

ÉCOLE ARBOUR VISTA PUBLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, January 21, 2016
TIME: 6:45pm
PLACE: École Arbour Vista
School's Library

ITEM NO.	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	<u>Introductions</u> - From everyone.	
2.	<u>Approve Minutes from School Council Meeting – December 17, 2015</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes from last meeting previously circulated via email were approved by: Johanna S. seconded by Brenda V.	
3.	<u>Updates:</u> <u>SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Michelle Watterson is part of the UGPSB SEAC and informed Council that at the last meeting they discussed the 2015-2016 budget.They also introduced the Google Expedition Project Field Trip Program where Google visits schools with all equipment needed for kids to take virtual tours all over the world, Arbour Vista is not a participating school this year.SEAC is formed by local parent representatives, Provincial Associations, two school trustees and interested local community representatives.Meetings are open to the public. Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month throughout the school year. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Upper Grand District School Board office in Guelph. <u>PIC (Parent Involvement Committee)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Debbie Bush updated Council on some of the initiatives of the PIC.PIC will be sending to the Board their preference between 2 different dates for the winter break in December 2016: Friday, December 23 – January 9 or Friday, December 16 – January 2 <p>Debbie collected feedback from attending parents on preferences and she will send this to PIC.</p>	

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4.	<p data-bbox="305 220 841 252"><u>Report of the French Review Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="305 283 1242 346">• Marty Fairbain, Trustee and School Liaison for Ecole Arbour Vista circulated copies of the above noted report which can be found at: <a data-bbox="305 378 982 409" href="http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/programs/article.aspx?id=56893">http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/programs/article.aspx?id=56893 <li data-bbox="305 441 1274 504">• Below are the 19 recommendations of this report to the Director of Education, Martha Rogers. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="305 535 1274 598">1. that memo PLN: 15-30 "Report of the French Review Committee – 2015" dated January 12, 2016 be received. <li data-bbox="305 630 1307 829">2. that the UGDSB send a written request to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, (OPSBA), to advocate on behalf of English public school boards for; a comprehensive provincial review of FSL instructional opportunities, qualified French teacher availability, and current funding levels in an effort to alleviate the significant accommodation pressures and more accurately reflect the current reality of parent/guardian choice in a plurilingual society. <li data-bbox="305 861 1201 955">3. that the UGDSB explore the concept of starting core French in Grade 1 in conjunction with a FSL review by the Ministry of Education as outlined in Recommendation 2. <li data-bbox="305 987 1307 1113">4. that once a strategy is approved by the UGDSB for elementary French immersion, the French Review Committee will begin a review of secondary FSL as soon as possible and submit a report with recommendations for consideration by the UGDSB no later than June 30, 2017. <li data-bbox="305 1144 1282 1239">5. that the Human Resources Department review and expand its recruitment practices as it relates to French language teachers and support staff (e.g. ECEs, EAs). <li data-bbox="305 1270 1258 1333">6. that the Human Resources Department advance the dates of the recruitment, posting and interviewing process for French language teachers. <li data-bbox="305 1365 1258 1459">7. that the Human Resources Department actively pursue increasing teacher and ECE practicum placements in the board for candidates with French language proficiency. <li data-bbox="305 1491 1274 1554">8. that the Human Resources Department explore pool hiring to attract and retain qualified French language teachers. <li data-bbox="305 1585 1307 1680">9. that the Human Resources Department work in conjunction with the local teacher unions to explore the potential of newly hired qualified French language teachers committing to 5 years of French language instruction in the Board. <li data-bbox="305 1711 1307 1911">10. that the Human Resources Department hire an individual, on contract (e.g. a retired principal), to work with UGDSB staff to develop a process to support recruitment and the hiring of qualified French language teachers, including occasional teachers and support staff. As part of this work, other school boards will be canvassed to identify any exemplary practices that could be adapted and incorporated into the UGDSB process. 	

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4.	<p>Recommendations of the French Review Committee report to the Director of Education, Martha Rogers <i>Cont'd</i></p> <p>11. that the UGDSB work with OPSBA to advocate for the Ministry of Education and the Deans of the Faculties of Education and Colleges to assist in addressing the number of teacher and support staff available for French language instruction at both the elementary and secondary level.</p> <p>12. that effective September 1, 2017, JK be confirmed as the only entry point for new French immersion students into the French immersion program in the Upper Grand District School Board.</p> <p>13. that a differentially applied JK enrolment cap, based on school capacity and historical enrolment trends together with a reduction in French instructional time to 84% for JK-2, 68% for Grades 3-5, and 50% for Grades 6-8 be placed on JK French immersion programs in the jurisdiction totaling 579 students, effective for the 2017/18 school year.</p> <p>14. that before November 2016, prior to kindergarten registration, a random selection process be developed as part of the enrolment cap to create a fair and transparent method for student entry into the French immersion program.</p> <p>15. that there be a regular monitoring of enrolment in all FI programs and reported to the Board via the Elementary Identified Schools Report, and that the balance between English track and French immersion enrolment in dual track schools be monitored through the annual Elementary Identified Schools Report.</p> <p>16. that the enrolment cap be reviewed no later than December 31, 2019 and every 5 years thereafter, unless significant changes in demographics, enrolment or school utilization would indicate an earlier review.</p> <p>17. that the French immersion retention rate be monitored and reported through the annual Elementary Identified Schools Report.</p> <p>18. that future elementary and secondary French immersion accommodation needs and locations be considered during the development of the Board's long term capital and accommodation plan.</p> <p>19. that appropriate accommodation or boundary review processes be undertaken to address French immersion accommodation needs, as the Board deems appropriate and in accordance with Board policy, to address over-capacity or underutilized schools.</p> <p>Action: As parents we can support these recommendations by writing directly to the Ministry of Education and the Community/Constituency Office, as well as the local School Board Trustees, details below:</p>	ALL

