

L'École Arbour Vista Public School
School Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 19, 2017 @ 6.45 pm, School Library

Item	Talking Points	Next Steps
1.	<p>IB Program presentation (International Baccalaureate Program) by Heather Buck, IB Coordinator.</p> <p>IBO – International Baccalaureate Organization- was created to provide a consistent program for international schools. It is not tied to a particular place. Diploma program developed first in 1960's. Students graduating from this program showed they were very successful post-education. The IBO is a not for profit organization but the program does cost money.</p> <p>There is a prep program for Grade 9 and 10 students to get into the two-year IB program. It requires that students keep their interests broad and to study a second language. At Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute – French, German and Spanish are offered. The program is holistic. Students must choose from 6 subject groups: language acquisition, studies in Language and Literature, Individuals and Societies, Sciences, Mathematics and the Arts. Also, they must take these complete these 3 components: Theory of Knowledge, CAS – Community, Activity, Service project, Extended Essay (4000 word essay).</p> <p>Students are internally and externally assessed by their teacher and an external examiner from IBO. The examiner checks the students' marks and ensures the same IBO quality worldwide.</p> <p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will my child do better getting his/her OSSD or his/her IB? It is too difficult to tell. There are many factors to consider. • How does an IB grade translate to an OSSD mark? <p>The marking tables used for OSSD are used once the IB grade is given. This actually works in IB students' favor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How advanced is the French as a Second Language? Students who take French as part of their IB are able to take the DELF (Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française) exam. Studying a second language is very rigorous in IB. • How many students do you admit each year? Typically around 100 per year. Grade 9 between 100-120 per year. After Grade 9, students self-assess and can choose if they wish to remain in the program or just take some classes. By Grade 12, about 50-60% remain. • What support does the program have for mental health? <p>The school offers regular yoga drop-ins for meditation and mindfulness. Social workers in the school run programs with the students and have a relationship with students who need support. Oral and written testing, organized by a local psychologist, offers workshops on study skills and has an open course for teaching</p>	

	<p>coping skills, for students who have pronounced anxiety. This is offered in the entire school. The IB program administrators try hard not to make IB a school within a school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the preparatory program a pre-requisite for the IB program? No, as long as students have the core courses, especially Math. • How many applicants does the IB program get? About 160 applicants for about 100 spots. • Why would students choose not to take the IB program? Many students are found to choose high schools based on their friends. • Do you have data to show the difference between IB and non-IB students when they go to college? Yes, they do have data specifically showing the difference in the first year. • Are there any updates regarding transportation to GCVI by bus? For now, there are no busses to GCVI if students do not live in the designated area. (Unlike Bishop MacDonnell Catholic School). Despite transportation, any student in the Board and outside of the Board can join the IB program at GCVI. <p>IB world schools have 3 programs. IB, MYP and PYP (to grade 6 from JK). Sacred Heart may become the hub of PYP.</p> <p>Visit website for more information about preparatory program. http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/ib-gcvi/</p>	
2.	<p>Principal's Report</p> <p style="text-align: center;">École Arbour Vista Public School Council Principal's Report – January, 2017</p> <p>1. Arbour Vista's <i>December 'Round the World</i> school musical was presented on Sunday, December 18th, Monday, December 19th and Tuesday, December 20th. A tremendous amount of work went into this production, led by Madame Anderson. More than 200 students were involved in the musical, including choir members and actors.</p> <p>2. Arbour Vista hosted the Scholastic Book Fair in the school library, the week prior the holiday break. The Book Fair generated sales of \$3,926.00. As a result, the school will receive \$1758.00 worth of new books from Scholastic.</p> <p>3. The Intermediate Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams competed in their city tournaments on Thursday, December 8th. The girls' team went undefeated in their tournament while the boys' team only lost one game.</p> <p>4. On Wednesday, December 21st all of our Grade 7 and 8 students took part in Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training. The training is result of an AED being donated to Arbour Vista by PEVS Protects, an organization that raises funds to have AEDs placed within communities so people will be given a chance for a second life. The training session was two hours in length and provided practical hands-on teaching with respect to how to utilize the device</p>	

