



Huntington Park ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL *Meeting Minutes*

Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Huntington Park School Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. Roll call was conducted. The following persons were present:

Nancy Radojevic (Principal), Jennifer Cumbo (Teacher), Jennifer Anthony, Rebecca Cardwell, Marion Garrido, Crystal Seager, Susan Martin, Adrienne Smith, Mandy McDermott

ABSENT: Joanna Beckley, Cassie Ballantyne

REGRETS: Laura Hill, Yvonne Rieck

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Huntington Park School is located on Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe lands under the Dish with One Spoon Treat. Staff and students are grateful and honoured to share the land and resources with everyone.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The motion to approve last meeting's minutes was approved with all votes in favour.

IV. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – *Nancy Radojevic*

HWDSB Multi-Year Strategic Plan (2024-2029)

- HWDSB will be promoting new phrase “Be You. Be Excellent.”
 - Posters will be circulated around the school by Student Council.
- Information will be shared with staff at tomorrow's staff meeting.
- *Mission* – every student experiencing a sense of belonging & engages in dynamic learning to reach their potential and build their own future
- *Values* – compassion, dignity, trust & joy will guide daily work to honour the unique identities and needs of all

- *Strategic Directions:*
 - Upholding Human Rights, Safety & Well-Being
 - Providing Equitable Quality Education
 - Collaborating with Students, Families & Communities
 - Building a Sustainable Education System
 - Reinforcing Indigenous Educational wellness & Reconciliation
- *Board Improvement Plan:*
 - Literacy Achievement for every student
 - Numeracy Achievement for every student
 - Preparedness for the future for every student
 - Engagement for every student
 - Well-being for every student

Dance-a-thon Success!

- Thank you to council and Mrs. Cumbo for your dedication to the fundraiser. It was a success!
- Students had fun and I heard that we raised over \$10 000.

PA Day Change

- The March 1st PA day has been moved to April 8th due to the solar eclipse
- Click “subscribe” on HWDSB website to receive email updates ([click here for link](#))

Report Card Distribution

- Report cards were sent home this past Friday, February 16
- Families are encouraged to return the feedback pages (page 3 & 4) to help teach students to reflect on their progress and set goals and next steps for Term 2 (these go into student files)
- Parents play a role in supporting student success and goal setting for Term 2!

System Math Professional Development

- Greater focus on current research regarding how to support teachers as they teach math
- MathUP Training
 - In service training for whole school on MathUP (30 day free trial for staff to try)
 - Purchased MathUP program (K-8) developed by Marian Small
 - All grade 3& 6 classes have a license
 - HP has purchased 5 additional licenses to distribute across grades; Mr. Cognini will be the lead at HP and staff will receive additional professional development
 - Teachers will receive training to bring back to their classrooms
 - Approx. \$800 for additional licenses if required
- Knowledgehook will continue to be used to implement coding skills (staff have learned about it over last 2 years)

TEACHER’S REPORT – Jennifer Cumbo

Athletics:

- Senior boys and girls basketball just finished. The girls lost in their first round of playoffs.
- Junior boys and girls basketball try-outs are happening now, with the season starting early in March.
- The Ski Trip will be March 5, pending approval.

Dance-a-thon:

- Staff had a lot of positive feedback about the dance-a-thon and would like to pass along a thank you for all the hard work in organizing and running such a fun day. The event went smoothly and the students had fun.

Student Council:

- Planning a Spring Fling dance, they are considering April.
- Want to do a fundraiser to give back to community, they have discussed a few options but have yet to decide.

Approved Spending Update:

- There were two outstanding previously approved items that were purchased this week:
 - \$300 sleds purchased
 - \$1500 flexible seating purchased

V. TREASURER'S REPORT – Mandy McDermott

- Fundraising Account
 - Previous balance \$12 710.78
 - New update \$11 715.32 (glow stick funds have been deposited but not dance-a-thon pledges)
 - Will be a deposit of approximately \$9000 from dance-a-thon
- School Council Account
 - Funds for iPad purchases approved earlier in the year came out of this account, which leaves the account with a negative value (now -\$4208.99)
 - Funds will be transferred from the Pizza Account to bring this account back to a balance of zero
- Pizza Account
 - Previous balance \$6418.40
 - New update \$9743.85
 - Will transfer \$4208.99 from this account to School Council Account
- Council has approximately \$22 500 available for spending at this time

VI. FUNDRAISING REPORT – Susan Martin

- Summary from dance-a-thon:
 - \$10 284 overall total for dance; \$9614.85 profit (pledges and glow sticks); \$442 glow sticks online
 - \$200 profit from concessions (\$668.96 brought in and over \$400 was spent)
- Prize winners were brought their prizes in their classrooms
- Concession worked well for students who didn't want to dance
- Prizes outside of the dance area worked well this year
- Notes for next year:
 - Need a cutoff date for ballots (so there is no counting the morning of the event)
 - Need roughly 3000 tickets ready to use

- Lots of prizes left for Spring Fundraiser (considering early in May for Education Week)
- Indigo Love & Adopt a School grant application update
 - Laura and Adrienne will continue to work on this for next year
 - Support from the school administration is required to answer specific questions
- Pizza Day
 - Upcoming Pizza Days (Wednesdays): March 6, 20, and 27
 - Marion may check with Pizza Pizza to see if they can make any donations back to the school (last year we received bikes for the Spring Open House)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- Pizza Days
 - When students are absent, their pizza has been put in the fridge however it is not getting picked up
 - A request was made to add a note about pizza not being saved if student is absent
 - Grade 8 volunteers have been great helpers this year!

VIII. SPENDING & VOTING

Mrs. Gedye (SMU) requested the purchase of a fiber optic light spray (approx. \$1469 including tax).

The motion to approve the purchase of a fiber optic light spray approved with all votes in favour.

Mrs. Gedye (SMU) requested the purchase of a light panel (approx. \$100 including tax).

The motion to approve the purchase of a light panel was approved with all votes in favour

Staff requested the purchase of ten keyboards that connect to iPads to assist with coding programming (\$30-40 each = approx. \$500 with tax)

The motion to approve the purchase of ten keyboards was approved with all votes in favour.

Mrs. Martin requested the purchase of six snow saws (child-safe saws) for the kindergarten program. (\$159.08 including tax and shipping)

The motion to approve the purchase of six snow saws was approved with all votes in favour.

The Primary Division requested funds to replace carpets in Primary classrooms. During the pandemic the carpets had additional wear and tear. Seven large high quality and three medium average quality carpets were requested (approx. \$8000)

The motion to approve the purchase of the carpets was approved with all votes in favour.

Total spending from all items: approx. \$9 300

IX. UPCOMING SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Next meeting is **Wednesday, March 20th 2024 @ 6:30 pm** located in the **Learning Commons Room.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer Anthony