

Monday, April 8th, 2024; 7:00 pm; In Person-HCPS- school library

Attendees: Jennifer Said, Jeff Gervais, Meghan Schuler, Donna Coutts, Samantha Day, Shari Fisher, Katie Buck, Angela Alguire, Dawn Dinsdale, Laura Shirley, Katie Payne, Cheryl Arnott

Regrets: Lisa Stedel-Smith, Ginette Taylor, Amith Horra & Alexis George

Approved meeting minutes from March 4th 2024: Angela & Dawn

Agenda Approved & Meeting Commenced: Katie & Shari; 19:02 hrs

Treasurer's Report - Dawn Dinsdale: Audit completed our end from Sept. 23 to end of March 24-pretty standard especially when new Principal and or Admin changeover, no questions asked to date, and school cash online simplifies now so much.

Slightly under \$2000. Gift cards purchased (MasterCard) \$250 each-for Families in Need/Fire Victims.

Principals Report - Jeff Gervais: Staffing Update; 601 remains current projected enrollment for next year, still trying to gather info-families moving in /out and between French immersion to English program. As of Wed last week, **36.16 full time equivalent staffing allocation; 25% increase for VP-Admin allocation-means only ¼ teaching time** (300 minutes a week vs current ½ time teaching ½ admin-note; very uncommon in elementary schools to have a full time dedicated VP). April is staffing month and classroom allocation and teaching preferences are considered for next year, interviewing may be in May & June **but ALWAYS CHANGING** until 1st day of school next September. **Up 1 homeroom and 2 extra portables are most likely.**

Student survey coming-email out; Grade 7/8's complete themselves in class on 16th April, **parents are HIGHLY encouraged to complete for students and families K to gr 6. Have til May 10th.** Promoting as it is very helpful for planning next year. Will also be added to Facebook page.

Special mention upcoming Musical-the Addams Family at end of April, staff and students working hard on it and v exciting.

Special question asked by Dawn Dinsdale re: if **any anticipated/estimated date of return of Mrs.**

MacDonald - as she is missed? No hard dates that can be shared, but working on it.

Special mention to both Principal & VP by Cheryl Arnott; **huge thank you and update new replacement grade 6 efi homeroom French teacher and all related changes** seems to be working great by all accounts and **much appreciated their efforts.**

Teacher Report - Donna Coutts

- **Sport Events;** Junior boy's basketball tournament on March 20 and 21
- Junior girl's basketball tournament on March 21
- Our grade ¾ students will visit the Huntley Curling Club on April 5
- Our intermediate students are engaged in intramural badminton.
- **Clubs;** Lunch monitors and bus monitors are working well to help our kindergarten and primary students
- Leadership club for intermediate students
- Chess club for junior and intermediate students
- Environment club
- Rubik's Cube club
- Huntley Howlers is the choir for grades 6 - 8
- The musical is well underway
- Rainbow club for intermediate students
- Social time for students observing Ramadan during nutrition breaks.
- The garden club will be starting up soon.

Special Events; Earth Hour was observed on March 22 from 1:35-2:35

- On March 26 Eric Walters visited Huntley to speak with our grade 5-8 students about his experiences writing fiction. There are several of his books here at Huntley.
- Scientists in the School for our grade one and two classes.
- Virtual presentation from the Ottawa Humane Society
- Thank you very much for supporting KellyLee Evans and Will's Jams

Upcoming Events; On April 12 our students in Grade 5 will be venturing downtown to the Parliament Buildings and the students in Grade 6 will be visiting the Aviation and Space Museum.

- Rock the Arts will be performing for our k-3 students on Earth Day April 22
- Dress rehearsal for our school musical on April 23
- Opening night for the musical is April 25 and closing night in April 26

Food Cupboard - Katie Buck: still good, clementines and apples are going so very quickly.

McDonalds Fundraiser – Katie Payne: April 17th from 4 to 8 pm-Kanata North March Road location.

This time will offer paper OR additional electronic method for ordering, super easy fundraiser, kids love it, last year earned \$1200. Can do drive thru or go in option.

Soccer Canteen (Jenn & Dawn) correction notice last September monies raised towards Mr Flipsen's assist w Junior downhill ski trips **is actually \$1084.53**, (not what was initially shared with us in error profits of \$1600; \$3,024 money earned - less expenses paid out \$1939.47- leaving profit corrected value above).

Dunrobin Nursery Fundraiser- Shari Fisher: was to close on 4th but lots of plants and **extended til April 15th**-spread the word, just over \$200 but originally hoping/aiming for \$300. Will need some help day of pick up at school, date to be determined, prefer after long weekend to avoid frost risk.

Movie Night Fundraiser – Katie Payne: May 3rd, 2024; Super Mario Bros was voted movie, **at 6 pm, doors open at 5:30** to get snacks, popcorn will be available-Anita Gibbons providing her machine, will be **Google sign up sheet**, believe 250 allowable attendance (fire safety, w chairs vs without allowances), parents must stay in attendance w their children, have parent volunteer (s) help (L Shirley) but may ask assistance from older students night of and/or look at high school volunteers towards community hours.

Pre Approved Up to \$1500 spending for snacks & float in advance. (19:48 hrs)

New Business: Grad Committee (Jenn Said) is being chaired by Michelle Spooner and other Gr 8 parents, looking at additional local event (like last year Altitude Gym) and dinner (Eastside Marios) in lieu of previous years Quebec City trip (cost prohibitive). They may need to do fundraisers like other years, such as successful bottle drives past and could consider Maverick Donuts- as we have done already a lot this year.

Money Donated to Feeding Children-(Jenn Said) hot lunch support for families in need of assistance will be tallied and forthcoming.

Meeting Adjourned: Katie & Cheryl @ 19:55 hrs

Next Council Meeting: May 6th, 2024 & June 3rd, 2024