

Huntley Centennial Public School

Parent Council Meeting

February 5th, 2024

7pm

Huntley Centennial P.S. Library

Attendees:

Jennifer Said

Katie Payne

Shari Fisher

Katie Buck

Stephanie Adkins

Samantha Day

Donna Coutts (Teacher Representative)

Meghan Schuler (Vice-Principal)

Jeff Gervais (Principal)

Alexis George

Regrets:

Dawn Disdale

Cheryl Arnott

Ginette Taylor

Nimisha Kakkar

Laura Taggart

Katie Payne

Approve Minutes from December 2023

The minutes of the Parent Council meeting held December 4th, 2023 were approved by Stephanie Adkins.

Approve Meeting Agenda & Commence Meeting

The meeting agenda was approved by Sheri Fisher, seconded by Alexis George. 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 Treasurer was not in attendance so no formal report was presented. It was noted that the finances were in order and no major update was needed.

Principal's Report

Jeff Gervais noted the following:

- Kinder night held Jan 31, 2024 was a success with lot of families attending;
- Report card preparation was ongoing, with reports being sent home on February 14th;
- Twonie Tuesday would be held February 27th;
- School clothing had been ordered for interested students; ;
- Various events were reported as being upcoming including the Jr. ski day, skating at the Carp arena, grade 8 welcome night at the High School, a P.D. day on February 16th and a trip to the Bill Mason Centre by grade 4s on February 29th/March 1st. .

Teachers' Report

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

Sports Events

- The intermediate girl had a volleyball tournament on January 9th;;
- The intermediate boys shad a volleyball tournament on January 10th
- Junior students enjoyed participating in intramural bordenball and are now looking forward to participating in tournaments;
- On February 1st the tier one junior boys participated in a tournament;
- The junior girls have a bordenball tournament on February 6th; and
- The intermediate students were engaged in playing basketball.

Clubs

- Lunch monitors and bus monitors are working well to help kindergarten and primary students;
- Leadership club was available for intermediate students;
- Chess club was offered for junior and intermediate students;
- Earth Care club was being offered, along with a Rubik's Cube club;
- Huntley Howlers was the choir for grades 6 - 8 students; and
- The musical for this year, "Wednesday" was underway; and
- There was a Rainbow Club for intermediate students.

Special Events

- On December 19th a librarian from the Carp branch of the Ottawa Public Library visited the junior students, showing them how to order books online;
- Kirk Henderson visited Mr. Baird's grade 6/7 class on January 11th;;
- On January 11 the intermediate students were engaged in Canterbury's Open House; and ;
- On January 15 the students in grade 8 had their graduation pictures taken. .

Upcoming Events

- Students in grade 1-6 got to skate at the Carp arena, with two classes going at a time;;

- On February 7th & 23rd the junior students would be skiing at Mont Pakenham. Thanks were given to Mr. Flipsen for his hard work organizing the event. Students not participating in the event would enjoy a Winter Fun Day;
- On February 15th the grade 1 classes would host a Foire de Famille event; and ;
- On February 29th & March 1st some students would be visiting the Bill Mason Center to participate in outdoor education.

Vice Principals Report

Meghan Schuler noted that the gift cards had been given to certain Huntley families who were identified as being in need. The recipients were very grateful. It was also noted that extra hot lunches could be given to these families as well.

Food Cupboard

Katie Buuck noted that the food cupboard had recently been restocked with an emphasis on longer lasting items.

Open Action Items

N/A.

New Business

Smart Boards

A discussion on the use of smart boards in the classroom was held, after a parent had enquired about the use of this device in the classroom. It was confirmed that smart boards and/or projections onto the white boards were used occasionally to assist teachers/E.A.s in the classroom and were always used under teacher/E.A. supervision.

Hot Lunch Program

Jen Said recapped the term 2 Hot Lunch Program. New options were being provided (Subway & Mizzola's) and pizza & chicken fingers would now be offered through Village Pizza.

Fundraisers

Term 2 fundraising initiatives were discussed. It was decided to continue this discussion and formalize plans via email given the small numbers in attendance at this meeting.

Adjourn Meeting

On the grounds that no further business was left outstanding it was moved by Shari Fisher, seconded by Alexis George to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm.