



# **Huntington Park**

## **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

### ***SCHOOL COUNCIL***

#### ***Meeting Minutes***

Date: Thursday, November 22, 2018

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Huntington Park School Council Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm on Thursday, November 22, 2018 in the School Library at Huntington Park School at 80 Kingslea Drive, Hamilton, Ontario.

Roll call was conducted. The following persons were present:

Sammie Button, Cheryl Cader, Tabitha Downey, Sara Haluik, Lisa Hammell, Jennifer Lee, Bethany Skerret, Jennifer Smith, Laura Gedye (Teacher Rep), Pat Petruccelli (Principal)  
Heather Knowles (notified council that she would be late and arrived partway through the meeting and therefore was not present for the Constitution voting.)

*REGRETS:* Courtney Botelho, Kelly Bruckner, Christina Carter, Laura Hill, Susan Martin, Sabrina Piltzmaker, Kate Post, Sharon Pynn, Crystal Seager, Shaila Sinke

#### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

The previous meeting minutes from October 2018 were approved.

#### **III. COUNCIL CONSTITUTION**

The Council Constitution had been emailed to Council members after the last meeting for review. Some suggestions were given and changes were made accordingly. Council voted on instituting the Council Constitution.

Voting Results: 9 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Motion was passed to approve the Council Constitution

#### **IV. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – P. Petruccelli**

**FUNDRAISING ESTIMATION REPORT:** The required paperwork with regards to planned fundraisers and projected fundraising amounts as well as spending breakdown was sent to the Board and approved. Pat thanked everyone on the Council for their continued hard work and effort toward the fundraising initiative.

#### **TECHNOLOGY:**

iPads: 20 new iPads minis have been purchased with the school budget at a cost of \$8904.00. An additional 20 iPads mini should satisfy our current needs. This is a goal for Council to work toward within the fundraising committee goals.

Previously, it was discussed that the outdated iPads could be sold back to the board for \$100 each, but it has since been discussed and the plan is to keep the older iPads for use in the younger grades where the apps are still functional, i.e., RAZ-Kids, etc.

#### **SCHOOL ANNUAL PLAN:**

With Progress Reports written our growth to date is as follows,

GOAL 1: 75% of Grade One students reading at grade level by June 2019

Nov. Progress Report: 72.8% of Grade One students are already reading at grade level

GOAL 2: Improve in Math as measured by EQAO: 17 of 42 (40.5%) students at grade level

Nov. Progress Report: according to PRIME math assessment & classroom assessments, 23/42 (72%) are at grade level

GOAL 3: Improve upon students and staff feeling safe, supported and accepted. (No specific target for improvement has been set.) Would like to see students and staff be able to identify at least two important adults at school.

The Board surveyed kids (see table below) and found that globally, bullying is not a big issue for most. The parameters of the study were not available, so we don't know if the study reflects the feelings of HP kids or city-wide. Mr. Petruccelli discussed fact-finding within the school to see if our kids feel that there are teachers that they can trust with the goal of improving the feel of community.

Prime focus is to make sure the kids feel loved, safe and cared about.

| Middle School Development<br>Instrument Data Summary | Grades 4-6 | Grades 7-8 |
|--|------------|------------|
| Safe   |            |            |
| Physical Bullying Not at all                         | 64%        | 64%        |
| Verbal Bullying Not at all                           | 44%        | 41%        |
| Cyber Bullying Not at all                            | 82%        | 76%        |
| Social Bullying Not at all                           | 43%        | 49%        |
| Supported  |            |            |
| Adults at School Relationships High                  | 54%        | 56%        |
| School Climate High                                  | 59%        | 36%        |
| Accepted   |            |            |
| School Belonging High                                | 68%        | 46%        |
| Number of Important Adults at School<br>(2 or more)  | 53%        | 39%        |

**LEARNING FACILITY:**

There was a joint Health and Safety meeting. We are meeting the safety standards. Extension cords are an issue for tripping hazards, but we are working on projectors being installed to combat that problem.

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 area supervisor has come in and has approved sound baffles to be installed in these rooms, of which the cost will be covered by the Board of Education.

The extension to our existing building to house a public daycare space is being discussed.

The extension would likely run from the staff parking lot area, beside the kindergarten door to roughly the baseball diamond, located at Kingslea and Sandalwood. This would not be an official part of our school, however would be under the jurisdiction of the Huntington Park principal.

## V. TEACHERS' REPORT (Laura Gedye)

Jr Swim: The students did well and really loved being part of the team..

Boys Jr. Volley Ball: Ended the season in second place. Our coach, Mr. Cotton, reported that he was approached twice by other coaches to express how impressed they were by the boys' sportsmanship and how supportive they were of each other during the games. They really have become a "team" over our short season.

