

École Arbour Vista
 School Council Meeting Minutes
 Thursday May 18, 2017 @ 6.45 pm, School Library

Item	Talking Points
1.	<p>Guest Speaker – Officer Kyle Grant, VIP School Community Officer.</p> <p>VIP Program for grades 6-7-8 VIP = Values Influences and Peers Aim: getting young kids to be comfortable with police Each presentation is 45 minutes in length</p> <p>Kindergarten to Grade 5: have another program called School Safety Program.</p> <p>Summary of the School Safety Program at each grade level: Grade 6 – see officer Kyle 4 times during the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation #1 - Drug awareness. All types of substances – caffeine abuse, alcohol smoking, illegal street drugs. Every student receives a copy of the Drug Safety Resource Book containing an interactive DVD + VIP workbook • Presentation #2 – Bullying, cyber-bullying, webcam use, chat rooms and Internet safety. Kyle discusses how students should respond when involved in/with each of these situations. • Presentation #3 – Peer pressure. How to react to it, and strategies to effectively deal with it. • Presentation #4 – VIP Celebration. Students get to showcase what they have learned through skits, slides, videos letters, posters... <p>Grade 7 Drugs and Criminal Activities presentation: Internet, mobile and social media safety</p> <p>Grade 8 – Internet safety, including a presentation on sexting</p> <p>Grade 9 – One officer covers 1 or 2 schools. Office walks through the hallways during school time interacting with students. Office will assist with coaching, volunteering on field trips, provide presentations to students, discuss careers options, etc.</p> <p>Multiple summer programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth In Policing Initiative (YIPI) ages 15-18. Students can apply and be hired to work with the police for 8 weeks. Must be living in the city of Guelph. Only 10 applicants accepted. Volunteer work is the most important experience the police look for in candidates. • Youth Engagement Program <p>Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guelph Police website, contains very useful resources: http://www.guelphpolice.ca/en/crime-prevention-and-safety/vip-values-influences-peers.asp • Ask-Officer-Kyle: used for advice not emergencies http://www.guelphpolice.ca/en/crime-prevention-and-safety/ask-officer-kyle.asp • Brotalk.ca • Guelphpolice.ca/vip • KidsHelpPhone.ca 1-800-668-6868

	<p>Advice to parents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach kids to THINK when using social media! Is it true? Is it helpful? Is it illegal? Is it necessary? Is it kind? • There is no longer a difference between an individual’s personal and professional life. Must understand what is online is accessible. • Instill the right morals and values in their children • Watch for baseline behavior: any sudden change in behavior • Kids are already exposed – better they get the message from the right voice • Regarding the internet – check your child’s phone regularly • Don’t let them use technology in bathrooms or their bedroom. • Place all technology in a basket in the kitchen at a certain time at night and not take it to their bedroom. • Have clear rules on technology use. • Remember that one picture doesn’t mean that the kid is bad, but it is a mistake that can follow the kid forever • Kids are always responsible for their words and actions regardless of their intent. • What defines them is how they make up for their mistake
2.	<p>Principal’s Report</p> <p style="text-align: center;">École Arbour Vista Public School Council Principal’s Report – May 18, 2017</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On Wednesday, June 14th Arbour Vista will be hosting its third annual Volunteer Tea. This event celebrates and thanks the many volunteers who have worked in the school with our students, attended field trips, and assisted with special events, in the process helping to enrich the learning environment for the children at Arbour Vista. 2. On May 3rd our Grade 4 students attended Emergency Preparedness Day at the West End Recreation Centre. The annual event, which takes place during national Emergency Preparedness Week, is an opportunity for the city’s Emergency Services Personnel to educate the public about emergency management activities and where they can find resources to learn about personal preparedness. 3. On May 4th, all of our Grade 6 and Intermediate students attended Empowerment Day. World-renowned motivational speakers, presenters and performers came together to share powerful messages with more than 5,000 students from the Board. The theme of this year’s event was “Change your thoughts, change your world.” The event organizers’ goal was to inspire youth to make a difference in their communities and beyond, helping them realize that they have the power to do so. 4. Vice-principal Catherine McNinch has been transferred to Arthur Public School, effective September, 2017. Arbour Vista’s new vice-principal, Christine Labelle, will be joining us in September from Victory Public School where she currently teaches a Grade 2/3 class. 5. A number of our Primary classes participated in an indigenous dance workshop where they learned traditional dances, and used hoola hoops to express themselves creatively. This workshop was partially funded by the Canada Council for the Arts. 6. Arbour Vista held its annual Jump Rope For Heart Day on Friday, May 12th. The amount of money raised from this event for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada is not yet known as

	<p>pledges are still being received by the school.</p> <p>7. Our school's Environmental Team attended Eco Action Day at the Arboretum on April 25th. This workshop was intended to motivate and inspire Eco Teams to continue their efforts when it comes to promoting environmental stewardship initiatives at the school level.</p> <p>8. Our Intermediate Badminton Team attended their city tournament at Willow Road Public School. Our team won two gold medals, three silver medals and four bronze medals in singles and doubles play.</p>
3.	<p>Approve Minutes from School Council Meeting held in April 2017</p> <p>Approved by Brenda Van Esch & Satinder Chane</p>
4.	Treasurer's Report - <i>attached</i>
5.	<p>Fundraising Committee Update</p> <p>Ice Cream Sales - Orders will be done through School Cash Online. Ice Cream is \$2/150mL cup of vanilla ice cream. Orders will be due Friday May 26th. **Volunteers needed during the following Fridays: June 2nd, 16th and 23rd just prior to and during the 2nd nutrition break for approximately 30 minutes to help distribute ice cream. Please contact Natalie, leeming.n@gmail.com or speak with Tricia, tberry@sympatico.ca if you can help out!!</p>
6.	<p>Yard Greening Committee Update</p> <p>There has been a change in the lead at the board. Committee to meet with the new lead. Committee to decide on dimensions of long jump pit and when it will be created. Yard Committee Team: Kirk Runciman, Amy Ross and Emmie Hull.</p>
7.	SEAC meeting update – no updates
8.	<p>Parent Outreach Committee (POC) and Parent Involvement Committee update - <i>PRO Grant Survey attached</i></p> <p>Parent Outreach Committee (POC) is working on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> PRO Grant plan in collaboration with other School Councils in South Guelph A more effective role out plan for the parent surveys and distributing the information to staff and Council to access and utilize the strengths of the community Other creative ideas to support building our school community in positive ways If you have any ideas you want to share, we welcome them. Please contact Debbie Bush in person or by email at deborahcmbush@gmail.com <p>Parent Involvement Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> PRO Grant support from our school An event in April brought administrators, teachers and parents together to discuss ways to build on the School Improvement Plan Everyone is welcome to attend the PIC meetings, held during the last Monday of each month http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/pic/aboutus.aspx?id=17102

9.	<p>June 8th Family Fun Kermesse</p> <p>** Volunteer sign up sheet will be sent out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band is going to play. • Bring your own water bottle. • Basket items due Tuesday May 30th • Fundraising through basket raffles, student art auction, cotton candy sales and pizza sales. • Pizza will be set up on School Cash Online. \$14 for a large (8 slice) pepperoni or cheese pizza, \$2 per cheese or pepperoni slice, and \$14 for one medium size gluten free cheese pizza. • Pizza order forms will go home next week and orders will be due Friday June 2nd. • Raffle tickets can be purchased through School Cash Online with pizza orders. • Volunteers for wrapping and preparing baskets needed: Friday June 2 • For questions, contact Tina paultina14@rogers.com
10.	<p>General updates & new business</p> <p>** Thursday, June 15th at 6:45 p.m. at the Symposium Café. Join us!</p>