



Huntington Park

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Huntington Park School Council Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm on Thursday, February 21, 2019 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, Christina Carter, Tabitha Downey, Lisa Hammell, Laura Hill, Heather Knowles, Jennifer Lee, Susan Martin, Sharon Pynn, Crystal Seager, Laura Gedye (Teacher Rep), Pat Petruccelli (Principal), Jessica Henderson (Today's Family Rep) Julie Whiltshire (New Supervisor for Today's Family Before & After Care Program), Paul Denomme (Superintendent), and Kathy Archer, (Trustee)

REGRETS: Kelly Bruckner, Sara Haluik, Kate Post, Bethany Skerrett, Jennifer Smith

ABSENT: Courtney Botelho, Sabrina Piltzmaker, Grace Tansley

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The previous meeting minutes from January 2019 were approved.

12 – approved, 0 - abstained, 0 - denied

III. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – P. Petruccelli

Paul Denomme: Mr. Denomme addressed the Council and explained that his role is Supporting Student Achievement and programming, as well as supporting Principal. The School Board has a communication protocol. School based issue should be addressed with the teacher first, then the principal if not resolved. Next, continuing issues can be given to Kathleen, Paul Denomme's assistant

and she will have Paul work collaboratively with Mr. Petruccelli. Paul works closely with Kathy Archer, whose position is focused on government and policies.

Kathy Archer: Kathy emphasized that communication is an important part of her position as school trustee. She has served on School Council, and Volunteered in the community for many years. One of the concerns that have been brought to her attention are the clearing of the walkways on and around the school. Kathy expressed her appreciation for the lovely, tight-knit community that we have developed within the Huntington Park area. Kathy works closely with Paul and invites questions and concerns from the school community.

The ongoing safety of our students and families at drop off and pick up time was discussed. We discussed to “Walk a Block” for your kids campaign to encourage less vehicular traffic. Paul Denomme suggested that we call by-law on a more frequent basis to see if we can get them ticketing drivers who are stopping in the bus loading zone, etc. Pat discussed videotaping the drop-off and pick-up and then following up with a presentation to students where safety can be discussed, ie, safety when entering and exiting vehicles, etc. The thought is that perhaps we can educate our students and that perhaps it would help promote traffic safety.

PEOPLE:

- We have the following students with us supporting our students
 - Redeemer University
 - Three student teachers in grades 3, 3/4, and 5
 - Volunteer
 - One teacher candidate volunteering in grade 2
 - Mohawk College
 - One Early Childhood Educator student
 - Two Educational Assistant students

PROGRAM:

- Technology
 - Would like to pause in purchasing iPads as the Board is analyzing moving towards using multiple tools to access the net. The Board will allow us to hold onto money until September to purchase netbooks or some other
- School Annual Plan
 - PA Day March 1 will be dedicated to our three priorities:
 - Positive Culture and Well Being for All
 - Grade 1 Reading
 - Math in the Junior Grades

- Math
 - Our grade 6 Teacher Mrs. Bowler and our Math Consultant are willing to come to a meeting to bring an awareness and understanding about math for parents.
- Laura Hill brought up a Math open house with preregistration and activities for parents and kids. Tabitha Downey suggested a “TED TALKS” type Math instruction for each grade that parents can tap into at any time.

PLANT

- Buddy Benches
 - Our staff is supporting the purchasing of a buddy bench for the spring. Manager of Social Work, David Hoy, roll it out, role model it, teach the students how to use it properly. Viscount School has one and has had a positive. Pat is going to discuss this with all of the staff members. Pat wants to plan for this. Will bring it back to council in March with pricing for benches and installation.
- Sensory Room
 - The items purchased for the Sensory Room have been placed in the Well Room to support all students. Conversations at ministry level has been discouraging sensory rooms. There is an isolation component to this decision. Lisgar school’s sensory room has been closed. Therefore it is not likely that we will have a Sensory Room at Huntington Park. However, the items purchased for the room are being utilized in the Well Room.
- Dogs on the Playground
 - There have been concerns raised about dogs on the playground.
 - The school would like to move towards a policy of not having dogs on the property before 8:45 – 9:00 a.m. and 3:20 – 3:35 p.m. after school
 - Asking for support from the School Council with this policy which was approved by council.
- Rec Centre sending a survey for grades 4-8 for programs for programming evenings and weekends and summer.

At the next Council Meeting, it is possible that we will be asked to assist with the purchase of books for the kindergarten reading program. The cost is roughly \$1100. There is currently a shortage of beginner leveled

IV. TEACHERS' REPORT (Laura Gedye)

There are a lot of great things going on in the school.

Basketball: Sr. Boys & Girls Basketball playoffs begin next week.

Jr. Boys and Girls Basketball starting in March. Tryouts begin next week.

