

## **Monday, December 2nd, 2024; 7:00 pm; In Person-HCPS- school library**

**Attendees:** Jennifer Said, Meghan Schuler, Nicole Slingerland, Katie Payne, Celina Bak, Stephanie Adkins, Dawn Dinsdale, Laura Shirley, Katie Buck, Bree-Jamieson-Holloway, Kelly Lewis, Amanda Cybulski, Cheryl Arnott

**Regrets:** Jeff Gervais, Donna Coutts, Anita Gibbons, Angela Alguire, Tara McCaffery

**Approved meeting minutes from Sept. 2024:** Kelly & Bree (19:05 hrs)

**Agenda Approved & Meeting Commence:** Dawn & Cheryl

### **Principal & Vice Principal's Report- Meghan Schuler:**

Problem with guest internet across Board today.

School **online interview booking system-paid licensing program used by Board**, new last year, looking for feedback-most said they loved it but was noted by one parent that by 4:05 pm all spots had been filled (but did make alternate arrangements). Parents liked ability to choose their times and able to book back to back if more than one student. Parents encouraged to reach out to their teachers if they cannot get spots in future.

School Bus (free) **Presentation by Intertrain Bus Safety**-affiliated w OSTA last week, focussed on safety and reinforcing expectations- i.e. all body parts remain in bus, stay seated in assigned seats etc., well received based on feedback from Gr3 to 8, fyi- seat assignments were organized the previous year by VP and tweaked in Sept.

**Upcoming School Fundraisers; Chrysalis House:** (a western Ottawa shelter where self identified women or gender diverse individuals over the age of 16 and their dependants can go), organized by Mme MacDonald, **each homeroom will be given the age and gender of the children being sponsored**-looking for voluntary unwrapped gift(s) to be donated for Christmas. Can include the parent. Begins Dec. 16 for one week. Mme McCabe also organizing **PJ Patrol Fundraiser** in conjunction with Lanark, CAS & others, requesting new pyjamas (any size), toothbrushes & toothpaste items for area families in need.

It was suggested to Ms Schuler if in future these types of Xmas fundraisers could be shared a little earlier in advance to parents and families-maybe to catch the Black Friday sales.

Were planning a **food drive for local Food Access Centre** but with Community and HCA Santa Claus Parade doing same (Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 24) and considering that last week of February is traditionally the most needed or accessed by families, **school will plan to do their own food drive in February 2025.**

**Upcoming Xmas Bazaar**-looking for a brief refresher, what still needs to do and walkaround w Jenn afterwards.

Parents asked re: **picture retake proofs when will they be available** from Edge Photography. VP to look into.

Member shared to council's attention and VP about **Canadian Parents for French** (promoting and creating opportunities for students to learn & use French) **funded provincial program offering \$1500 grants towards bilingual French presentations**, teachers need to make their submissions-a great opportunity to be explored.

### **Teacher's Report-Meghan Schuler on behalf of Donna Coutts: Sports Events**

- The students in grades 6-8 have been learning to play pickleball at the tennis courts here in Carp.
- There will be a junior boy's borden ball tournament on December 3 and 5 (tier 1 and 3)
- The junior girl's borden ball team will have a tournament on December 4.

**Clubs;** Lunch monitors and bus monitors are working well to help our kindergarten and primary students.

- Our school choir for our students in grades 6-8. It is called the Huntley Howlers.
- Rainbow Club for Intermediate students
- The garden club is now done for the season.

- Environment Club
- Our Intermediate students are already in the beginning stages of preparing for this year's musical, Moana.
- The chess club will be starting up this week.

**Special Events;** 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.
- Remembrance Day was acknowledged here at Huntley with a lovely ceremony.
- Our grade 6-8 students enjoyed the student day game hosted by the Ottawa 67s at the Scotia Bank Place on November 13.
- Thank you very much for the treat day you provided for us on November 15.
- Luv2Groove visited Huntley for 4 days from Nov. 18-21. Each class enjoyed two dance workshops. Thank you for providing this for us.
- Each class learned about school bus safety on November 27.
- Mr. Flipsen's, Mrs. Skevington's, and Mrs. Coutts' classes delivered the flyers for the food drive which is part of Carp's Santa Claus parade next weekend.

