



Huntington Park ELEMENTARY SCHOOL *SCHOOL COUNCIL* *Meeting Minutes*

Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Huntington Park School Council Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm on Tuesday, April 23, 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, Christina Carter, Tabitha Downey, Sara Haluik, Lisa Hammell, Laura Hill, Heather Knowles, Jennifer Lee, Susan Martin, Sharon Pynn, Crystal Seager, Jessica Henderson (Today's Family Rep.), Julie Wiltshire (Today's Family Rep) Spencer DeMan (Teacher Rep), Pat Petrucci (Principal)

REGRETS: Jennifer Smith

ABSENT: Courtney Botelho, Kate Post, Bethany Skerret, Grace Tansley

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The previous meeting minutes from February 2019 were approved.

13 - approved, 1 – opposed, 0- abstained

Sara Haluik pointed out an error in the voting on the camcorder. She recalled that one member voted opposed and was mistakenly recorded as approved. Thank you to Sara for the correction!

Email vote: There was a vote taken by email with regards to Grade Two readers. Mrs. Prosser made an inquiry with Scholastic about books. Unfortunately, Scholastic gave a quote and also sent the order without approval. The question was then posed to Council via email as to whether or not we would be willing to approve the purchase or if the books should be returned. The cost of the books was \$128.11.

15 – approved, 0 – opposed, 4 – abstained

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – P. Petruccelli

PEOPLE:

- Ms. McKinney has returned to teaching Kindergarten
 - Thanks to Ms. Hone for her work in Kindergarten
- Ms. Dowd is absent and Mrs. Montani is replacing her in the role of Educational Assistant

PROGRAM:

- School Annual Plan: This is the current data on our students with respect to our targets as reflected from their report card marks and other assessment tools.
 - Reading
 - Up to Date:
 - Goal: 75% reading at grade level by June 30
 - 42 students are presently in Grade 1
 - 1 student with ASD; 41 students
 - Below level: 8 (19%)
 - On the cusp: 7 (17%)
 - At level: 26 (64%)
 - Potential is 81%
 - Math
 - We continue to learn about MathUp program
 - I will confirm in May how many licenses we will be asking for (possibly 4 licenses)
 - Each license costs: \$899.00 per user (One per classroom)
 - We have four classes that would possibly be using this program
- Agendas
 - Commitment from our Intermediate Teachers to set aside time to reinforce the use of agendas
 - Hans Agendas Large Size \$4.25 and small size \$3.25 (Local Company)
 - Need is Primary Larger Size 160 x \$4.25 = \$680.00
 - Need for Jr./Int. Small size 270 x \$3.25= \$877.50
 - Total \$1,557.50
- Positive School Climate
 - Community Police presentation on Marijuana and Vaping
 - MADD has been in and will be coming again in June to present on Marijuana, Alcohol and Driving

PLANT

- Buddy Benches
 - Having trouble finding them. Possibility of a concrete bench and perhaps it being hand painted?

High School Preparedness: There is a document from the gov't that talks about assessment released a few years ago. At that time, kids were coming home and doing projects at home (popsicle stick castles, etc.) and receiving marks based on work that teachers couldn't fairly assess, i.e., how much help came from the parent. The idea behind not sending work home is so that teachers can assess the work that is being done in front of them, i.e., in the classroom.

There is a basic philosophy: Elementary School: No one fails Secondary: People do fail.

Students struggle with organization, accountability, volume of work, study habits, etc. Students have a big transition from elementary to secondary and then again from secondary to post-secondary.

There is a mandate to try to get high school grad rates up across the Board. Grad rates are up. The goal for secondary is to ensure that as many kids graduate as possible, regardless of how much help they have available at home. Secondary schools are trying their best to get students to graduate and grad rates have risen. This is similar to the mandate to have students reading by the end of grade one and the emphasis on grade six math.

We don't know what the link between elementary schools and secondary schools will look like until the budget is released. There are many differences between the two levels of schooling. We have learned that this seems to be a problem that is board-wide. It is not specific to our school. Some students seem to experience a lack of consequences, i.e., many chances to hand in assignments past the due dates, multiple dates to write tests, etc. We need to improve on transitioning between the two levels of schooling.

Laura Hill urged parents to look at the comments with regards to the learning skills on the report cards. Grades are important, but so are the comments as they should shed light on where your child's strengths and weaknesses are for going forward from elementary to secondary.

