

École Arbour Vista Public School
 School Council Meeting Minutes
 Thursday September 21, 2017 @ 6.45 pm, School Library

Item	Talking Points																																
1.	<p>Approval of School Council Meeting held in June 2017 Approved by Elizabeth James and Adriana Jenkins</p>																																
2.	<p>Principal's Report</p> <p style="text-align: center;">École Arbour Vista Public School Council Principal's Report - September, 2017</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This year's enrolment at Arbour Vista is 493 students. This represents an increase of ten students from our enrolment in June, 2017. 2. As a result of Arbour Vista's reorganization during the first week of school, a total of nine students changed classes. During this process we managed to remove the Grade 4/5. This annual event is due to the fact that all schools within the Upper Grand District School Board must collectively comply with the Ministry of Education's class size parameters. 3. On Wednesday, September 20th EQAO released its Grade 3 and Grade 6 assessment results from the May, 2017 assessment. The results are indicated below. Arbour Vista exceeded the provincial average in Reading, Writing and Math in both Grade 3 and Grade 6. <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Grade 3</i></p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Province</th> <th>UGDSB</th> <th>Arbour Vista</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Reading</td> <td>74</td> <td>71</td> <td>91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Writing</td> <td>73</td> <td>71</td> <td>72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Math</td> <td>62</td> <td>58</td> <td>70</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4" style="text-align: center;"><i>Grade 6</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reading</td> <td>81</td> <td>80</td> <td>97</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Writing</td> <td>79</td> <td>78</td> <td>94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Math</td> <td>50</td> <td>50</td> <td>61</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Arbour Vista's Open House is scheduled for Thursday, September 28th. For this event, classrooms will be open from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. School Council is hosting a number of food trucks for this event. The food trucks will be selling food from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the tarmac at the back of the school. This event is also open to the Arbour Vista neighbourhood. School spirit wear will also be available for sizing at the Open House. Order forms will be going home with students in-advance of the Open House. 5. Arbour Vista welcomes several new staff members this year. Included in the group of new staff members are Mme Labelle, our new vice-principal, Mme Savage (Grade 4), Monsieur Ferguson (Grade 6), Monsieur Haddad (Grade 2/3), Mme Andonoff (Grade 7), Mme Wise (Kindergarten) and Mme Difrancesco (Grade 7). Mme Charbonneau and Mme Baumann also join our team this year in their respective roles as Educational Assistant and Early Childhood Educator. 		Province	UGDSB	Arbour Vista	Reading	74	71	91	Writing	73	71	72	Math	62	58	70	<i>Grade 6</i>				Reading	81	80	97	Writing	79	78	94	Math	50	50	61
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	<p>6. Arbour Vista’s Intermediate football teams and soccer teams have started to prepare, during their recess time, for their city wide tournaments, taking place in the coming weeks.</p> <p>7. Arbour Vista has established an Equity and Inclusion Committee. The Committee will be responsible for monitoring, developing and promoting equitable and inclusive programming and strategies across all grade levels from K-8.</p> <p>8. This year the Kindergarten to Grade 3 students and the Grade 4 to 8 students will be having separate recesses. As a result of this change, there are fewer bodies on the yard and more space for everyone to play. By all accounts, to this point of the year, this arrangement has been very successful.</p> <p>9. The school’s Character Education Committee has decided to formally acknowledge students who demonstrate each month’s Character Education trait. The trait for the month of September is Responsibility. Students who demonstrate the identified trait each month will be acknowledged at our monthly assemblies and have their photo displayed in the front foyer for the duration of the subsequent month.</p> <p>10. On Friday, September 15th Arbour Vista celebrated International Dot Day. During our school wide assembly students were encouraged to explore their creative side and motivated to make their mark this year. Teachers will follow-up with students to see where their creative sides take them during the course of the year!</p> <p>11. Arbour Vista will be participating in Journee des Franco-Ontariens on Monday, September 25th. Students are asked to wear green and white that day. This day is the anniversary of the Franco-Ontarian flag. This is the 407th anniversary of Franco-Ontario presence within the province and the 42nd anniversary of their flag.</p>
3.	<p>Ecole Arbour Vista Mission Statement “We will support a diverse community of students, parents and staff by providing essential social, emotional and educational resources on their behalf. We are dedicated to working together within a proactive and caring environment to enable students and families to reach their full potential as life-long learners and contributing global citizens.”</p>
4.	<p>École Arbour Vista Public School Council By-Laws Copies were distributed to members. Members are encouraged to review and comment.</p> <p>** To vote on School Council By-Laws next meeting.</p>
5.	<p>School Council Elections Chair: Satinder Chane Co-Chair: Erica Mitchell Past-Chair: Tina McLeod Treasurer: To be confirmed Secretary: Rena Stuart Fundraising Lead: Position is still open Parent Outreach Lead: Debbie Bush School Yard Greening Co-Leaders: Amy Ross / Emmie Hull SEAC: Michelle Watterson</p>

