



Huntington Park

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 18, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Huntington Park School Council Meeting was called to order at 6:37pm on Thursday, October 18, 2018 in the School Library at Huntington Park School at 80 Kingslea Drive, Hamilton, Ontario.

Roll call was conducted. The following persons were present:

Kelly Bruckner, Sammie Button, Cheryl Cader, Christina Carter, Tabitha Downey, Laura Hill, Jennifer Lee, Susan Martin, Sabrina Piltzmaker, Sharon Pynn, Bethany Skerret, Jennifer Smith, Spencer de Man (Teacher Rep)

REGRETS: Courtney Botelho, Sara Haluik, Lisa Hammell, Heather Knowles, Kate Post, Crystal Seager, Pat Petruccelli

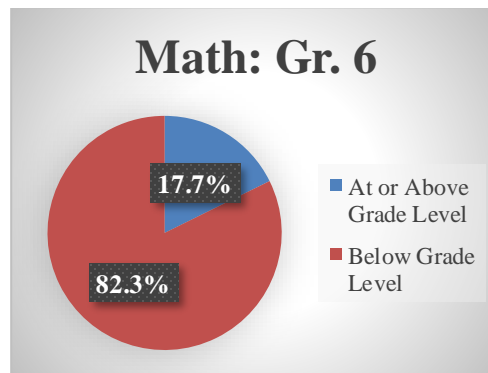
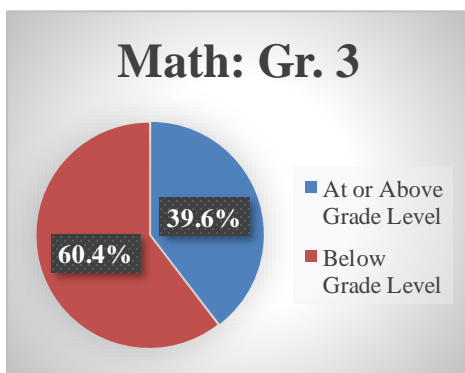
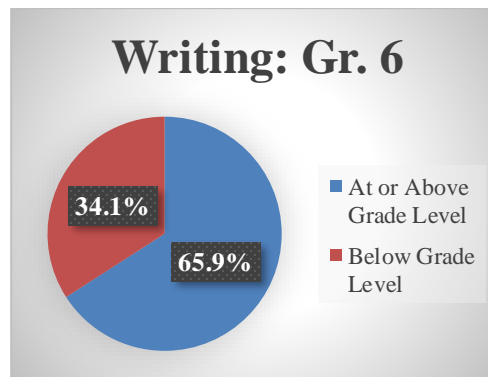
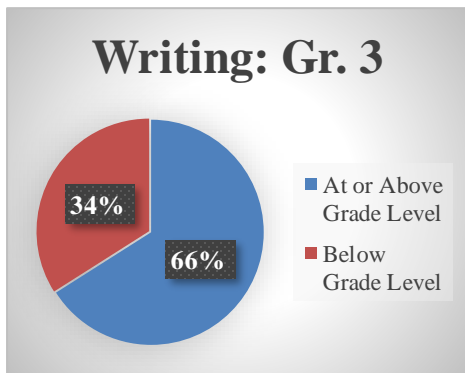
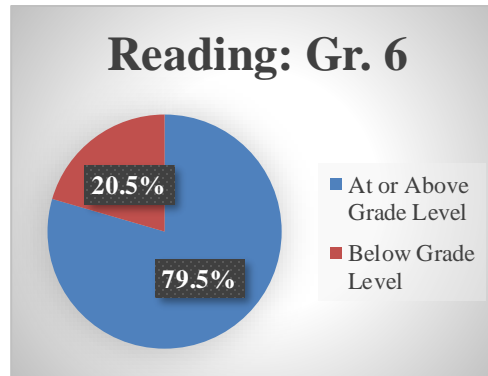
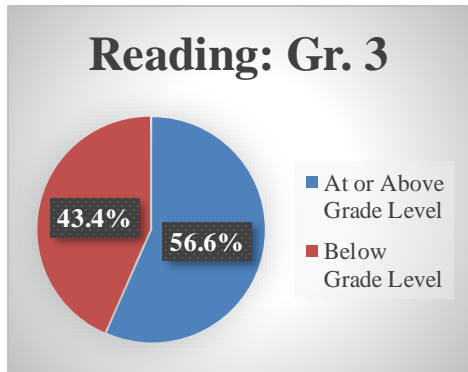
II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The previous meeting minutes from September 2018 were approved.

III. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – P. Petruccelli (Read by Spencer de Man)

STAFF: There is a new half-time EA, Ms. Ryckman, during the mornings in the Kindergarten wing.

EQAO RESULTS:



Mathematics is Huntington Park's greatest area of struggle.

The Board's direction for all schools is the same:

75% of Grade 1 students reading by the end of Grade 1 as measured by report card grades.

Improvement in Math as measured in the EQAO assessment.

School Annual Plan (SAP) Goals for 2018-2019

Reading by the end of Grade 1:

- At least 18 of 37 Grade 1 students (75.6%) will achieve a B or higher on their June 2019 report card.
- Presently, 45% of our Grade 1 students are reading at grade level.
- In June 2018, 28/38 students (73.2%) received a B or higher on their June 2018 report card.

Math for Grade 6 students:

- At least 17 of 42 Grade 6 students (40.5%) will achieve at or above standard on the Grade 6, Junior Division EQAO Assessment of Mathematics.
- Last year's EQAO results showed 8/45 students (17.7%) at or above standard on the Grade 6, Junior Division EQAO Assessment of Mathematics.
- Our focus for the school is Number Sense and Numeration, Math Fluency and for students to improve on their ability to clearly communicate their thinking.

Supports to Achieve our School Annual Plan (SAP)

Grade 1 Reading Intervention Group working together to teach through a common language approach to improve reading consisting of:

- Grade 1 Teachers
- Learning Resource Teacher
- Reading Specialist
- Speech and Language Specialist
- Mohawk College, Student Teachers and Co-op Students

Grade 6 Math Team consisting of:

- Grade 6 Teachers
- Learning Resource Teacher
- Math Facilitator
- Math Consultant

Additional supports will also continue to be utilized in the form of:

- The Neighbour-2-Neighbour Reading program will continue to support up to 16 students, in grades 2 and 3, who are below grade level reading benchmarks.
- The Levelled Literacy Intervention program which is delivered by our Primary Learning Resource Teacher to support grade one readers.
- Reading Buddies, a teacher-led program, which pairs older classes with younger classes to provide children an opportunity to read with, and be read to, by our older students.

OTHER:

Buddy Bench: A “Buddy Bench” is a bench placed within the schoolyard. Kids that are looking for someone to play with can sit on the bench to signal that they would like someone to ask them to play. (Mr. de Man also informed us that he was aware that a “Buddy Mentoring Program” could also be established to train some of the students on how to be successful buddies.) The possibility of purchasing two “Buddy Benches” for the playground to be placed along the edge of the circular grass area and secured to the tarmac is currently being investigated. These benches are available at Home Depot for \$1271 each and the school will be asking School Council to assist with this purchase in the future.

Sound Baffles: Mrs. Hurren’s Kindergarten class and Mrs. Cumbo’s grade 3 and 4 class experience a louder-than-normal amount of noise. The installation of sound baffles to lower the noise within these classrooms is currently being investigated.

Change Table: The installation of a change table for some of our special needs students is currently being investigated for Mrs. Hurren’s Kindergarten class.

IV. TEACHERS’ REPORT (Spencer de Man)

Student Council: Student Council is up and running. They are currently organizing the Halloween Dance. The dance will occur on Wednesday, October 31, during periods 5 & 6. For all students in grades 6-8. More to come...

Volleyball: Volleyball season has started with 3 of 4 teams playing their first game. Currently, Huntington Park is undefeated. The Senior Boys play on Thursday evening.

Cross-Country: The Cross-Country Meet at Christie Conservation Area was a great day with numerous Top 20 finishes.

Camp Mini-Yo-We: The Grade 5/6 trip will take place in January and the Grade 7/8 trip will take place in June. We are currently finalizing the bussing and trip info will be going home soon.

