

# Huron Street Public School Parent Council

## MINUTES

OCT. 25, 2012 6:30-8 PM

LIBRARY

<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Parent Council Meeting #2
<b>FACILITATOR</b>	Ashwin Ranjit
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Joanne Dolfato
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Veena Gupta, Ashwin Ranjit, Jim Stathopoulos, Lori Kroeker, Rebecca Scovel, Stacey Helpert, Xiangpu He, Haiquan Yang, Elvira Filippelli, Meg Gardner, Willy Wong, Won Suk, Trish Tintinaglia, Leslie Carlin, Joanne Dolfato.

## Agenda topics

### APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 MINUTES

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	No amendments to the minutes were noted.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Minutes unanimously approved (Lori/Rebecca).

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

JIM STATHOPOULOS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful Terry Fox walk, Ms. Steel co-ordinates the walk and she knows the exact amount raised (approximately \$4000).</li> <li>• Toronto Island School overnight trip – 2 of the grade 5 classes went in October; and the grade 5's from 4/5 classes go in Dec.</li> <li>• Huron has a partnership with OISE, Dr. Willows brings over 6 grad students to work with grade one students.</li> <li>• The fire drills are up to date, the last one went well. A lock down drill is happening soon (2 per year).</li> <li>• Huron was registered for the cross-country meet, then pulled out, and, as a result, Huron was not allowed to participate in the official meet. Huron participated in the cross-country meet for schools not registered; 20 students ran from Huron.</li> <li>• Picture day went smoothly</li> <li>• Our Eco-team has received gold status from the Board; the Eco-Team is looking at ways to incorporate environmental objectives into the school in more interesting ways (e.g., planting a garden). There are 2 parent reps for the Eco-Team: Marje Stock &amp; another parent.</li> <li>• New staff: new special needs assistant Kelly Clark; Ms. Liska (ESL) is going on maternity leave soon and will be replaced by Joanne Owen.</li> <li>• Huron received 30 new computers (mobile) in Mr. Goodyear's class, with a locking/recharging cart (HP 3115m Notebook PC).</li> <li>• Almost all classes are stocked with an ELMO (video camera and projector). Currently, only the French and Music class do not have an ELMO.</li> </ul> <p><u>School Budget:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each year the Board allocates funds to the school. Huron's budget when Jim first started five years ago was \$71,000. Our allocation this year is \$59,884 (the school received the funds in August). This is the bottom-line budget, and the key is not to go over.</li> <li>• Any dollars that are not used are carried over to the next year. The amount we receive from the Board is based on estimated enrollment and then adjusted for actual numbers in Oct/Nov.</li> <li>• Principal Stathopoulos provided a breakdown of the more pertinent line items on the school budget:</li> <li>• At Huron, each classroom gets \$500 for consumables, and the teachers spend the dollars that are needed in their classroom.</li> <li>• For photocopying, each teacher receives a box of 5,000 pages of paper-no cost to copy.</li> <li>• The kindergarten classes receive \$400/class.</li> <li>• LD – Ms. Aveling receives a special education supplement.</li> <li>• Library -- \$4,500.</li> <li>• Professional Development – now \$1,700, in the past it was \$9,000. Supply teachers cost \$210 to</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>cover professional development.</li> <li>Literacy and numeracy -- \$3500</li> <li>Office supplies -- \$8,000.</li> <li>Snow removal – we pay extra for this.</li> <li>Field trips – some families cannot afford to pay and for these families the school covers the cost of the field trip.</li> <li>School council \$439 (photocopying, insurance).</li> <li>Rent and leasing copiers \$8,000.</li> <li>Other line items in the budget include: furniture and repair, telephone, postage, courier, gym, technology.</li> <li>Petty Cash and non-public account – approximately \$3,000 in this account (Bright Pics gives back \$500 back to the school and it goes into this fund)</li> <li></li> </ul> <p><u>EQAO Summary:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The results for Huron over the last 3 years for grade 3 and grade 6 are at the same level or have improved slightly.</li> <li>It is important to note that EQAO is a snapshot and all children are counted in the EQAO test results, even if they don't write the test, their scores are still included.</li> <li>The results for grade 3 are as follows: 90% in reading, 92% in writing, and in math Huron dropped to 74%, which is above the board level of 70%. By drilling down the data it is possible to see a disparity between boys and girls in math scores.</li> <li>For Huron's grade 6 class, the results are as follows: 81% in reading, 79% in writing and 72% in math.</li> <li>Boys and girls in grade 3 have similar results in math but it is in grade 6 where the math results for the girls dip down.</li> <li>Huron is trying to do PLCs around math, and the staff work together on the math issue. In summary, the scores are good, teachers are pleased with the results and are working on math.</li> </ul>
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<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	n/a
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**PICNIC FOR THE ARTS**

JIM STATHOPOULOS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The discussion focused on the funds that will be raised by next year's Picnic (June 2013) and whether school council should create a formula for the funds raised from the Picnic over a certain amount (for example, funds raised from the Picnic over \$15,000 (net) could be allocated at the principals' discretion or to another area of need).</li> <li></li> </ul>
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<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Gupta will move ahead with Arts programming for this school year.</li> <li>At the next meeting on Dec. 11, 2012, council will further discuss the above issue and create an allocation formula.</li> </ul>
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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

LORI KROEKER

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is \$2,000 in operating budget.</li> <li>The Picnic for the Arts balance is \$15,800.</li> <li>The charitable fund has a large beginning balance of \$2,959.</li> </ul>
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<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>n/a</li> </ul>
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**TDSB WARD REPORT**

LESLIE CARLIN

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At the last Ward Council meeting, the discussion revolved around how much parents should be filling in the gaps with teachers working to rule. Chris Bolton reported at the Ward meeting that there are labour negotiations going on behind scenes.</li><li>• On the myward10.ca website there is a list of upcoming workshops on conflict management and bullying. The committee is hoping to have ongoing workshops on bullying.</li><li>• Ward 10 has a new superintendent.</li></ul>
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• n/a</li></ul>

**OTHER ITEMS**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next Parent Council Meeting: Tuesday, December 11, 2012.</li></ul>
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• n/a</li></ul>