

Monday October 2nd, 2023; 7:00 pm; In Person-HCPS- school library

Attendance: Jennifer Said, Shari Fisher, Angela Alguire, Donna Coutts, Samantha Lee, Nimisha Kakkar, Kate Wallace, Laura Shirley, Simon Vickery, Lauren Watkinson, Katherine Lapner, Shirley Keith, Stephanie Adkins, Amanda Cybulski, Katie Payne, Dawn Disdale, Catherine McGovern, Lisa Smith, Julie Gauvin, Katie Buck, Cheryl Arnott, Jeff Gervais, Meghan Schuler

Regrets : Krystal K, Ginette Taylor & Alexis George

Approved meeting minutes from June 2023: Shari & Dawn

Agenda Approved: Nimisha & Dawn

Dissolution of Current Council: 7:09 pm

Election of Council Officers: Secretary: Alexis George & Cheryl Arnott; Treasurer: Dawn Disdale; Communications & Managing Website: Nimisha Kakkar; Chair & Co Chair: Jenn Said & Shari Fisher & Other Voting Members: Katie Payne, Angela Alguire, Stephanie Adkins, Ginette Taylor

Food Cupboard; Katie Buck; healthy snacks (ie. Apples, etc) typically from Costco-approx. \$750 per year. Shopping approx. once every 3 weeks to a month month-coordinates w Office staff to know when needed replenishing. For students who forget their lunch or need a little extra. Samantha Lee (new owners of local orchard) will donate apples for this until they run out-thank you.

Financial Allocations: Jenn Said \$46,425.35 Greening (Play structure-\$150 k goal) yearly contributions-\$6000. Greening Fundraisers-\$8712.78; Arts Program-\$6000 (Donna Coutts: different workshops, dance & social studies across grades during school day); Gardening Club (Donna Coutts & Mrs. Skevington: tulip bulbs, spring fall gardening around school) -\$400.00; Lunch Program expenses (ie materials/supplies to distribute hot lunches)- \$450; Parent Council Activities (ie bubble day, juice box T Fox, etc); Lunch/Food Cupboard (for students who forget their lunch, need a little extra, etc)-\$750.00; Donations (Families in Need) \$1050.; Teacher Appreciation (school luncheon Xmas, end of year)-\$1000.; Grade 8 Grad Donation (typically they do milk distribution for lunches)-\$1000; Miscellaneous-\$300.; Teachers Wish Lists (ie science lab materials) -\$6000.; Sports Equipment (ie new balls school yard recess, tent for special sporting events) \$1000.; Additional Funds to Greening - \$10,000. Total: \$43,362.78. Left over as buffer-not allocated: \$3,062.57

Principals Report: Jeff Gervais Introduction: A proud Dad of 9 & 11yr old, was principal also before kids, his wife is a grade 3 teacher, loves cottaging, fishing & outdoors, from Ottawa Valley Pembroke area, entire family in education; ie brother is an EA, another member a VP, etc, coming from South March PS, in his 20th year-12 ½ as Principal, VP before, this is his 6th school as an Administrator, Taught intermediate students but also loves the Kinders and wide range afforded in K to 8 schools. Key for him: Organization & Communication both with staff & parents/families and our community- weekly updates; Celebrating the Positives in classrooms, build all relationships and getting to know the entire student body, staff and parents & SIMPLIFY-workflow etc. for all.

* 10 out of 11 buses total are now running (OSTA) w V26 still being looked at (NO am/pm bus as yet), further challenges include waitlist EDP (before and after school program), and traffic/safety at school bus zone at morning drop off and afternoon dismissal pick up

* 586 students enrolled-an increase at Huntley whereas typically seeing a decrease system wide, 5th kindergarten class added, no reorganization of classes/students/teachers anticipated-status quo; ECE 3 vacancies currently interviewing to fill; Stacey Hearne Office Admin (no firm details on return date), but was thankfully filled by Heidi Mogg (graciously assisted out of retirement) and now Wendy Norton, & new (local) Office Assistant Shauna Murphy

