



Huntington Park ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL *Meeting Minutes*

Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Huntington Park School Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 1, 2024. Roll call was conducted. The following persons were present:

Nancy Radojevic (Principal), Jennifer Cumbo (Teacher), Laura Hill, Shannon Blair, Tim Lawson, John Henry, Adam Neumann, Jennifer Anthony, Susan Martin, Marion Garrido, Crystal Seager, Adrienne Smith, Andreana Zerafa, Erin Wilkins

ABSENT: N/A

REGRETS: Yvonne Rieck, Rebecca Cardwell

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

There are no minutes from previous meetings to be approved.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS FROM LAST YEAR:

Chair – Laura Hill

Vice Chair – Vacant

Secretary – Jennifer Anthony

Treasurer – Mandy McDermott and Rebecca Cardwell

IV. COUNCIL MEMBER STATUS – REVIEW OF MEMBER AND VOTING MEMBER AND EXPECTATIONS OF EACH

Mrs. Radojevic outlined the role of School Councils in Ontario. Applications for School Council were received.

V. EXECUTIVE VOTE:

During the meeting, the following people volunteered to represent the following positions:

- Chair – Laura Hill
- Vice Chair – Vacant
- Secretary – Jennifer Anthony
- Treasurer – Tim Lawson and Rebecca Cardwell

A vote was taken for each position and the motion was carried.

There will be an additional Fundraising Sub-committee to focus on fundraising events for the year. This will be lead by Susan Martin.

There were a total 12 members at the meeting and two additional members sent their regrets. With a total of 14 voting members, Council will need 8 votes for quorum. Wednesday will be the protected night for Council. Starting time for meetings will be 6:00 pm.

VI. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Nancy Radojevic

Instructional Focus:

- The School Annual Plan will focus on reading, math, and well-being. Teachers will implement the mandatory reading screener, Acadience. This screener is used across the district for Kindergarten to grade 2 students. The reading specialist will be going into classrooms to support teachers. The screener for grades 3 to 8 is being used and staff will receive training for its use.
- MathUP licence has been purchased by the Board. All grade 3 and 6 teachers have access and there are 10 licences in the school. There is a math specialist working with grade 3 and 6 classes.
- There will be a focus on well-being in the school. This includes the ability to stay regulated in the classroom, engaged, and read to learn. Additional focus will be on students experiencing anxiety.
- The September PA Day focus was on School Improvement Planning and Marker Students.

School Operational Updates:

- Ms. Russell retired this fall and there is a new office administration team. There is a new Primary/Junior Learning Resource Teacher. Mr. Tondreau will be leaving to a different position in the Board. About 20 students were impacted by reorganization in grades 5 to 8 to meet Ministry class sizes.
- The school recognized Orange Shirt Day on September 30th. There was learning relating to Indigenous people and history in recognition of the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**.
- **Meet the Staff** open house event will take place on October 8th from 4:30-6:00 pm.

- The **Terry Fox Run** will take place from 1:40-2:40 pm on October 11th. All students will be able to participate and can fundraise using School Cash Online (no cash/ “Toonies for Terry” this year). Kindergarten to grade 2 will be on the field and Grades 3-8 will do a circuit around the city block.
- There will be a **Halloween**/Special Event Day on Thursday, October 31st. More details to come!
- Families are reminded to “Subscribe” to news and updates on the school website ([link](#)).

School Council Support:

- The School Annual Fundraising Plan must be completed by October 15th.

TEACHER’S REPORT – Jennifer Cumbo

Athletics:

- The junior boys baseball team won the championship! The junior girls team placed 2nd, the senior boys team placed 3rd and the senior girls team placed 2nd.
- Swim team tryouts have started.
- Volleyball season has started. The junior girls team partnered up with McMaster volleyball for a recent training session.
- Cross Country will take place on Thursday, October 10th.

Student Council:

- Student Council will meet on Day 2. Representatives will be selected by Tuesday next week. Students interested in running for Student Council will prepare a presentation for their peers and every class votes for two representatives.

Other:

- The Green Team is up and running for grade 5 and 6 students.

VII. TREASURER’S REPORT

- There is approximately \$4400 in the accounts from last year. An update of the accounts was not available at this meeting.

VIII. FUNDRAISING REPORT

Susan will be leading a separate Fundraising Sub-Committee. Volunteers are needed to help with the

events that take place this year.

The Basket Fundraiser (December) and Dance-a-Thon (February) were successful fundraisers last year. **All members voted in favour of running these two fundraisers** again this year. A separate fundraising meeting will occur to plan details.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Pizza Days will resume this year. Marion will organize the paperwork and ordering. Josh, John, and Adrienne can volunteer to help distribute pizza to students. Discussion occurred about paying for pizza using School Cash Online only (no cash accepted) and having smaller blocks of ordering. No paper flyers will be sent home this year. Ordering for the first block will open online starting October 9th.

***Updated pizza dates:** First block will be Oct. 23 and 30; Second block will be Nov. 6, 13, 20 and 27; Third block will be Dec. 4, 11, and 18.

All members voted in favour of these dates.

X. SPENDING & VOTING

There are no requests yet.

XI. UPCOMING SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Next meeting is Wednesday, November 13th 2024 @ 6:00 pm located in the **Learning Commons Room.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer Anthony