

Huntley Centennial Parents Council

Wed. Sept 18/13

Attendance:

Debbie Millar Tim Pychyl Mark Tymowski Jay Blauer Colleen Irvin Donna Christie Donna Coutts
Vicky Carrington Debbie Millar Jo-Anne Graham Lisa Murphy Debbie McQueen Sarah Smith

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

Previous Council Dissolved by Jay Blauer

Floor open for Nominations for Parent Council. Nominees:- Jo-Anne Graham, Sarah Smith, Lisa Murphy, Debbie Heuchert, Mark Tymowski, Tim Pychyl, Debbie Millar, Debbie McQueen, Lisa Murphy & Vicky Carrington.

Chair: Jo-Anne Graham; Secretary: Sarah Smith; Treasurer: Lisa Murphy; OCASC: Mark Tymowski; Lunch Program: Debbie Heuchert; Website: Debbie Millar.

Opening Remarks: Jo-Anne Graham

Welcome everyone.

Agenda Approved: Lisa & Debbie Mc

June Minutes Approved: Debbie Millar & Mark

O/A Items:

- Arm bands: Have been ordered. Due to be delivered Oct 1st. Bright orange with HCPS. \$1397.31 for 225
- Music Stands: Colleen to check with Brenda if they were ordered. Some confusion over costing.
- Gr8 Grad: Sue Grant kindly compiled a binder with info from last years Grad committee. She will hand it over to Jo-Anne ready for the October meeting.
A bench with plaque was also ordered by the committee to go at the front of the school. 2 additional picnic tables have also been ordered.
- Procrastination Talk: Tim will schedule this once the teachers work to rule has been resolved.
- School website: the school is still using the Parent Council website to send out email notifications etc. Colleen to check timelines for when the board will be providing a new school website.

Treasurers Report : Lisa

- Carried over a significant amount from last year (\$36k) of which \$10k allocated to tech (still to spend) and \$24,586 for the greening program
- No revenues from the BBQ this year

Principals Report : Colleen Irvin

- Very smooth start to the new school year. Issue with humidity causes problems with gym floor fixed.
- 593 students (exactly the same as last year). Will know by end of September if staff allocation will change. No classes violate caps. The largest classes are Gr8 Eng with 34 students & Gr7 Eng with 31.
- Financially very strong. Some carry over from last year.
- New 8ft bench & 2 new picnic tables are coming soon. 1 for custodian area & 1 near play structure. New trees were planted over the summer (& some had to be replanted). Waiting for proper wire cages around the tree and mulch for protection.
- Purchased new washer & dryer to go in Primary washroom.
- New set of Chromebooks for Jnrs (Min 10). Possibly more for Intermediates.
- Lines are scheduled to be painted for soccer fields and baseball diamond.

Motion (Jo-Anne & Tim) : Pay for painting of soccer lines & baseball diamond. Passed by consensus.

- Purchased new rollerbag for sports tent.
- Bus and lunch monitors are all set.

Teachers Report : Donna Christie

- Teachers appreciate the new online ordering for lunches/milk: thank you, thank you
- Donna Coutts will share the teacher representative position with Donna Christie
- Teachers have been busy establishing routines, doing initial assessments, meeting our support personnel (ESL, OC, Psychologist, Soc. Worker, Public Health Nurse...), preparing class profiles
- Staff have had Epi-pin training
- First fire drill was conducted
- Garden club resumes next Thursday through to end of Oct.
- Fall planting materials (bulbs, bone meal, replacement tools) will be purchased by then
- Arts Committee will meet soon to plan shows for the year
- Girls and Boys Jr. soccer has just begun
- Cross country running has begun for both Jr.'s and Int.
- Terry Fox Run is being planned for Sept. 30th last period. If teachers are still on work to rule, the run will remain within the school grounds.
- Intermediate Opportunity Club is held ever first recess
- Gr. 6 lunch monitors are assigned to primary classes and are now in place
- Int. Boys and Girls Football is underway
- Int. Helping Hands Contest is in full swing
- Int. "Year of Impact" activities are gearing up
- Teachers are having their students prepare entries for Carp Fair
- We all feel the start to the year has been smooth and there is a great atmosphere on the yard and in the classes, the kids seem happy to be back

VP Report : Jay Blauer

- New contractor for the school buses. Routes have changed and there are no longer any small buses.
- WITS continues. Booking different styles of presenters. Dwayne Gibson is in this week for Gr1-5. He is musically gifted and will talk about staying driven. Gr6-8 will be talking about media & messaging.

Lunch Program : Debbie McQueen

- Carp Pizza is under new management. Debbie has been working with them to sort out minor issues.
- Quiznos Subs now privately owned by the same person who ran it previously. Will continue as before, just under a new name.
- Booster Juice have changed menu & pricing. Smoothies will be 8oz in future (slightly smaller).
- Order totals so far \$15500. After supplier costs, \$4k profit. Approx 110 student orders. Ordering closes on Monday 21st September.

New Business

- Terry Fox Run: Parent Council normally provide juice boxes.
Motion (Mark & Debbie Millar) : provide juice boxes. Passed by consensus.
Tim, Lisa, Debbie Mc & Jo-Anne offered to be there to hand them out – Thank you!
- Meeting Schedule: October meeting will be an informal meeting to set up sub committees; either Dec or Jan, not both; no meeting in March.
- Magazine Campaign: Council thanks Jennifer James for running this program for the past 9 years. Looking a volunteer. Debbie to post details on website looking for help.

Next meeting: October 7th 2015, at 7pm in the school library.

Motion to adjourn : Lisa & Debbie