

Monday, November 4th, 2024; 7:00 pm; In Person-HCPS- school library

Attendees: Jennifer Said, Jeff Gervais, Meghan Schuler, Tara McCaffrey, Svetlana Fee, Nicole Slingerland, Katie Payne, Celina Bak, Stephanie Adkins, Angela Alguire, Amith Horra, Dawn Dinsdale, Ginette Taylor, Cheryl Arnott

Regrets: Donna Coutts, Bree Holloway, Caitlin Jacques, Kelly Lewis, Carly Ring, Laura Shirley, Amanda Cybulski

Approved meeting minutes from Sept. 2024: Angela & Stephanie

Agenda Approved & Meeting Commence: Tara & Cheryl

Opening Remarks: if get sidetracked or a topic needs further attention or individual issues, will aim to table it until end of meeting, to try and keep to schedule and agenda timing as a courtesy

Introduction roundtable: all attendees introduced self and their children within school

Treasurer's Report-Dawn: 160 k approx. in bank. Another awesome auction by Katie-not final but to date \$15, 566.90 includes website expense! Soccer tournament canteen Amith \$1249.61-also a success, was very busy over 3 days, students helped too, some snacks leftover going to movie night. All fundraisers to date \$17 049.28 includes Flipgive-now closed, Mabels Labels & Auction, Expenses \$304. to food cupboard and money from Arts allocation going to upcoming Latin American music performance

Principals Report- Jeff Gervais: \$19,000 from council; (6K to Arts-Luv2Groove 18th to 22nd Nov. \$2,500 for whole school, 8K to teachers, 3K for speakers & events-i.e. "Get Real" & Paul Davis (\$2K) booked for Jan 22nd re: cyber safety, a school session for students & 6:30 pm session for parents (travel expenses required-but may be able to share with other schools closer to date); 2 K sports/phys. ed-released 2 teachers for ½ day to go through equipment & storage rooms to clean and determine what's needed such as balls). Last staff meeting brainstormed re spending, each division Kinder, primary, jr. and interm. each getting a \$1000- ie. Butterfly supplies for JK/SK. Kinder, primary & juniors-Scientists in school-I session per homeroom \$5,500. Jeff needs to subsidize a bit to top up from other funds such as the school's **Operating Budget (approx. \$35 k) given to school based on Ministry funds; for everyday costs and covers everything ie. releasing teachers/replacements for other school matters, photocopy paper, etc. & **School generated funds/other sources** i.e. parent council-Hst returns on back purchases through school cash online, bus/kids field trips, student fees collected every year (if when collected-not to date since Jeff's arrival) and **Student Grants**-ie for specific student experiences such as outdoor ed. trips.**

Mid October-school reorganization: first time for many, happens quite often-a disruption to entire school based on Ministry funding-a certain amount for each child and caps on classroom sizes ie. primary 20 students or less, comes with an unexpected increase or decrease in enrollment, 2nd week Sept. Board planning department reviews each schools numbers. 601 was our projected student number and we were staffed accordingly. In end, 585 was our enrollment (similar to last year end), saw French immersion increase and English decrease; hence had to do reorg. A ¾ split class was collapsed-total 13 students moved or disrupted, created permanent staff redundancies, and affected long term occasional and supply long term teachers-grade 2 division. Online school still in effect but may not be much longer. Unknown why total enrollment down OCDSB by approx. 1000 students-now a teacher 'surplus'.

Progress Reports November 20th, reminder no marks/no hard evaluation, important to read comment boxes made by teachers regarding students learning skills, strengths, goals and next steps, etc.

Interviews on Thurs pm Nov 28 & Fri Nov 29 morning only. Teachers have 300 minutes total for this. They will reach out if/when deemed necessary and there will also be online parent sign up coming (like last year) shortly.

PD day this coming Friday, Nov 8th, 2nd one this fall, focus Ministry wide, all boards on literacy, mathematics and well-being.

“Acadience”; new Ministry reading assessment teacher tool/diagnostic -for SK, 1 & 2’s-report went to parents as per requirement; ‘Above benchmark, below benchmark or well below benchmark’, limited context. Although Jeff did send a letter to parents along with their child’s assessment; many grade 2 parents were floored with the results and requested in future a better heads up, &/or better explanation on the interpretations. He suggested read with your kids as much as possible!

Teachers Report: Sports Events

- The students in grades 6-8 have been learning to play pickleball at the tennis courts here in Carp.
- Huntley hosted soccer tournaments with our neighboring schools from October 8-10.
- Many Intermediate students participated in the Regional Cross-Country Running Meet on Tuesday October 15.
- The Junior Regional Cross-Country Running Meet took place on Tuesday October 22. Many of our talented Junior and Intermediate students were placed in the top 20 positions at the end of their races.
- The Intermediate girls football team competed in the Regional Football tournament on October 29. They almost qualified for the OCDSB Board finals.
- The Intermediate boys football team competed on October 30 and they are on their way to the board finals.

Clubs Lunch monitors and bus monitors are working well to help our kinder and primary students.

- School choir for our students in grades 6-8. It is called the Huntley Howlers.
- Rainbow club for Intermediate students
- Garden club will be busy planting more bulbs soon. Thank you for your support.
- Environment Club
- Our Intermediate students are in the beginning stages of preparing for this year’s musical.