Teachers Report: Donna Coutts

- Thank you for providing the juice boxes for the Terry Fox Run
- Cross country running for junior and intermediate students
- The junior students have their race on Thursday Oct. 5
- The intermediate students will participate in their cross country race on Oct. 10
- Our junior students have been involved in soccer
- The junior girls have a soccer tournament on Oct. 12 and Huntley is hosting this event.
- The junior boys have a soccer tournament on Oct. 19. Huntley is hosting this tournament as well
- The intermediate boys and girls are participating in preparing for a touch football tournament.
- The girls' touch football tournament will take place on Oct. 25
- The boys' touch football tournament is on Oct. 31.
- Lunch monitors and bus monitors are working well to help our kindergarten and primary students
- Leadership club for intermediate students
- Primary Choir called the Huntley Howlers
- Our grade 4 students participated in a presentation at the Agricultural Hall on Sept. 22 at the Carp Fair
- Our K-8 students participated in the school and home crafts competition at the Carp Fair
- It was so nice to meet our families on Sept. 27 @ Huntley School open house/meet the teacher
- Terry Fox Run was celebrated here at Huntley on Sept. 28
- The Day of Reconciliation was observed on Sept. 29
- Huntley's We Scare Hunger food drive for the West Carleton Food Access Centre will run from Oct.2 - Oct. 13

Vice Principals Report: Meghan Schuler was VP at South March w Jeff Gervais, 18th year teaching, Spec Ed is her specialty, Mom of 15, 13 & 10 year old. Excited to be here!

Hot Lunch Milk Program: Anita Gibbons has graciously accepted (from previous years past) and will be coordinating. Main money maker for Council, last year 2 days a week, 1 pizza finger & 1 chicken finger from Carp Pizza, looking at new ones including "Mad Radish", that will be sampled by select students across grades, Lunch Lady on Wednesdays possibly, likely one pizza day again this year. Milk Program (daily Mon thru Friday) will also resume. Parent volunteers throughout week will be needed and some have already signed up.

Soccer Tournament (Mr. S. Flipsen): Asked to provide/run **canteen** (cold drinks, snacks, etc) at nearby soccer fields on Langstaff on **October 12th -Girls & 19th October -Boys** tournaments. Proceeds back to P. Council and money raised requested to subsidize costly junior 4.5.& 6 Pakenham 2 day downhill ski trips. **Julie Gauvin** will organize and be lead. Will need parent volunteers' day of and grade 8's could also possibly assist. Council Allocated funds in advance up to \$1500.00 (for purchase items \$1000.& \$500 float).

Set Committees: OCASC: one rep needed from each student council who meet once a month; annual fee is approx. \$35.and covered by us/P. Council. TBD

Greening: Play structure replacement at back of school for grades 1-8, may include outdoor classrooms, etc. ear marked or current goal is \$150 K min. Anticipated date is 2028. Committee itself TBD

Fundraisers & Events: Xmas Bazaar (Krystal last year-but will likely need someone else to coordinate and or at least assist this year. (One day all kids go shopping in main gym-all gifts 2\$ and shop for Xmas families & Friends, Older grades assist younger ones, bake sale, grade 6's do the wrapping, all items are pre donated to bazaar in advance by parents and stored on stage before big event. Kids & parents love tradition and good fund raiser. Any student who forgets money is also able to participate for free.

Facebook Auction last year and this (**Katie Payne**) and was huge success! Will need volunteers to assist especially with pick up/drop off of items.

Purdy's Chocolate for Christmas; was Lisa Murphy last 3 years or so, but Dawn Disdale will do online order, set up and coordination – relatively easy for Council, volunteers come in day of delivery and sort orders into bags for parent pick up.

Pickle Vixen (pickles, dips and stuff) might be good timing leading up to Xmas. Movie nights at school for students and their families-possibly after Jan.

Council decided to plan for **Xmas Bazaar, Facebook Auction & Purdy's leading up to Christmas this year**. Others to be discussed and determined for January onward.

Meeting Adjourned: Shari & Dawn 8:54 pm

Next Council Meeting: November 6th, 2023

Future Meetings: December 4th 2023, January 8th, February 5th, March 4th, April 8th, May 6th, June 3rd 2024