

Huron Park Public School

School Council Meeting – October 5th

Attendees – Carolyn Peasgood, Kathy Goneau, Heidi Cameron-Armstrong, Tracey Gunton, Anita Federici, Gina Trick, Cathy Lethbridge, Carol Alexander

Introductions

Nominations for Positions – Chair – Tracey Gunton agreed to stay on for a second year, all agreed

Secretary – Carol Alexander volunteered, all agreed

Fundraising – 4-5 ongoing fundraising programs will continue to be office run

- School photographs – money is given back to the school and used towards athletics
- Chocolate Almonds – current program running, through the office, raised \$8000 last year
- QSP Magazine sales – rolling out at the end of October, through the office, raised \$1200 last year
- Boston Pizza and Kelsey's – fundraising through receipts - \$200 annual approx.
- Popcorn sales – Mrs. French and the den run this program, it will most likely continue

Pizza and milk orders are on hold due to the current labour situation, these programs were teacher driven.

Dance-A-Thon is unknown at this time – may be a no-go depending on labour dispute and settlement.

School Movie Nights – the cost of licensing has increased from past years and attendance has dropped. Cathy will see if we can get a lower cost license and a decision to continue this program will be made at that time.

Field Trips – all are on hold until the teacher negotiations are settled.

Athletics – 54 students attended the Cross Country Running Meet at Little Lake Park.

- Grade 6 boys took 1st place in their division
- 8 students will be moving on to the county meet
- Grade 8 students assumed leadership roles in helping the team prepare

Boys Volleyball and Girls Basket Ball have started for students in grades 6-8

Social Media – Huron Park has a very good presence in the social media – Facebook, Twitter, and Website

Due to labour situation, teachers are not tweeting updates (tests, homework, etc.) but are able to tweet about athletics.

¾ of staff have Twitter, school website features a live twitter feed along the sidebar.

New school website to follow county format, meant to load better on mobile devices. If you have any feedback regarding the website or its performance, contact the office.

Discussion regarding re-implementing the email system for those parents who aren't following on social media, will send a direct link to pertinent information in an email.

School Council - Annual report to be done by Tracey, minutes to be sent to Cathy to be uploaded to the school website.

Annual school administration profile, to be completed by School Council, will remain the same as last year.

Council core group seems to be shrinking – Kathy G will go over the volunteer lists from the 2014 Open House, and a notice will be added to the website that we are seeking volunteers and more parental involvement

Head lice checks – policy has changed in the last 2 years, it's up to the School Council to decide if we want to hold a whole school head check blitz. Students will only be sent home if live lice are found, there is no longer a "Nit Free" policy. Council decided if the office is seeing an increase in cases, then we will run a school wide blitz.

Family Fun Night – February – Carol suggested we try to get this project running again, perhaps set up a sub-committee to plan and implement. Cathy will check the school calendar to see which evenings the school is available/pre-booked to host this.

Carol & Kathy to look into setting up a basket/penny draw for November or December. Will have to investigate the lottery licensing, our current lottery account is empty. Funds raised will go towards 3 different aspects – technology, investing back into student body (awards for student of the month, HP Hornet gear) and self-regulation bikes. Info about bikes – silent, students can ride during class but not interrupt learning, costs - \$900 for large, \$650 for small. School goal is to have a bike in every classroom.

Christmas Craft Night – to be held Dec 6th, depending on the work situation. Run by teachers.

Christmas Shop – still going as scheduled – donated items, run by leadership kids for primary classes.

Technology – the board has sent 5 more iPads to the school.

Breakfast Club –up and running during week 3.

Gina noticed benefits of breakfast for kids already.

Received \$2500 from Breakfast for Learning

All mornings are covered, Mrs. French is stepping in where needed, more volunteers are always helpful. Tracey can help with preparing veggies in the evenings.

CUPE Work to Rule – custodial services are affected. They will not be cleaning offices or sweeping the hallways. If debris in the hallways becomes an issue, school is to make contact and the managers would be brought in to take care of it.

Next Meeting - November 2nd