6.	<p>Fundraising Committee Update (Past Lead: Natalie Leeming)</p> <p>Events that ran 2016-2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Milk</u>: money raised goes to the School Council. To order, use Lunchbox Orders. - <u>Pita Pit</u>: will run again on Mondays. To order, use Lunchbox Orders. - <u>Food Truck Event: Thursday, September 28th 5:00 pm- 8:00pm</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be 3 food trucks for the event: Breakfast Blues & BBQs, Fo' Cheesy and Sweet Temptations. - Classrooms will be open from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm for families to visit - 5% of sales will be donated from each truck to School Council <p><u>Storm Game: Friday, October 13th.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Choir to sing the National Anthem. Tickets will be sold at a discounted rate of \$18 per person; \$4 per ticket goes back to the school. Choir students attend for free. <p><u>Dance-A-Thon</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed date: October 31, 2017 (Halloween) <p><u>Spaghetti Dinner, catered by East Side Mario's</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed date: Tuesday February 6, 2018. <p><u>Movie Night</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed date: Thursday March 30, 2018 <p><u>Ice Cream Sales</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed dates: three days in June, 2018 (TBA)
7.	<p>Yard Greening Committee Update (Lead: Amy Ross)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greening project can finally be started on EAV grounds - Shade sails to be set up in Kindergarten area - Sandpit to be created and placed in big kids' yard (thank you Trish and Steve) - Long jump pit approved and to be installed before track season - Committee to set up a table at the September Open House - Tech students to be involved in yard greening. Teachers to connect with committee leaders.
8.	<p>Treasurer's Report – 'Recap of the Last Three Years - <i>attached</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vote to carryover funds of \$7,500, the recommendation is to fund the teachers' spend (classroom needs) for \$2500 and divisional spend (long-term items) for \$5000. <p>Motion passed: No one opposed (19 approved), 1 abstained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office apples to be generously donated to the school by Samira Qurbani and her family via the Ontario Food Terminal. Merci!
9.	<p>Parent Outreach Committee (POC) and Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) (Lead: Debbie Bush)</p> <p><u>Parent Outreach Committee</u></p> <p>A committee whose vision is to create, "an engaged and supportive parent community". Its goals are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Help new parents navigate the new school, ease anxiety, answer questions - Facilitate parent-to-school connection - Drive parent participation in a range of shape and sizes of involvement

	<p>-Build networks to leverage assets in school community -Keeping parents informed</p> <p><u>The Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)</u> <i>PIC is open to all parents.</i> Debbie Bush attends and shares information regarding PIC. From the UGDSB website, PIC “operates as a direct link for parents to the director of education and the board of trustees - provides the board with advice on parent engagement and how to communicate with parents - develops strategies and initiatives the Board could use to engage more parents to support their children's learning at home and at school - shares information with, and supporting the work of, school councils.”</p> <p>For more information, please visit: http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/pic/</p> <p>PIC meetings at UGDSB, Guelph Board office on the last Monday of each month at 6.45 pm</p> <p><u>Upcoming Free Event!</u> Dr. Laura Markham, founding editor of AhaParenting.com to the rescue, with practical everyday strategies to help you raise a self-disciplined child who WANTS to cooperate!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at Centennial Collegiate Vocational Institute, 289 College Ave W. Guelph - 6:15pm: Information booths and light refreshments - 6:45pm – 8:45pm: Presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions - http://www.ugdsb.ca/pic/2017/09/21/how-to-get-your-child-cooperating-without-yelling-threats-or-punishment/
10.	<p>SEAC: Special Education Advisory Committee</p> <p>What does SEAC do? (From the UGDSB website)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Makes recommendations for the establishment, development and delivery of Special Education programs and services for exceptional pupils in our Board. - Participates in the Board’s annual review of its Special Education Report. - Participates in the Board’s annual budget process and financial statement review as they relate to Special Education. - Provides information to parents, as requested. <p>(http://www.ugdsb.ca/programs/special-education/seac/)</p> <p>SEAC Meetings: Meetings are open for everyone and they are free to attend. Second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at UGDSB in the boardroom.</p>
11.	<p><u>General Updates & New Business</u></p> <p>1. Guest speakers recommendations If you wish to make a recommendation, submit recommendations to Satinder (kmchane@gmail.com) and Erica (erica_mitchell245@hotmail.com)</p>

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Volunteers needed! Open House Volunteers needed. Contact Satinder (kmchane@gmail.com) and Erica (erica_mitchell245@hotmail.com)3. All food orders will be done through Lunchbox Orders. All other items will be done through School Cash Online.4. Join an informal École Arbour Vista Facebook Page (managed by Debbie Bush). Lots of information shared on this page.5. School Council meetings will be held on the third Thursday of every month at 6.45 pm in the school library. Next meeting: October 19th at 6.45pm. Baby sitting is available! |
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