Volley Ball: All four of the Volley Ball teams are in the Mount Albion play-offs which will take place at Dofasco Park. The boys playoffs will be on Nov 28 and the girls playoffs will be on Nov 29. There is an entry fee of \$240 total for all four of our teams to participate. School Council was asked to cover the cost of the entry fee.

### Holiday Concert:

As the Holidays near, it is once again time to bring our school community together for our Winter Holiday Concert. The first performance for students will happen during school hours on Tuesday, December 18, 2018. The performance for our Huntington Park families and community will be at 6:30pm on the same day at Sherwood Secondary School. School Council will set up the Basket Fundraiser at Sherwood and sell tickets before and after the concert, as well as during intermission.

Camp Mini-Yo-We: Grade 5 and 6 students will be going January 29-31, 2019. So far, 34 students are signed up. There is still room.

Grade 7 and 8 students will be going June 12-14, 2019 and 62 students are signed up. (12 students above the max, but accommodations have been adjusted and all 62 students will be able to attend.)

Student Council: The students ran a toy drive from Nov 12-20, which was a big success. Thank you to everyone who donated to this cause.

Spirit Day: Spirit Day is coming up on Friday Nov 30. It will be a pajama day.

Sub Day: The Grade Eights are having their first graduation fundraiser of the year on December 4. Orders and money are due on November 26.

**VI. TREASURER'S REPORT (Heather Knowles)**

| <b>Projected Funds</b>        |                     | <b>Actual Funds</b> | <b>Variance</b> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| McMillans                     | \$5,000.00          | \$4,378.05          | -\$621.95       |
| Christmas Baskets             | \$4,000.00          |                     |                 |
| Chocolate                     | \$8,000.00          |                     |                 |
| Dance-a-thon                  | \$4,000.00          |                     |                 |
| Pizza                         | \$5,000.00          |                     |                 |
|                               | \$26,000.00         |                     |                 |
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| <b>Projected Expenditures</b> |                     | <b>Actual Exp</b>   | <b>Variance</b> |
| Benches                       | (\$2000.00)<br>\$0  | \$1,972.30          | -\$27.70        |
| Sensory Board                 | \$2,000.00          |                     |                 |
| Baseball Equipment            | (\$225.92)<br>\$0   | \$0.00              | \$0.00          |
| Balls for recess              | \$350.00            |                     |                 |
| Buses for Cross Country       | (\$350.00)<br>\$0   | \$248.60            | -\$101.40       |
| Bus for Junior Swim meet      | \$175.00            |                     |                 |
| JK/SK Bikes                   | (\$2,000.00)<br>\$0 | \$2,171.65          | -\$171.65       |
| Christmas Baskets             | \$600.00            |                     |                 |
| Dance-a-thon                  | \$400.00            |                     |                 |
| Chocolates                    | \$500.00            |                     |                 |
| *money in brackets is pd      | \$4,025.00          |                     |                 |
|                               |                     |                     |                 |
| <b>Balance forward</b>        | \$12,288.58         |                     |                 |
|                               |                     |                     |                 |
| <b>Still outstanding</b>      | \$4,025.00          |                     |                 |
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| <b>Final Balance</b>          | <b>\$8,263.58</b>   |                     |                 |

## **VII. FUNDRAISING REPORT (Cheryl Cader)**

Fundraisers for the 2018-2019 were discussed.

MacMillan's: Went extremely well. The school's profit was \$4300. We received no complaints and had no errors. However, since our profit decreased from over \$6000 the previous year, it is likely that we will take a break from MacMillan's next year.

December Basket Fundraiser: The basket fundraiser has begun. Items must be in by Dec. 5. The class themes will be posted on Facebook. Council plans to sell tickets at the Holiday Concert as in previous years.

Valentine's Day Dance-A-Thon: The Dance-A-Thon is set to take place on Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 14, 2019.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Spirit Wear is coming home in the next 2-3 weeks

Photos are coming in early next week.

## **IX. SPENDING**

The Volleyball teams requested \$240 to cover entry fees for the tournament at Dofasco Park

Voting Results: 10 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Motion was passed to approve \$240 for tournament fees.

The staff would like to participate in the Scientist in the Classroom program. This has been granted by School Council in the past and the amount of \$2500 was requested to proceed with this program again for the 2018-2019 school year.

Voting Results: 10 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Motion was passed to approve \$2500 for Scientist in the Classroom.

**X. UPCOMING SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES:**

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: Wed., Dec. 5, 2018 at 6:30pm** in the School Library.

All are welcome, especially those with great basket wrapping skills!

*The Huntington Park School Council Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm on Thursday, November 22, 2018 adjourned at 7:44pm.*

*Minutes submitted by: Jennifer Lee*