Cricket: Cricket practice is underway for interested Grade 6-8's. We have received confirmation that we will be attending the cricket tournament on March 29th at Redeemer College.

Swim Team: Senior Swim team will start to practice after March Break. Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm beginning on March 28 for five practices. Senior Swim Meet date TBD at Jimmy Thompson Pool. Ms Friend and Mrs. Gedye are coaching.

Water Polo: Grade 6-8 one practice and then they have a one-day tournament. May 16 tourney

Dance Team

The intermediate dance team attended DanceFest today, February 21st.

Thirty grade 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to attend Glendale Performing Arts for the day. In the morning, Dance Teams performed for one another on the stage and received feedback from a panel of adjudicators and in the afternoon, they participated in two dance workshops lead by dance teachers and professionals in the industry.

Scientist in the Classroom

Mrs. Cumbo, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Helm have had their Scientist in the Classroom sessions. They all said it was fantastic! All the students really enjoyed it and once again thank you for providing this opportunity to our students. I will remind teachers to book soon if they have not already done so.

Past Trips

- Grade 3 classes went to Westfield Heritage - they said it was really good
- Gr. 6-8 Ski trip to Mt. St. Louis was awesome! Hoping to go again next year,
- Camp Mini Yo We trip grade 5-6 was Jan 29-31 was fantastic! We will go again in 2 years.

Upcoming Trips

- Grade 4-8 Ski Trip to Chicopee is March 6, 2019
- Grade 7-8 Camp Mini Yo We - June 12-14, 2019 - payment #2 - \$50 was due February 1, payment #3- \$50 is due March 4
- Grade 4 classes have been granted approval to attend the Water Festival (end of May) It is an application process and we are very fortunate to be chosen.

OTHER

- Breakfast of Champions is March 5 from 8:20am-8:50am
It's for grade 6-8 students with averages of 80 or above on term 1 report card.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT (Heather Knowles)

Huntington Park School Council Treasurer's Report							
February 2019 - Submitted by Heather Knowles, Treasurer							
Projected Funds		Actual Funds	Variance	Projected Expenditures		Actual Exp	Variance
MacMillans	\$5,000.00	\$4,378.05	-\$621.95	Benches	(2000)0	\$1,972.30	27.70
Holiday Baskets	\$4,000.00	\$3,932.73	-\$67.27	Sensory Board	\$2,000.00		
Chocolate	\$8,000.00	\$0.00		Baseball Equipment	(225.92)0	\$225.92	0.00
Dance-a-thon	\$4,000.00			Balls for recess	\$350.00		
Pizza	\$5,000.00	\$4,093.51		Buses for Cross Country	(350)0	\$248.60	101.40
Spirit Wear	\$120.00	\$428.88	\$308.88	JK/SK Bikes	(2000)0	\$2,171.65	-171.65
Total	\$26,120.00	\$12,833.17		Holiday Baskets	(600)0	\$585.02	14.98
				Dance-a-thon	\$1,100.00		
				Chocolates	\$500.00		
				Mt Albion Volleyball	(240)0	\$240.00	0.00
				Scientist in the Classroom	(2500)1930	\$570.00	
					\$4,780.00		
				Projected Outstanding Exp.	\$4,780.00		
				money in brackets is pd			
Balance forward	\$17,576.92						
Still outstanding	\$4,780.00						
Final Balance	\$12,796.92						

VI. FUNDRAISING REPORT (Cheryl Cader)

Valentine's Day Dance-A-Thon: The Dance-A-Thon was postponed and is set to take place on Friday, February 22, 2019. The concession stand will be set up during the dance to sell chips, snack-size choc. bars, ring pops and jumbo sour keys to the grade 1 – 8 students. The concession stand will be put away during the kindergarten portion of the dance. FDK and grade one students were given the opportunity to put their ballots into the prize boxes, which should cut down on wait times for the younger students to place their ballots.

So far we have taken in approximately \$5000, with expenses so far at about \$500 We've purchased the food and estimate it will make a few hundred dollars. Students will dance at separate times

according to divisions, Juniors, FDK, Primary and Intermediate. We are fortunate to have the DJ skills of Mr. Resovac (Phys. Ed.) and Mrs Johnston (Drama/Dance) has arranged for the grade 7 & 8 dance team to assist during the dance to help get the kids moving.

World's Finest Chocolate: Is set to go ahead for our spring fundraiser.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought forth.

VIII. SPENDING

The Swim Team would like a bus for the swim meet at a cost of approximately \$150.

Voting Results: 12 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

The Water Polo Team would like a bus for the water polo tournament at a cost of approximately \$150.

Voting Results: 12 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

IX. UPCOMING SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Thursday, May 23, 2019 (Last meeting)

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

All are welcome!

The Huntington Park School Council Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm on Thursday, February 21, 2019 adjourned at 7:48pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer Lee