Special Events Huntley’s students won many ribbons for their school entries in the Carp Fair. There were also many successful entries showing various animals.

- We all participated in the Terry Fox Run on Friday October 4.
- Mrs. Song did a wonderful job organizing and running Scholastic Book Fair on Tues Oct 8 & Thur Oct 10.
- The Intermediate students participated in a field trip called Level Up on October 10.
- Our students got their picture taken on October 11. They will be able to engage in retakes on Nov 7.
- The grade one students went on a nature walk to Hidden Lake on October 15.
- Thank you for providing the virtual performance with Colores Andinos on October 15.
- Students and teachers from Canterbury H.S. visited Huntley on October 21.
- Halloween was a huge success this year and so was the Get Cozy Spirit Day on Friday Nov. 1.
- The AstroPontiac Planetarium amazed our Grade 5 and 6 students on Friday Nov. 1
- The Ottawa Humane Society visited Huntley on Nov. 1 to educate our Grade 1 students on proper pet etiquette.

Upcoming Events Grade 7 students will participate in a presentation from CHEO **CHEO Mental Health Literacy sessions** on November 5.

- Picture retakes will take place on Nov. 7
- Some of our students in Grade 8 will visit Sir Guy Carleton S.S. on November 6.
- The Remembrance Day ceremony will take place at 11:00 on November 11.
- The Grade 6/7 class and the Intermediate students will go to an Ottawa 67s game on November 13.
- Luv2Groove will be visiting Huntley from Monday Nov. 18 until Thursday Nov.22. Each class in the school will participate in 2 dance workshops.
- There will be school bus safety presentations for our students on November 27.
- Our Grade 8 students will be visiting West Carleton S.S. on November 28

Soccer Tournament Canteen: Amith Horra; great success, Mr Flipsen organized big event, kids had a lot of fun, student volunteering, complaints from community about the community garbage overflowing-

not picked up for 2 weeks and smelling bad-was 3 day event this time and while garbage itself was picked up by students off the fields, etc., suggest for next year to contact in advance Clarke Kelly-request more frequency of removal by City to accommodate.

Online Auction: Katie Payne; huge success, went well, in end, Katie had minimal assistance collecting, need however 3 to 4 people in future for this to share the load, organization itself is at min. a 2 man job but very hard to separate into individual tasks, emails etc. Suggest for next year, might assist to have volunteers go visit and 'drop in' on our donors. Monies going to Greening Project (school play yard replacement and/or enhancement).

Movie Night-Nov. 8th: Nicole & Svetlana; Inside Out 2, put a 150 cap on numbers/tickets sold based on how kids stretch out but do think fire hazard number is much higher. Some snacks coming from soccer tourney, Anita Gibbons bringing popcorn machine for our use-will cook outside or front door away from any fire alarms, screen will be set up by custodial staff, projector and speaker working, still sorting if they can download and or stream it over wifi-school network, or pre download on a computer and worst case scenario will buy it for \$25.00. if necessary. Will be some volunteers present and grade 7 students to assist.

Holiday Bazaar: Amanda; Website is up for volunteer list for after school set up on Dec. 11th and Thurs. Dec 12th event itself and tear down after. Pre approved \$1000 for float (Dawn & Ginette), \$250 for raffle prize items and pizza and coffee for volunteers. Dawn advised no cash payments for coffee/pizza-will cut cheques after to avoid confusion. treasurerhcps@gmail.com).

Purdy's Chocolate: Jenn; its up and running now, closes November 20th, will need volunteers to help sort orders in library once in for parent pick up-date most likely December 10th.

Staff Appreciation: Jenn for Bree; 1st one on Nov. 15-Mavericks donuts and coffee, will have post it notes all around school to show appreciation for all school staff. Will post on Fb as well to allow parents to contribute their own positive messages or happy blurbs. Xmas lunch not set yet, but still to come.

Lost & Found: Stephanie; 6 very full tables of student clothing and water bottles, etc. set up and located in hallway outside library. Some have tags, and they will hopefully be sorted, but most not. Following parent teacher interviews, remaining unclaimed items will be donated.

New Business: Local Scouting group-they go around village of Carp picking up food donations from local homes for our community food bank on the morning of the Santa Claus Parade on Dec 7th, 2024. They **have requested assistance to purchase plastic bags** to help with their endeavour as they can no longer get them for free. Jenn suggested cost approximately \$100 from our Buffer fund. Approved by Celina & Angela.

Purchasing our own popcorn machine for our numerous events: **Jenn;** Anita Gibbons has graciously to date always donated hers for our events. However, this winter it will be unavailable (at Icelynd Skating) and the cost is believed to be between \$300-500-funds to come from Buffer. Approved by all. To be determined on where we can store-very limited to no space in servery.

Looking for Parent Help/volunteers - Lamination: Jeff; very expensive machine (burns plastic) that typically breaks down from user error when many persons/staff all using machine without any guidance per say. Very expensive to always fix and timely. Recruiting parents (could be a grandparent) either one or a group to run it/stock it and laminate for teachers and staff. Could be a once week task or split up among team members on a pre-scheduled basis every two weeks.

Meeting Adjourned: Stephanie & Katie 20:49 hrs

Next Council Meeting: Dec 2nd, 2024

Future Meetings: Jan. 13th, Feb 10th, April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd