



# **Huntington Park**

## **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

### ***SCHOOL COUNCIL***

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

Date: Thursday, October 3, 2019

#### **I. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was conducted. The following persons were present:

Sammie Button, Tabitha Downey, Susan Martin, Laura Hill, Courtney Botelho, Marion Garrido, Breanne Graham, Cindy Bourassa, Mark Mundell, Heather Knowles, Tracy Hunter, Sara Haluik, Jennifer Bain, Crystal Seager, Pat Petruccelli (Principal), Spencer deMan (Teacher Rep), Julie Wiltshire (Today's Family Rep).

*REGRETS: Jennifer Lee, Cheryl Cader, Ashley Mclean, Lisa Hammell, Jessica Henderson*

Crystal Seager and Jennifer Bain both request to be voting members.

#### **II. CALL TO ORDER**

The Huntington Park School Council Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm on Thursday, October 3, 2019 in the School Library at Huntington Park School at 80 Kingslea Drive, Hamilton, Ontario.

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

The previous meeting minutes from Sept 2019 were approved.

15 approved, 0 denied, 0 abstained.

#### **IV. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Pat Petruccelli)**

##### **PEOPLE:**

- Our new Grade 3 Teacher is Mrs. Gordon
- Our new Grade 1 and Prep Teacher is Mr. Pickett

##### **PROGRAM:**

- Technology
  - Netbooks ordered
- School Annual Plan
  - With the Progress Reports written, here is our growth to date:
    - Goal 1 is 75% of Grade 1 students reading at grade level as determined by June Report Cards
    - September Target
      - Presently 27/60 students or 45% are reading at the grade 1 level
      - 16/60 or 27% approaching
      - Therefore, our target is 43/60 or 72% to receive a B- on the June report card
    - October Target (Revised)
      - At least 44 of 55 Grade 1 students (80%) will achieve a B or higher on their June 2019 report card
    - Goal 2 is improving in Math as measured by EQAO: This data will be released on September 25
    - 2018-10 EQAO Results
      - Grade 3 41% at or above standard
      - Grade 6 14% at or above standard
      - October Target
      - Growth target areas will be in Thinking and Application
      - At least 18 of 51 Grade 6 students (35%) will achieve at or above standard on the Grade 6, Junior Division EQAO Assessment of Mathematics

- Goal 3 is improving in students and staff feeling safe, supported and accepted.
- Targets yet to be set.

Sara Haluik brings up a concern with the drastic drop in scores between grade 3 and grade. 6.

Pat Petruccelli mentions that the focus of the board has been to improve reading scores. Since the EQAO isn't done in grades 4 and 5 they aren't exactly where the drop is happening or what is causing it. Interestingly enough the scores increase again in grade 9, meaning something positive is happening between grades 6 and 9.

Tracey Hunter suggests spiralling eg. Looking at the 5 strands of math as centres and constantly rotating so everything stays fresh. This may be something that council would be interested in supporting.

## **PLANT**

- We are presently researching the viability of installing a fence to cordon off a section of grassy area on our property that would produce an outdoor classroom area. The outdoor classroom learning environment area would promote learning about nature, provide much needed sunshade, and provide a closed area for the safety of students.

Cindy Bourassa mentioned that TD has a program called TD Play where they donate funds to enrich communities. She will take the lead on communication with them, and requested a formal letter from Pat Petruccelli.

There was some discussion whether or not providing shade for the kindergarten students would fall under school board spending verses council funds. However, with the recent budget cuts it is not feasible at this time.

## **V. TEACHER'S REPORT (Spencer deMan)**

MacKinnon

- We've collected about \$575 for the Terry Fox run so far.

Kisielewski

- Grade 8's are hosting a fundraiser to offset grad costs. It's a bake sale at Meet the Teacher night.
- There are 4 Volleyball teams on the go. Games start October 8.

Resovac

- TRX fitness equipment has arrived. Waiting for installation.
- Boys and Girls Volleyball starts next week.
- Cross Country is on Monday Oct, 7.

de Man

- Choir will start up next week for all students. The choir will perform a song for the Remembrance Day assembly.

## **VI. TREASURER'S REPORT (Cindy Bourassa)**

Pizza fund \$10,606 (less ~\$7000 for prepaid)

Council fund \$43, 490

Fund \$24, 435

A more accurate report will be ready for the next meeting. These numbers include monies carried over from last year as well as monies earmarked for previously approved purchases.

## **VII. FUNDRAISING REPORT (Sammie Button)**

- The fundraising committee is looking for new members. If you are interested in helping, please contact either Sammie Button or Cheryl Cader.
- There is no firm date set for the Dance-a-thon due to the uncertainty of potential strike action.
- Looking at a date after October 20, 2019 for the fundraising committee meeting. We will keep everyone informed, should there be a strike we may have to conduct any voting regarding the fall fundraiser by email.

Tracey Hunter suggests that always doing the same trips becomes stagnant, have a more thoughtful process for spending money. Learning centres for the library, global competencies, learning hub, equitable access. Embrace opportunities for sustainable options.

Pat Petruccelli suggests a more equitable way of allocating fundraising dollars. Rather than focusing on busses for events where the students are representing the school, consider allocating "x" amount of dollars per student. That way the students who aren't interested in sports will still benefit from their fundraising efforts.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS (Pat Petruccelli)**

1. EQAO Result - covered under Principal's Report
2. CUPE Strike - Letter sent home from the School Board. If they do strike there will be no before/after care. Sports will only be during school hours, therefore cross country will continue as planned but Volley Ball would be cancelled. The open house and meet the teacher would also be cancelled.

Sara Haluik asks if the children will be asked to do any tasks normally carried out by CUPE?

Pat Petruccelli ensures her that no student will be asked to do any tasks normally carried out by CUPE

## **IX. SPENDING REQUEST VOTING**

Pat Petruccelli states he looked into a tie, and that in the event of a tie, the motion is defeated.

There were 3 people who sent in email proxy votes for the busses for Theatre Aquarius and Lindley's Farm. The third option sent by email was an amount per class. This was not voted on at this meeting because we are exploring the option of an amount per student instead.

### **Dance-a-thon: spend request for \$700**

Envelops \$165 (\$115 envelopes and \$50 for printing)

Glow Sticks \$84.45 (\$28.25 for a pkg of 180, 3 pkgs needed)

Prizes \$350-\$400

Decorations \$50

15 approved, 0 denied, 0 abstained

### **3 Busses for the FDK Lindley's Farm up to \$600**

10 approved, 5 denied (2 by proxy), 3 abstained (1 by proxy)

### **1 bus for Theatre Aquarius up to \$200**

10 approved, 4 denied (3 by proxy), 4 abstained

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be November 14, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.