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4.	<p>Community/Constituency Office - Address for Liz Sandals 173 Woolwich Street Guelph N1H 3V4 Email: lsandals.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org Phone: (519) 836-4190 Fax: (519) 836-4191</p> <p>Ministry of Education 22nd Floor, Mowat Block, 900 Bay Street Toronto, M7A 1L2 Email: lsandals.mpp@liberal.ola.org Phone: (416) 325-2600 Fax: (416) 325-2608</p> <p>School Board Trustees: http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/board/article.aspx?id=16587</p> <p>Mr. Fairbain answered questions from parents and informed Council that there will be public information centres in the spring 2016 before a final decision is made.</p> <p>Mr. Fairbain will come back to a future AVPS School Council meeting to update.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Principal's Report – January 2016</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many Junior and Intermediate students have started rehearsing for the spring musical that Arbour Vista has planned. Students will be performing Treasure Island for the school community during the evening of May 4th and May 5th. Madame Anderson and Madame Lauriault are leading the Treasure Island musical. • Arbour Vista held two holiday assemblies, one on December 17th for Kindergarten parents and one on December 18th for the parents of students in grades one to eight. Both assemblies were extremely well attended by parents. • Planning has started with respect to the Grade 3 and 6 EQAO assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. The assessment will be written May 25th until June 8th. The school will require scribes for students. Any parents who are interested in volunteering their time during the assessment period is asked to speak to Monsieur Runciman. The assessment is commonly written during the morning, so only half-days will be required for scribes. • Monsieur Uger's Grade 5/6 class has organized a Food Drive campaign to support the Guelph Food Bank. Students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food item during the course of the campaign. 	

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5.	<p>Principal's report <i>Cont'd</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school is planning a Winter Carnival for students on Friday, February 12th. Similar to last year, the event will have the student body divided into teams that will participate against each other in several non-competitive games and activities. A number of school teams are currently practising in preparation for their upcoming tournaments. The Junior Boys' Volleyball Team and the Junior Girls' Volleyball Team will be participating in their tournament at Kortright Hills and Ken Danby on January 27th. The Intermediate Boys' Basketball Team and the Intermediate Girls' Basketball Tournament will be playing in their tournaments on February 2nd. 	
6.	<p><u>Treasurer's Report</u></p> <p>School Council Treasurer Emmie Hall circulated the current budget (attached to these minutes).</p> <p>Mme. McNinch informed School Council the wish lists from the different areas have been received, she will forward the list to Emmie for review. School Council will vote on these purchases at the next meeting.</p> <p>The total for all the items requested is \$4,500. If expenses are approved by School Council, these resources would be purchased from the General Funds.</p> <p>Playground and yard funds are to remain in the account until ready to be utilized.</p>	Mme McNinch Emmie Hall
7.	<p><u>Fundraising Committee</u></p> <p>Liz James updated School Council on upcoming Fundraising: our Spaghetti Dinner, scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2016.</p> <p>There will be 2 separate dinners at 5:30pm and 6:30pm. Tickets will be available for purchase through the LunchBoxOrders website. There will be games and raffles at this event. The school's Choir and/or Band also plan entertainment.</p> <p>Volunteers are needed for the night of the dinner, especially for the switchover time between the two dinners at around 6:15 pm. Please contact Liz James if you are able to volunteer.</p> <p>Future fundraising opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Movie Night – March, 2016 Ice-Cream sale: 3 days in May and June, 2016 Family Fun Night - June, 2016 <p>The 2015-2016 Goal for the Fundraising Committee is \$15,000.</p>	ALL

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8.	<p><u>Updates POC (Parents' Outreach Committee)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debbie Bush updated on the work to date of the POC. • The Committee will meet early January to continue working on finalizing the information sheet and a Parent Survey (survey to canvass for talents/skills for parents and families that are interested in volunteering). • A 2-page document is being developed for new JK, Grade 7 and any other new students who come for the first time to the School. 	
9.	<p><u>Yard Improvement Project Update</u></p> <p>Cynthia M. updated that a formal plan was submitted to the Board and a representative from the Board was assigned to the school.</p> <p>The Yard Improvement Committee will meet with the representative in late January.</p> <p>A detailed site plan needs to be developed, please contact Cynthia if you are or know a landscaper/designer that can help develop the site plan. Cynthia Menyhart can be reached at cynthia.menyhart@sympatico.ca.</p>	All
10.	<p>Meeting adjourned.</p> <p>Next meeting, Thursday, February 21, 2016</p> <p>Agenda to be sent a week prior to the meeting.</p>	Tina / Michelle