	<p>in the case of an emergency.</p> <p>5. On November 22nd the Guelph Humane Society visited the school, providing three presentations to the student body, one to each of the Primary, Junior and Intermediate divisions. Each presentation included a short summary of the services offered by the Guelph Humane Society, a reminder about dog safety and a chance to meet one of their Humane Animal Ambassadors.</p> <p>6. Our Intermediate students had a follow-up visit from double amputee Ron Bachman on Friday, December 9th. Ron continued his discussion with students with respect to tolerance, anti-bullying and diversity that he started during his first visit to the school in early November.</p> <p>7. On Friday, January 13th Arbour Vista hosted the Junior Boys' and Girls' City Volleyball Tournament. Our boys and girls teams finished in second place.</p> <p>8. Arbour Vista has a new Primary planning time teacher. On Tuesday January 17th we welcomed Madame ter Haar to the staff. Madame ter Haar became the new planning time teacher when Madame Merilees accepted the long term occasional position made available when Madame Pigeon went on maternity leave prior to the holidays. Madame ter Haar will be with Arbour Vista until Madame Ward, our permanent planning time teacher, returns from her maternity leave after the March Break.</p> <p>9. Parent are reminded on days when school buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not be running at the end of the school day. For parents who drive their child(ren) to school on days when buses are cancelled, they must pick them up at the end of the day. We had a number of students who had to call home at the end of the day when buses were not running in mid-December, the second day of school following the holiday season and most recently, January 17th. Parents can access bussing information through the Student Transportation Services website at http://www.stwdsts.ca/. For parents who access the Student Transportation Services website, please focus on the Division 1 yellow card to see transportation information specific to schools in Guelph, including Arbour Vista.</p>	
3.	<p>Approve Minutes from School Council Meeting held in November, 2016</p> <p>Approved by: Karen Ting, Mae Abdulla</p>	
4.	<p>Treasurer's Report (please see attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half of the teachers have spent the money allocated to them. Deadline January 20th, 2017. • \$1000 from Music Program spent on carts. \$1000 left. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Pita Program started; \$0.75 profit for Council per pita. 	
5.	<p>Fundraising Committee Update</p> <p>Planned events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spaghetti Dinner – To be catered by East Side Mario’s. This event will feature student art displays with an art donation box, a raffle and silent auction. Children \$10 and Adults \$15. 125 people per seating. Pita Pita (probably will be ongoing for the remainder of the year) March 30th movie night (More details to follow) Three ice cream days – (Set for the three Fridays in June) Letter to send out requesting funds for the Yard Greening Program Guelph Storm game where choir will sing. Tickets will be \$18 each with \$4 from each ticket going back to the school. Free for students in choir. Tentatively set for Sunday, March 19th. 	<p>Feb 9 Spaghetti Dinner. Buy tickets at cash online now!</p> <p>March 30 Movie Night</p> <p>March 19 Storm game where the choir will sing</p>
6.	<p>Yard Greening Committee Update</p> <p>Environmental Lead for the Board has been changed. Requests for trees, playhouse/outdoor school area and sandbox for Primary and Junior students have been made.</p>	
7.	<p>SEAC meeting update</p> <p>Committee created a Development Plan to provide feedback to the Board with respect to the current Bullying Prevention Plan. Updates have been made. As of February, SEAC will have a new lead. The Board’s Special Education budget increased due to more students with Special Education needs. All funding happens based on the number of students.</p>	
8.	<p>General updates & new business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The April meeting to change. It will be on the April, 27th. February is Mental Health Awareness Month. Lynn Woodford, Mental Health Lead for the UGDSB, will be presenting to School Council at its February meeting. April meeting to have office Kyle Grant, community officer liaison for Arbour Vista, to speak about what he is teaching kids about the VIP Program (Values, Influence and Peers). 	<p>School Council meeting in April will be on April 27th.</p>