



Huntington Park ELEMENTARY SCHOOL *SCHOOL COUNCIL*

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 17, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Huntington Park School Council Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm on Thursday, January 17, 2019 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, Corey Downey, Laura Hill, Heather Knowles, Jennifer Lee, Susan Martin, Sharon Pynn, Crystal Seager, Spencer DeMan (Teacher Rep), Pat Petrucci (Principal), Jessica Henderson (Today's Family Rep)

REGRETS: Christina Carter, Sara Haluik, Lisa Hammell, Jennifer Smith

ABSENT: Courtney Botelho, Sabrina Piltzmaker, Kate Post, Shaila Sinke, Bethany Skerrett, Grace Tansley

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The previous meeting minutes from November 2018 were approved.

9 – approved, 1- abstained, 0 - denied

III. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – P. Petruccelli

PEOPLE:

English Language Learners (ELL):

- Starting at the end of January (for 10 sessions) Big Brothers and Big Sisters will run two Connections programs at Huntington Park for eleven ELL students. A really big thank you to Mrs. Guiditto for arranging for this program.
- Our ELL Teacher, Ms. Guiditto, will connect with each of our ELL families regarding communications from the school. She will explain how to navigate the website for our 'Weekly News' and how to access the correct menus to have the content translated to their first language.

PROGRAM:

- Technology

- In December, the school purchased two ten packs of mini iPads, value \$8904.00
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- Presently taking inventory of staff/classroom technology to support:
 - Safe Arrival Policy
 - Program
 - Instruction, assessment, and reporting
 - Current technology for student use

- School Annual Plan

The School Annual Plan is posted for all in the School Foyer.

- Our plan continues to address the following areas with more specificity:

Goal 1 - Grade 1 Reading:

- Recent training on having a common understanding of the grade B, Balanced Literacy and Phonics instruction to K, Grade 1, and LRT teachers
- Goal 1 is 75% of Grade 1 students reading at grade level as determined by June Report Cards. Currently, testing shows that 73% of our Grade 1 students are at grade level.

Goal 2 - Math and all subject areas:

- During the PA Day in December, we were able to conclude that our students need support in how to answer Multiple Choice Application Questions. We will ask these questions during our instruction.

- This was confirmed when our Jr. Math Team met with Patricia Tapp, Education Officer, *School Support and Outreach* and by reviewing Huntington Park’s past history.
- Questions on the EQAO Assessment focus on three areas from the Achievement Chart, Knowledge, Application, and Thinking; below you can read the difference between the three.
- Our specific focus will be on Application Questions.

Knowledge & Understanding – KU

- These items require students to demonstrate:
 - subject specific content (knowledge) or
 - the comprehension of its meaning and significance (understanding)
- We give them the tool, and they apply it to demonstrate their KU

Application – AP

- These items require students to:
 - select the appropriate “tool” or get the necessary information and
 - “fit” it to the problem
- Students select the tool, use the tool to solve the problem.
- Students need to figure out what operation, and strategy they will use to solve the problem

Thinking – TH

- These items require students to:
 - select and sequence a variety of tools to solve a problem or
 - demonstrate a critical-thinking process
- Students need to create a plan to solve the problem.
- Thinking questions are multi-stepped and require an order to their steps

What is the difference between AP and TH?

- If a student must decide what procedure to perform then the skill is AP
- If a student needs to make a plan or reason, then the skill is TH

Goal 3 - is improving in students and staff feeling safe, supported and accepted.

- Our target is 65% of students identifying two or more Important Adults at School

PLANT:

- Joint Health and Safety meeting
 - We began the process of installing the projectors on the ceiling, five at a time. We are on our third cycle. We are waiting for the electricians to work through asbestos to install power in two of the five classrooms.
 - Two classrooms (Mrs. Hurren’s and Mrs. Cumbo’s rooms) had sound baffles installed over the break to lower the sound volume and the improvement is very noticeable.

STUDENT LIFE:

- Monthly Awards were once a part of Huntington Park. Mr. Petruccelli has decided to restart this reward system. Staff will choose a student/students every month who have shown perseverance, tenacity, kindness, honesty, etc. and an assembly will be held to recognize these students monthly.
- Additionally, Jennifer Lee, requested that the “Huntington Heroes” program be revived. The Huntington Heroes was a casual program which allowed staff, parents, etc., to put forth names for recognition of random acts of kindness, helpfulness, etc.
- There was a discussion about how both of these recognition programs could boost morale and self-esteem and the Council was enthusiastic about both programs.
- Mr. Petruccelli will be looking into restarting this program as well.

IV. TEACHERS’ REPORT (Spencer DeMan)

Winter Camping: Winter Camping for Grades 5 & 6 at Camp Mini-Yo-We is happening, January 29-31.