III. TEACHERS' REPORT (Spencer DeMan)

Earth Day: The Earth Day Assembly took place today. Mrs. Prosser and Mrs. Bowler organized the assembly. The glee club and the primary and junior choir sang. Almost every class made it out to the community clean-up despite the rainy weather.

Pink Shirt Day: Pink Shirt day was on April 10. Mrs. Johnston and Mr. DeMan organized the assembly with performances by the dance team, the primary and junior choir as well as the glee club. Mr. DeMan used the video camera to record the performances. He showed the videos at the end of the meeting to those who were interested.

ChoirFest: ChoirFest is happening on May 1st at Sherwood.

Wonderland: The Glee Club and the Concert Band will be performing at Canada's Wonderland on May 28th.

Open House: Mme. Economou, Ms. Harding and the Student Council are considering running Fun Fair activities and are looking for help with running some of the activities as well as food, etc.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT (Heather Knowles)

Projected Funds		Actual Funds	Variance	Projected Expenditures		Actual Expense	Variance
MacMillans	\$5,000	\$4,378.05	-621.95	Benches	(2000)0	\$1,972.30	27.70
Holiday Baskets	\$4,000	\$3,932.73	-67.27	Sensory Board	(2000)0	\$2,000	0.00
Chocolate	\$8,000	0		Baseball Equipment	(225.92)0	\$225.92	0.00
Dance-a-thon	\$4,000	\$4,635.20	635.2	Balls for recess	\$350		
Pizza	\$5,000	\$4,093.51		Buses for Cross Country	(350)0	\$248.60	101.40
Spirit Wear	\$120	428.88	308.88	JK/SK Bikes	(2000)0	\$2,171.65	171.65
Total	\$26,120	\$17,468.37		Holiday Baskets	(600)0	\$585.02	14.98
				Dance-a-thon	(1100)0	\$869.05	
				Chocolates	(500)0	\$610.30	110.30
				Mt Albion Volleyball	(240)0	\$240	
				Bus for Swim Meet	\$150		
				Scientist in the Classroom	(2500) 1360	\$1,140	
				Bus for Wonderland	\$500		
				Science Materials	\$350		
				Camcorder	\$500		
				FDK Book request	\$1,500		
				Mrs Prosser Books	\$124		
					\$3,474		
				Projected Outstanding Expenditures	\$0		
				money in brackets has been pd			
Balance forward	\$21,429.60						
Pizza approx	\$3,700						
Still outstanding	\$3,474						
Final Balance	\$21,655.60						

V. FUNDRAISING REPORT (Cheryl Cader)

World's Finest Chocolate: Chocolate wrapped up today. We still have some outstanding, but today was the official end date. We estimate that we are sitting around the \$12,000 mark. It was a huge success! Once all of our expenses have been totaled and the remaining chocolate and money returned we will give an exact figure.

Fundraising: Sammie and Cheryl have stated that they would like to take a step back from fundraising. It is a lot of work and they are approaching the burn-out stage. Jennifer echoed the sentiment. We are

hopeful that perhaps if we take a backseat, perhaps we can attract some new volunteers who have the time to commit.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was an invite from Sean McKillop, manager of communications and community engagement at the board. School Council members of Sherwood and the feeder schools are invited to a meeting to provide us with the resources and information that we require as a council. The meeting is at Sherwood on May 2nd at 7:00pm. Please RSVP to Sammie Button.

A concern was brought up about why some teachers opt out of school-wide events, i.e., earth day. Mr. Petruccelli said that moving forward school-wide events will be orchestrated differently to ensure that all students are given the opportunity to participate.

Sharon Pynn has volunteered to organize the Teacher Appreciation Lunch. A date was discussed and it was decided that the lunch will be scheduled for Thursday, May 23rd. Please email Sharon to let her know what dish you will be bringing.

School Council 2018-19 Spending Breakdown: Sammie Button prepared a chart that shows how our spending is allocated thus far.