Ski Trip: We are scheduling the ski trip for February.

Elf the Musical: Our Theatre Aquarius trip to see Elf the Musical is on Wednesday, December 5 and will cost \$27 for interested students in grades 6-8 as well as the grade 5 students from Mrs. Tallarico's 5/6 split class.

Dance Team: Dance team has started up for grade 7-8 students. They are rehearsing twice a week for their Remembrance Day Dance.

Primary Junior Choir: Primary Junior Choir is rehearsing on Day 1s. They are preparing for the Remembrance Day assembly. The song will also be performed at this year's Winter Concert.

Glee Club: The Glee Club Rehearses on Day 3s and will join the primary choir for the Remembrance Day song as well as another piece accompanied by Mr. Tondreau.

Concert Band: The Concert Band has also started up, rehearsing on Day 5s. Grade 6-8 members are working together to get repertoire ready for the Winter Concert.

DJ Club: Mr. de Man is planning to start a DJ club. Details to come.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT (Read by Cheryl Cader for Heather Knowles)

The new format was well received and presented a clear picture of where funds are being allocated, as well as the amount of cash on hand that is available.

Projected Fundraising		Actual Fundraising	Variance	Projected Expenses		Actual Expenses	Variance
MacMillan's	\$5,000			Benches	\$2,000		
Christmas Baskets	\$4,000			Sensory Board	\$2,000		
Chocolate	\$8,000			Baseball Equipment	(225.92)0	\$225.92	0
Dance-a-thon	\$4,000			Balls for recess	\$350		
Pizza	\$5,000			Buses for Cross Country	\$350		
TOTAL	\$26,000			Bus for Junior Swim meet	\$175		
				JK/SK Bikes	\$2,000		
				TOTAL	\$6,875		
Balance forward	\$11,253.24						
Still outstanding	\$6,875						
Final Balance	\$4,378.24						

VI. FUNDRAISING REPORT (Cheryl Cader)

The fundraising committee met on September 19, 2018.

Fundraisers for the 2018-2019 were discussed.

MacMillan's: MacMillan's was chosen as the fall fundraiser and due to time constraints, an email was sent to council members and MacMillan's was approved. Orders were due on October 17 and shipment is set for November 5. We are looking for volunteers to help on November 5 with sorting the orders. Last year, we had four teams of two. This year we would like to have an extra three people. A total of 11-12 people would be ideal. Volunteers are necessary between the hours of 12:00-4:00 and we would need several people to stay from 4:00-6:00 as well. If you are interested in helping, please contact Cheryl Cader.

December Basket Fundraiser: This popular fundraiser will be continued in keeping with tradition. The Committee plans to sell tickets at the Holiday Concert as in previous years.

The Committee asked for preapproval for \$600 for gift cards for the gift card tree, items to fill up the baskets that need it as well as buying baskets, wrap, ribbons etc.

Valentine's Day Dance-A-Thon: Last year's Dance-A-Thon was big success and lots of fun. The committee was very enthusiastic about organizing a Dance-A-Thon on Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 14, 2019. Mr. Resovac has agreed to be the DJ and Mrs. Kisielewski will arrange the scheduling and class coverage for the day of the dance. Mrs. Johnston will lend the dance team to help instruct the younger students.

The Committee asked for preapproval for \$400 to purchase prizes and glow sticks. There will be additional expenses if we decide to have a concession stand, but this is still in the discussion stage.

World's Finest Chocolate: After a three-year hiatus, and keeping in mind that the school has 42 iPads nearing the end of their compatibility, we have decided to sell chocolate this spring. In the past, this endeavor has earned the school between \$8000 and \$14000. We are hoping that the break will bring a new enthusiasm.

The committee asked for \$500 to add to the prize money allotted by World's Finest in order to facilitate more exciting prizes.

Additionally, the several of the committee members were able to meet with the chair of another mountain school to compare notes and glean ideas for improving efficiency and reducing workload for the chocolate fundraiser. The committee will be meeting to discuss how best to implement a few of the ideas.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Council Constitution:

Sammie Button brought forward a Council Constitution.