Basketball: Sr. Boys & Girls Basketball started this week. Runs to the end of January with playoffs in early February.

Jr. Boys and Girls Basketball starting end of February into March. Tryouts to happen in February.

Ski Trips: Grade 7 & 8 trip date is being finalized for Mount St. Louis Moonstone in early February.
Grades 4-6 ski trip date is being finalized for Chicopee in mid February.

Choir: Primary/Junior Choir is getting ready for pink day.

Glee Club: Glee Club will start rehearsals next week.

Concert Band: Concert band starts up next week as well.

Mr. DeMan also sent out a huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year’s winter concert a success. The students, staff, and parents went above and beyond to help with this year’s production. It helps bring our community together is night of enjoyment for everyone. Mr. DeMan is in the process of doing some research regarding the purchase of a video camera for the school to record our future concerts, in addition to aiding with assessments in drama and music.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT (Heather Knowles)

Projected Funds		Actual Funds	Variance
MacMillans	\$5,000	\$4,378.05	-\$621.95
Holiday Baskets	\$4,000	\$3,932.73	-\$67.27
Chocolate	\$8,000		
Dance-a-thon	\$4,000		
Pizza	\$5,000		
Spirit Wear	\$120	\$428.88	\$308.88
Total	\$26,120	\$8,739.66	

Projected Expenditures		Actual Expense	Variance
Benches	(\$2000)0	\$1,972.30	\$27.70
Sensory Board	\$2,000		
Baseball Equipment	(\$225.92) \$0	\$225.92	\$0
Balls for recess	\$350		
Buses for Cross Country	(\$350) \$0	\$248.60	\$101.40
JK/SK Bikes	(\$2000) \$0	\$2,171.65	-\$171.65
Holiday Baskets	(\$600) \$0	\$585.02	\$14.98
Dance-a-thon	\$400	\$269.22*	
Chocolates	\$500		
Mt Albion Volleyball	(\$240) \$0	\$240	\$0
Scientist in the Classroom	\$2,500		
Projected Outstanding Expenditures, amounts in brackets has been paid	\$5,570		
*purchasing for dance not complete			
Balance Forward	\$15,229.90		
Still Outstanding	\$5,750.00		
Final Balance	\$9,479.90		

VI. FUNDRAISING REPORT (Cheryl Cader)

December Basket Fundraiser: The basket fundraiser raised \$3932.73, which was very close to our \$4000 goal! Our profit was positively impacted by the selling of tickets at both the Holiday Concert and the FDK concerts. It is likely that we will run this fundraiser again next year, as the numbers reflect a consistent trend.

Valentine's Day Dance-A-Thon: The Dance-A-Thon is set to take place on Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 14, 2019. Envelopes will be going home on Jan. 28. We will have a concession stand set up during the dance where we will be selling chips, snack-size choc. bars, ring pops and jumbo sour keys. The concession stand will be available for grade 1 – 8 students only. The kindergarten students simply will not have enough time to dance and purchase and consume concession items. With close to 120 FDK students, it would likely prove very difficult to have a concession stand run efficiently with the FDK kids. The student council will be asked to choose a dress-up theme for the dance, if they so choose. For every \$5 in pledges, students will receive a ballot. Students can enter ballots for a chance to win a prize. Prizes have already been purchased with pre-approved funds. FDK and grade one students will be given an opportunity the day before the dance to put their ballots into the prize boxes.

Spirit Wear: Prices were rounded up to cover any errors. However, there were several errors in printing that were in our favour, which gave us a few extra pieces to sell at no cost. We made approximately \$425 on this non-fundraiser. There are still a few items remaining that could potentially be sold at the Open House in May.

World's Finest Chocolate: We plan to offer two main prizes for the top two sellers. The prize for top seller would be a Nintendo Switch and second prize would be a \$250 gift card to the store of their choice. World's Finest gives us eight free cases of chocolate s, which equates to \$720 that we can use to purchase the prizes. This should be sufficient to cover the costs, however, if the Nintendo Switch is not on sale, it may cost an additional \$40.

-Council has already approved \$500 for us to spend on additional incentive prizes. We discussed using this money to purchase prizes for a participation draw at the end of the fundraising. For each case a student sells they get their name in the draw.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought forth.

VIII. SPENDING

The fundraising committee requested an additional \$700 to cover food items as well as envelopes and printing of envelopes.

Voting Results: 11 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

IX. UPCOMING SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Thursday, May 23, 2019 (Last meeting)

Next School Council Meeting: Thurs., Feb. 21, 2019 at 6:30pm in the School Library.

All are welcome!

The Huntington Park School Council Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm on Thursday, January 17, 2019 adjourned at 7:28pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer Lee