2<sup>nd</sup> by S.Grant- passed

**Vent noise**- This was just an issue with a belt in the vent.

**Grant**- \$1000 was given to be used to hold meetings (info sessions) & to get people to meetings There is a list of what it cannot be used for & June 30/13 is the deadline to use the money. Some discussion was held on maybe having gr8's paid to babysit/entertain kids so parents could attend council meetings or we could use it to hold education speakers or info nights. Still looking for ideas on exactly what to do with this.

### **Treasurer Report**

All cheques received to date for lunch & milk program have been deposited as well as money from the BBQ. With outstanding cheques & money set aside for other expenditures we are looking at having \$9000 to spend.

## **Task List**

The council task list was passed around as there were a few blank spots on it. Joanne to contact the people on the list who were not at the meeting to find out if they plan to continue to do the activities they had signed up for.

## **Principals Report**

Great start to the year. All the staff is committed to the school & the kids. Our staff and students have been very engaged in many activities including Leadership Council, Character Crew, Spirit Day committee, Drumming Circle, Sound Wave, Instrumental Group, yearbook committee, Blue Jays Environmental Club, Garden Club, Open Studio in Arts, school assemblies, a Halloween food drive, UNICEF, Snowsuit Committee, Big Bounce Intramurals for grades 1-3, and an Intermediate Halloween dance. Students have been participating in Borden ball and volleyball as these teams have started up. We have had field trips to the YMCA, Outdoor Education centre, the public library, a walk to Hidden lake, Acorn Creek, and the grade 8 World of Work. Huntley is proud of our student athletes who participated in Board events in Cross Country running, Girls and Boys Soccer and Girls and Boys Football. We are thrilled to be top in our region in three of these sports and to have brought home banners to proudly display in our front trophy cabinet and eventually on our gym wall. The girls' football team even advanced to the Board championship and narrowly lost!

Report Progress Reports going home Nov 8/12 & interviews to be held the following Thursday evening & Friday day. Book Fair also to be held (Dan to check & see if more volunteers needed to help)

Octobers PD had the teachers working on Critical Thinking & how to deliver. All were asked "When were you 1<sup>st</sup> asked to think"

School Remembrance Day ceremony to be held on Fri Nov9/12 @ 9am. Kindergarten to have their own & Gr1-8 in the large gym

Educators from China are coming to visit Huntley & the students to showcase the school.

Budget update- spent under 20% \$23800 of operating budget spent to date which is on track.

Labour Update- The director is updating on a regular basis on the OCDSB website. There are links to the blog. At the moment 6 of 9 bargaining units are in strike position as of Nov12/12 & are on work to rule (ECE, Office Staff, EA's & Custodians are part of these) teachers are part of OCETF. Principals & VP's are non-unionized. Agreements all expired Aug31/12 but negotiations are ongoing, school continues as usual.

## **Teachers Report**

Arts committee was given the go ahead in Sept to book some performances which we have but would like to know how much they have to spend. Donna passed a sheet with the breakdown out of the ones booked & Donna has also applied for a subsidy from the city & received \$373.60. \$3477 is the projected cost need to cover these performances. 5 have been booked-Theatre, Beat Dancer, Ragtime (NAC), Off Beat & another NAC performance group. MOTIONED TO GIVE \$4500 TO THE ARTS PROGRAM-S.Kola, M.Tymowski -PASSED

## **New Business**

Lynn Scott-Thanked us for having her out & looking forward to being back. A few items she brought up were that Fundraising Guidelines were being looked at closely & changed as well as school council policies & finances. Lynn also gave a brief rundown of things going on at the board this year.

Fundraising-a sheet was passed around with things that were in the council box of fundraising ideas. They were discussed but it was also mentioned we needed to find out what the Gr8s plan to do & when about fundraising so as not to take away from them. It was also mentioned that if anyone was willing to oversee a program to let Joanne or Dan know.

Next meeting Dec5/12

Meeting Adjourned