

Monday, January 13, 2024; 7:00 pm; In Person-HCPS- school library

Attendees: Jennifer Said, Meghan Schuler, Katie Payne, Celina Bak, Katie Buck, Lynn Scott, Angela Alguire, Dawn Dinsdale, Nicole Slingerland, Tara McCaffrey, Svetlana Fee

Regrets: Jeff Gervais, Bree Jamison Holloway, Kelly Lewis, Laura Shirley, Carly Ring, Ginette Taylor, Cheryl Arnott

Approved meeting minutes from Nov. 2024: Katie Payne, Katie Buck

Agenda Approved & Meeting Commence: Celina Bak & Katie Payne

Opening Remarks: thanks for coming

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

Treasurer's Report-Dawn: no outstanding cheques, a woman dropped off \$80 cash at the office for the bazaar & a mom that dropped off \$5 for things her child bought – added \$85 and float out -\$6388.13 from bazaar

Statement for Nov: \$149,000 and change, no update for Dec/Jan

Principals Report/Vice Principals Report – Meghan Schuler:

Staffing – Carrie Merrill will be transitioning to retirement (EA); welcoming Maria Davvy as a library tech – coming in Wednesday mornings; allocated an additional 0.5 EA so now have 4 full time EAs – process of hiring for this;

PD Days: Jan 24 – report card writing PD day; Feb 14 is PA day focussed on language; Feb 12 term 1 report cards going home

Purchased new motorized screen will be installed in the small gym and a screen in large gym by OCDSB
Over the summer a new universal washroom will be constructed

Coming up: Paul Davis hosting online media safety presentation on January 22. Older students welcome to attend in the evening with parents and students have it during the day

January 29 – kinder information night at 6 pm – children welcome; kinder registration is now open online with OCDSB

Feb 5 and 13 – annual ski trip for junior students

Elementary program review announced this week – reflection of the current model to best meet the needs of students, lots of research and communication. This proposal key features: community based education with streamlined education

-makes sure that all students in the area can be serviced at their school for the program of their choice

-enhanced English: slightly more French in their day (210 to 240 minutes of French)

-fluid entry into French (grade 1, 2, 3) & middle french immersion will be phased out (entry into French in grade 4)

-supports for students with specialized learning

-redistribution of staff to neighbouring schools: taking staff and reallocating them

-board website has a link on the banner that will take you to a page so that you can send in written comments through the engage platform

-Lynn Scott, Trustee – encouraging all parents to look at it as we have the experience with the current program and can have an opinion on the proposal

-grade 1 will have the largest change as they will now have English and math delivered in the english language

- does not anticipate a huge difference at Huntley – implementation for Sept 2026
- change to 60 minute blocks which will hopefully make scheduling easier instead of 40 minutes and some 20 minute blocks which is wasteful time
- Play Structures – nothing worked out yet but the board has been coming to the determination that replacement is too big of a burden for parent councils to handle.
- question as to what the plan is for structures as there are many issues with supervision, or safety with weather conditions, etc. Is there an alternative option, things that aren't just one all or nothing type and instead a bigger variety of stand alone pieces if there is space to accommodate this
- Jenn has reached out to Jeff to set up a meeting with the board to start planning
- Lynn will look into more information for this and let us know

Staff appreciation: Bree said thank you to everyone that helped. Meghan said there was lots of appreciation by staff. Working towards next event – muffin Mondays are upcoming, let Jenn know if you're interested in helping

Hot lunch session 2 is open for orders – pizza and subway seems to be working so this was not changed for the second session. Still no milk. Session closes Jan 22

Proposal for second term of fundraisers

February – maverick donuts – portion of sales to go to Huntley over a few days vs ordering donuts and picking up from Huntley?

March 27 – Thursday before PD Day: dance (not a movie night)

April – McDonald's night – Katie on board to organize

May – jibbitz with HCPS/husky/both

Other options:

February promoting and pick up first week of March - Little Caesars – Katie/Jenn to organize and Tara and Svetlana can help with pickup day

Pre-approval of up to \$150 for dance expenses: Katie & Tara

Pre-approval for jibbitz up to \$600 to purchase: Celina & Katie Buck

Teachers Report – update provided via email by Donna Coutts:

-Sports Events

- On December 3 and 5, the junior boys' borden ball tournament took place, featuring teams from tier 1 and tier 3.
- The junior girls' borden ball team participated in a tournament on December 4.
- On December 17, the intermediate girls' volleyball team competed in a tournament at Earl of March Secondary School.
- The intermediate boys' volleyball team also participated in a tournament at Earl of March Secondary School on December 18.
- Additionally, our intermediate students are currently engaged in floor hockey intramurals.

-Clubs

- Lunch and bus monitors are doing a great job assisting our kindergarten and primary students.
- We have a school choir for students in grades 6-8, called the Huntley Howlers.
- The Rainbow Club is available for intermediate students.
- The garden club has concluded for the season.
- We also have an Environment Club.

- Our intermediate students are already in the early stages of preparing for this year's musical, "Moana."
- Our primary students are enjoying the Lego club.
- Additionally, the chess club for junior and intermediate students is well underway.

-Special Events

- On December 2, junior students participated in workshops to learn about the Arctic Winter Games. The Huntley Howlers visited Carp Commons on the same day. We would like to extend our gratitude for hosting the Christmas Bazaar on December 12. On that same day, the students in Mrs. Skevington's class held a concert for their parents.
- On December 20, the school took part in an assembly to prepare for the holiday season. Additionally, on December 18, primary students engaged in workshops focusing on the Arctic Winter Games. Our kindergarten students successfully held their Winter concert on December 18.
- On January 9, an instructor from Mt. Pakenham visited Huntley for an assembly with our junior students. She explained what they could expect during their February ski trips to Mt. Pakenham. Finally, on January 10, Skills Ontario visited Huntley to present information to our intermediate students.

-Upcoming Events

- On January 15, our students in grades 6, 7, and 8 will participate in a presentation titled "Get Real."
- On January 22, junior and intermediate students will attend workshops focused on internet safety.
- Additionally, teachers from West Carleton's guidance department will visit Huntley on January 28.
- Our kindergarten students will be enjoying workshops presented by Scientists in the School.
- Our junior students are very excited to participate in their alpine ski days at Mt. Pakenham on February 5, and 13.

Round Table:

-7/8 parents reached out about a ski trip – historically they went to Calabogie, Jenn said she would bring it to the meeting and Meghan will look into this

-7/8 dance – Jenn flagged to Meghan

-Kindergarten night on January 29 – if a parent wants to attend the info night and do a quick presentation/answer any questions – let Jenn know if anyone is interested

Meeting Adjourned: Celina Bak & Tara McCaffrey

Next Council Meeting: Feb 10th

Future Meetings:, April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd