

Huntley Centennial Public School

Parent Council Meeting

December 4th, 2023

7pm

Huntley Centennial P.S. Library

Attendees:

Jennifer Said	Ginette Taylor
Katie Payne	Cheryl Arnott
Dawn Disdale	Amanda Cybulski
Katie Buck	Jeff Gervais (Principal)
Stephanie Adkins	Alexis George
Lisa Smith	

Regrets:

Shari Fisher	Laura Taggart
Meghan Schuler (Vice Principal)	
Donna Coutts (Teacher Representative)	
Nimisha Kakkar	

Approve Minutes from November 2023

The minutes of the Parent Council meeting held November 6th, 2023 were approved by Katie Payne, seconded by Stephanie Adkins.

Approve Meeting Agenda & Commence Meeting

The meeting agenda was approved by Cheryl Arnott, seconded by Jennifer Said. The meeting was therefore called to order.

Opening remarks

Jennifer Said, co-chair thanked all those in attendance for coming to the meeting.

Introductions

All those in attendance, as listed above, introduced themselves.

Reports/Committees

Treasurer Report

The following items were noted:

- The parent council had a healthy balance of \$143,000;

- The online auction raised a significant amount and funds were coming in from that fundraiser;
- Floats had been prepared for Thursday's Christmas bazaar; and
- A more formal report would be available in the near future.

Principal's Report

Jeff Gervais noted the following:

- Kinder night was to be held Jan 31, 2024 with registration starting January 15th. He encouraged early/on time registration so that staffing and enrolment numbers could be better known; Advertising these dates at the Carp Co-operative Nursery or the Early Education Centre in Carp could help;
- He asked for feedback on the use of the online booking site recently used for booking Parent/Educator interviews. Consensus was that it worked well;
- Confetti the school elf was back again this year which the kids thoroughly enjoyed;
- Two way radios had arrived, expected to improve communication while teachers are outside on duty; bright orange vests for teachers had been ordered, to improve teacher visibility and uniformity while outside;
- A Lunch Monitor had been hired for increased supervision;
- Continued communication with parents on best practices for parking and driving around school property were ongoing; the City Councillor's office had been in touch which would help build a relationship and facilitate conversations about road safety in the school area.

Teachers' Report

Donna Coutt's submitted a report which highlighted the following:

Sports Events

- Both intermediate touch football teams participated in the board finals. The girls' team placed third while the boys' team placed second;
- Swim to Survive for Mrs. Wade's and Mrs. Armitage's grade $\frac{3}{4}$ class;
- The junior students are enjoying intramural bordenball. Thank you Mme. Laughton & Mr. Baird for organizing.

Clubs

- Lunch monitors and bus monitors are working well to help kindergarten and primary students;
- Leadership club was available for intermediate students;
- Chess club would be starting soon;
- Huntley Howlers was the choir for grades 6 - 8 students; and
- Mrs. Dean had selected the musical for this year, "Wednesday".

Special Events

- Remembrance Day ceremony was held on November 10th;
- On November 15th the intermediate students went to an Ottawa 67's game;
- Intermediate students participated in a virtual presentation from Canterbury High School on November 21st;
- On November 23rd the grade one students participated in a virtual presentation from the Ottawa Humane Society;
- On November 30th Mr. Flipsen's, Mrs. Skevington's and Mrs. Coutts' classes delivered the flyers for the Food Drive that is part of the Huntley Association's Santa Clause Parade taking place December 9th; and
- On December 1st grades 3-6 will enjoy a cultural performance on Dances from the Caribbean.

Upcoming Events

- Christmas Bazaar on December 7th;
- Grade 8 students will be participating in an Open House at Sir Guy Carleton;
- Rideauwood presentations for intermediate students on December 11th;
- Volleyball tournament for intermediate students on December 12th & 13th. Mr. Galbraith and Mr. McIntosh will be taking the students to these events;
- Grade 7 & 8 students are invited to a presentation by CHEO on December 14th; and
- Plans are being made for the Christmas assembly on December 22nd.

Open Action Items

Huntley Online Auction

The online auction was very successful raising roughly \$14,500. Delivery of items was mostly complete and all items had been paid for.

Holiday Bazaar

The bazaar was to be held December 7th and many donations had already been collected. A volunteer meeting was hosted on December 3rd with a followup email having been sent to volunteers. The gym would be set up on December 6th between 2:30-5pm. Students who wish to shop under less stimulating conditions could come during recess or nutrition break.

Pickle Vixen

The fundraiser was now closed and raised approximately \$580. The pickup date for items purchased would be December 13th. This fundraiser would be repeated in the future.

Food Cupboard

The food cupboard has not required much replenishment. Items with longer expiry dates were discussed (in lieu of items such as yogurt). Disposable cutlery required restocking.

Holiday Food Basket

Staff and administration would select families within the school community who could benefit from some extra help this holiday season. Gift Cards would be given.

New Business

There was no new business raised. Discussions on second half of the year fundraisers and the OCASC meeting rep to be deferred to the next meeting.

Adjourn Meeting

On the grounds that no further business was left outstanding it was moved by Cheryl Arnott, seconded by Ginette Taylor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm.