**Huntley Centennial Parents Council**

**Monday 2nd November 2020**

**Attendance:**

Jen Sparks, Lisa Murphy, Sarah Smith, Ashley Miceli, Bonnie Keefer, Claude Pike, Dawn Dinsdale, Jenna Boyce, Heather Adeney, Ginette Taylor, Kristen Tanelli, Rebecca Rogers, Jennifer Said, Janet Howse, Sarah Connell, Jay Blauer, Charles Powers, Christine Heath, Cheryl Arnott, Jen Fry

**Meeting called to order 7:00pm**
**Agenda Approved**: Jen Said & Lisa
**October Minutes Approved:** Dawn & Janet

**Open Action Items: Jen**

* **Fundraising:** Aim for mostly passive fundraising rather than any active fundraising campaign. Focus this year will continue to be the Greening Project.
* **Lunch Program:** some refunds still not claimed. Lisa has individually emailed families she’s not yet heard from. Some cheques that were mailed out still haven’t been cashed. If parents don’t respond by January then any unclaimed funds will be considered a donation.

**Treasurers Report: Lisa**

* Approx $25100 available. Main expense has been the food cupboard. Will need to purchase more spoons.

**Principals Report: Jay Blauer**

* **School Access:** now have a buzzer set up so staff can see anyone who needs to come in to the school.
* **Students:** There are a few new students
* **Budget:** 26.5% spent to date. This year, to avoid sharing books half or full sets of books have been purchased for classes. Also, all phys ed has to be outside, so needed to provide equipment sets per cohort.
* **Public Health nurse:** New public health nurse assigned today. Expect her in the school sometime this week.
* **Lockers:** Will be getting permission to use cubbies/lockers once colder weather sets in.
* Terry Fox virtual run raised almost $2400.

**Teachers Report: Christine Heath**

* Thankful to continue working at Huntley, as do all of the staff.
* First few weeks was a learning curve, but now settling into a steady routine.
* Canterbury will be offering a virtual presentation, for any Grade 8s who are interested, on 18th November.
* West Carleton HS are planning a virtual presentation to Gr 8 students.
* Remembrance Day will look very different. School will be holding small class ceremonies. OCDSB will also be providing materials to help individual class events.

**New Business**

* **Review Constitution:** emailed &reviewed by parents. No changes required.
* **Parent Council Website:** planning to add FlipGive details on the website. Letter will also be going out to parents. Heather, Jen (Said & Sparks) & Laura hoping to get it set up this month.
* **Fundraising:** To fundraise for the Greening Project, Janet suggested setting up a sponsorship package to share with local construction companies. Jay will look into the school providing tax receipts as Parent Council is not a charity so cant issue tax receipts. Sarah Connell also offered help.
	+ **Magazines:** no longer available in Canada.
	+ **Flip Give:** set up as an ongoing fundraiser with a link on the website – Laura is looking into it.
	+ **Online Seeds:** Vessey & West Coast Seeds are options for Spring.
	+ **Curiosity Box:** possible option that could be added to the website. Jen Sparks will investigate further.
	+ **Scientists in School:** is being offered online. Considering purchasing a session for students to do in class. Jay to find out level of interest from teachers.
* **Teacher Appreciation Christmas Lunch:** suggestion to support local businesses and provide gift bags for staff to take home. Difficult to organize any meal with everyone together, and unlikely to allow parents to provide potluck. Jay to check back on rules with OCDSB. Approx 50 staff, including custodians. Are there any others ways we can help to support teachers?
* **Christmas Hamper for school families in need:** Jay will identify how many families. Also, school is still hoping to run the snowsuit drive as usual.

Next meeting: Monday 7th December, at 7pm. Online meeting invite will be sent out beforehand.

**Motion to adjourn:** Lisa& Jen Fry**.**