**Upcoming Events;** On December 2 the junior students will participate in workshops to learn about Inuit games.

- On December 2 the Huntley Howlers will be performing at the Carp Commons.
- We are looking forward to the Christmas Bazaar. Thank you for hosting.
- The kindergarten students will host a winter concert on December 18.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thank you for everything Council does for us.**

**Treasurer's Report-Dawn Dinsdale: Movie night-well done-\$619.95 raised towards general fund-** nothing specific assigned as yet. **Purdy's Chocolates-\$2100 earned- also to general fund.** Soccer canteen monies earned towards Jr Pakenham ski days. **Very close to 20K (w Auction included to Greening project) raised from fundraisers to date this year.** Dawn has cash float from movie night all ready for bazaar. Two members (Nimisha & Kaitlin) have a total of 3 outstanding cheques that need to be cashed-ie. Food cupboard. **As at Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, \$144 245.56 in our account. Expenses owed \$2800** but does not include 18k for teachers wish list. No cash repayments to council members-cheques only- for day of bazaar for miscellaneous items such as coffee, pizza. purchases.

**Holiday Bazaar: Amanda Cybulski; 12<sup>th</sup> December main gym.** Have obtained a **Santa** suit and he will be **coming between 11 AM & 1:00 PM.** Raffle tickets will be \$1 each or 3 for \$5. 8 items being raffled. Currently, donations received (items to be sold) currently at about half of what's needed for day of. All encouraged to spread the word. **Baked goods (nut free)** will also be available this year, not many signed up to date, but hopefully if like last year, lots turned up morning of event itself. **Will be posted on our Facebook page, Huntley Community Association and Carp Community Collective Facebook sites** and will advise parents and donators that most evenings after regular school hours, the box to drop items is inside front doors- main entrance school. The doors are typically open and unlocked til 8 pm at night. Suggested a sign might be put up on front doors to also let people know. Planning an **online virtual meeting on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm for parent volunteers** followed by a summary/recap email for those who missed. Volunteer lists still posted for different timeslots-sign up. Might be shy for clean up crew from 2:30 pm onwards on day of event. All leftover items will be loaded into vehicles and be donated to Value Village, Salvation Army & Mission Thrift stores (the last two preferred by general consensus). Original plan to give to another school for same, no longer an option as their bazaar has already happened. **All volunteers will need to sign in at office**-may look at putting sign in book/sheet in main gym itself in lieu to reduce traffic. Teachers/homerooms have been distributed a sign up sheet on

when they would like to come shop-**20 minute timeslots, 2 to 3 classes** at a time, VP might take over scheduling of classes as there is a special presentation in school said day as well. Will try to coordinate the younger grades attending while Santa is present. Younger students will be assigned older student helpers to assist with their shopping and for those students who could benefit from quieter visits, parent volunteers are scheduled over nutrition and recess breaks. Parent volunteers can offer when necessary ie student forgets their money, etc items for free. Free wrapping by older students will also be available this year. Treasurer will be organizing/ordering the free Carp pizza for volunteers.

**Staff Appreciation-Bree Jamieson Holloway:** total budget \$1500. Got a supreme deal (through a friend) from **Mavericks-donuts** and coffee/tea on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>-was really enjoyed and appreciated by staff.

**Planning another similar in spring.** Also planning in January and in spring-possibly April, **2 muffin mornings** (parents/ community members bake at home and bring fresh to school for staff the morning of). **Xmas holiday lunch;** looking to have Crust N Crate (3 pizza trays w salads) cater-approx. \$550. Includes delivery! **December 17<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-12:45** and will include gluten free option and possibly vegan if required. May need a little help day of for staff room set up.

**Purdy's Chocolates-Jenn Said:** chocolate orders arrive sometime before the 6<sup>th</sup> of Dec-this Friday. Jenn will reach out **for assistance to help sort orders in library one evening**-couple hours max. **Orders to be picked up on Tues. the 10<sup>th</sup> of December by families/parents** after school at main entrance- inside front doors.

**Lost & Found-Stephanie Adkins:** all remaining unclaimed items were bagged up and are being picked up tomorrow morning at 8:30 am, heading to Queen Mary and Vincent Massey elementary schools. These schools need items all year round.

**School Cash Online question raised-all parents received a Voluntary Library Book replacement fee. A bit ambiguous** -at first glance it appears like your child has lost a book, but not necessarily the case. **VP to make some enquiries.** Ms. Song-our librarian only there on part time basis-Tues, Thurs and Fridays.

**Dance Party- Nicole Slingerland:** In the evening on **January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25.** Like movie nights will be snacks and drinks for sale. Planning some freestyle and some coordinated dances. Will need projector and looking for dance winter/disco ball. Will likely create an advance playlist. Looking at Utube, Just Dance, body breaks and suggested to look at Coach Corey Martin-as he has great online selection of options that include freeze dances etc. Currently have lots of pop, chocolate and juice boxes from previous on hand, but do need sour keys/ candy to be purchased.

**Fundraisers for January-June-Jenn Said:** to be discussed at next meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Stephanie & Cheryl 20:27 hrs

**Next Council Meeting: Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm-school library**

**Future Meetings:** Feb 10th, April 7th, May 5th, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025