This is an idea that Pat Petrucci had brought up based on a Constitution that was in place at one of his previous schools. A document will be emailed to all members for perusal and then we will discuss changes at the next meeting. The Constitution will cover such topics as: make up of council, voting, definitions of executive roles, what constitutes being a council member. An end-of-the-year report will state what Council achieves within the year.

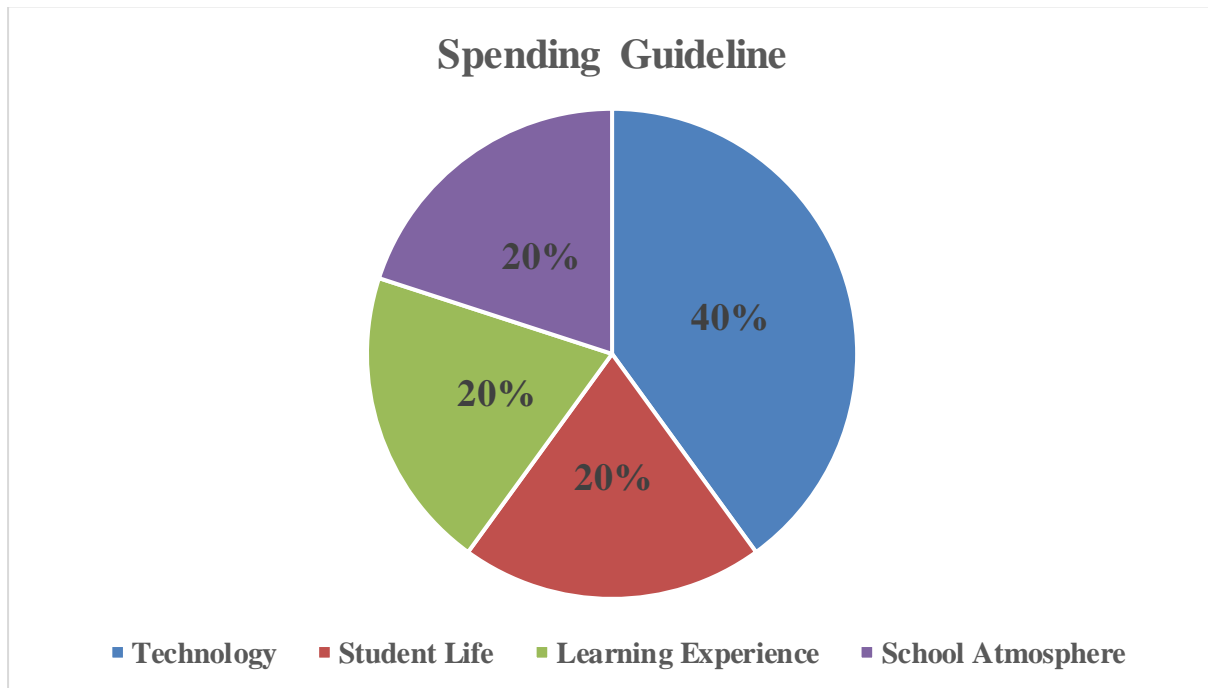
Spending Guideline: In the past, a pie chart has been used to visualize our spending goals for the year. New categories and spending proportions have been defined for the coming year.

Technology 40%: iPads, Projectors, Cords, Apps

Student Life 20%: Music, Arts, Sports, Gym, DPA, Recess, Buses

Learning Experience 20%: Scientist in the Classroom, Educational Field Trips

School Atmosphere 20%: Well Room, Sensory Space, Outdoor Space



VIII. SPENDING

The Council voted on the Fundraising requests for monies totally \$1500 to be spent on prizes and supplies for the upcoming fundraisers. The vote was approved.

IX. UPCOMING SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Thursday, November 22, 2018

Wednesday, December 5, 2018*

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Thursday, May 23, 2019 (Last meeting)

*December will be for basket fundraiser wrapping only. No official meeting.

Next School Council Meeting: Thurs., Nov. 22, 2018 from 6:30-8:00pm, School Library.

All are welcome.

The Huntington Park School Council Meeting was called to order at 6:37pm on Thursday, October 18, 2018 adjourned at 8:01pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer Lee