Based on Projected Funds of \$26,120

Technology	\$	Student Life	\$	Learning Experiences	\$	School Atmosphere	\$
40%	\$10,448.00	20%	\$5,224.00	20%	\$5,224.00	20%	\$5,224.00
Camcorder	\$500.00	Baseball Equipment	\$225.92	Scientist in Class	\$2,500.00	Kinder Shade Struct	\$400.00
iPads/Tablets		Recess/DPA Balls	\$350.00	Kindergarten Books	\$1,500.00	Buddy Benches-?	\$3,500.00
		Cross Country Bus	\$248.60	Grade 2 Books	\$128.11		\$3,900.00
		Mt. Albion Volleyball	\$240.00		\$4,128.11		
		Swim Team Bus	\$150.00	Jr. Science Equip	\$350.00		
		Water Polo Bus	\$150.00		\$4,478.11		
		Glee/Band Bus	\$500.00				
			\$1,864.52				
		Agendas	\$1,500.00				
		Art Sketchbooks	\$675.00				
		Gym Shirts	\$1,000.00				
			\$5,039.52				
Remaining	\$9,948.00	Remaining	\$184.48	Remaining	\$736.89	Remaining	\$1,324.00

Technology: Mr. Petruccelli says that there is pilot testing happening within the board happening now with netbooks. The testing should be completed by the end of the school year. The Board's lease with Apple is coming due at the end of the school year. Apple has become cost-prohibitive compared to netbooks. We have been given permission from the Board to hold over a large sum of money to the fall in order to be able to purchase new technology based on the results from the pilot project testing. Additionally, due to Board Contracts, we have to purchase through a Board approved supplier. We hope to be able to vote on technology purchases in September.

VII. SPENDING:

Item	Benefit	Cost	y/n	Vote
Camcorder	Record of performances and assessment	\$497.19	y	
Junior Science Materials	Opportunities for Kinesthetic learning experiences	\$316.80	y	
Leveled books for grade 2	Promote the love of reading and enhance engagement	\$128.11	y	
Bus for Canada's Wonderland Music Festival Trip	Keep the cost of the band and glee club's trip to wonderland manageable for students and families	\$500.00	y	
Remaining Balance for wonderland bus	The cost was higher the originally expected and price still needs to be manageable	\$291.00		Approved: 0 Opposed: 9 Abstained: 5
Sketchbooks	Enhances the intermediate art program	Approx \$275		Approved: 13 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1
Printmaking Supplies for Intermediate art	Enhances the intermediate art program and continued participation in the HWDSB Art Exhibit	Approx \$250.00		Approved: 14 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Mini Bluetooth speakers x 4	Creates ability for small group work in drama and dance	Approx \$150.00		Approved: 14 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Shade Structure for Kindergarten outdoor area or Canopy	Allow Kindergartens to take breaks for the sun and the wind and enrich their outdoor learning experiences *Sara Martin has a grant application in progress But would like to know if school council would be willing to contribute to such a project or purchase a pop up canopy if the project is not approved.	Approx \$400 for Canopy		Approved: 14 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Osmo Genius Kits for Grade 1 team	Option 1 - 2 per grade one class This would allow them to be used as independent activities during focus group time. Option 2 - 1 per grade one class	\$610.14 \$305.07		Option 1 Approved: 13 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1

Bean Bag Chairs or flex seating for the "Well Room"	Create flex seating and comfortable places for students to work and relax when necessary	Approx \$360.00		Approved: 11 Opposed: 2 Abstained: 1
Wireless headset and mics	Our Current wireless headset and mics have become unreliable. They are necessary for the many performance experiences and assemblies we have at Huntington Park.	Headset Approx \$500.00		Approved: 11 Opposed: 2 Abstained: 1
	Additional Wireless Mike #1	Mike #1 Approx \$500.00		Approved: 14 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
	Additional Wireless Mike #2	Mike #2 Approx \$500.00		Approved: 12 Opposed: 1 Abstained: 1
Grade 8 Grad	Traditionally, School Council has contributed money towards the Grade 8 graduation Ceremonies. It was decided that we should vote now, so that the motion can be approved before next council meeting as we anticipate being asked for the same sum again this year.	\$800		Approved: 14 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Agendas	Primary Larger Size 160 x \$4.25 = \$680.00 Jr./Int. Small size 270 x \$3.25= \$877.50 Total \$1,557.50	\$1,557.50		Approved: 14 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0
Gym Shirts	New gym shirts to ensure that every student representing HP has a school shirt to wear for each event.	\$1000.00		Approved: 14 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

VIII. UPCOMING SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Our Next and Final School Council Meeting of the 2018-2019 School Year is:

Thurs., May 23, 2019 at 6:30pm in the School Library. All are welcome!

The Huntington Park School Council Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, adjourned at 8:19pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer Lee