

École Arbour Vista Public School
 School Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday March 22, 2018 @ 6.30 pm, School Library

Item	Talking Points
1.	<p>Guest Speaker: Tye - Student and representative from École Arbour Visa Student Council Tye presented what is needed for Intermediate and Junior gym equipment.</p> <p>** VOTE: Purchase of sports equipment – \$904 motion passed</p>
2.	<p>Approval of minutes from the March School Council meeting Minutes approved by Satinder Chane and Erica Mitchell</p>
3.	<p>Principal's Report – March, 2018</p> <p>1. The EQAO window for the Grade 3 and 6 assessments in Reading, Writing and Math is Tuesday, May 22nd until Tuesday, June 4th. The Grade 3 students will write their assessments from Tuesday, May 22nd until Thursday, May 24th. Our Grade 6 students will write their assessments from Tuesday, May 29th until Thursday, May 31st. The school will require scribes to assist students with demonstrating their learning. Parents who are interested in scribing are asked to please contact M. Runciman.</p> <p>2. Our Grade 6 students ventured to the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) in early March for a day of interactive learning. They also visited Queen's Park and watched the Members of Provincial Parliament debate in the Ontario Legislature.</p> <p>3. Congratulations to Cynthia and Anas, two Grade 6 students who participated in the Upper Grand District School Board's <i>Eco Resolution Contest</i>. Cynthia was a first prize winner, earning \$300 for the school's environmental efforts, a certificate and an environmental book for herself. Anas received honourable mention winner, earning a certificate and an environmental book for himself. Felicitations Cynthia and Anas!</p> <p>4. In early March two of our Junior and Intermediate classes participated in a workshop pertaining to the concept of Unlearn. During these workshops, students examined their biases, beliefs and conditioning. Unlearn engages participants to think critically using images that are open to interpretation and provoke thinking and discussions.</p> <p>5. Arbour Vista staff finalized and submitted to the school board its School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (SIPSA). The plan outlines four goals that staff has committed to work on, for the purpose of improving student learning at Arbour Vista. The four goals created by staff are as follows; If educators use math tools in meaningful ways to teach Math, then students will grasp concepts and apply their knowledge with greater ease. If educators create a growth mindset community in their classrooms then they will see skills of metacognition and increased risk taking. If educators provide ongoing authentic descriptive feedback then students will use it to improve their work and monitor their progress. If educators design, implement, assess and reflect upon an inquiry unit, then they will see students identify authentic problems and pose significant questions.</p> <p>Our Kindergarten team has also generated a specific goal to help our JK and SK students learn the French language. If we develop rich numeracy and literacy provocations, then students will further develop their literacy and numeracy skills during play.</p> <p>Our SIPSA also includes a school Equity Goal; If staff and students participate in activities designed to inform and foster an equitable and inclusive school environment, then we will be more engaged as we endeavour to become responsible citizens who will take appropriate action in our school and greater community.</p> <p>Our Environmental Goal dictates that If we promote and implement a variety of environmentally responsible strategies within the school and in the school yard, then students will develop knowledge,</p>

	<p>skills and perspectives required to engage in sustainable environmental practices and we will notice more appropriate use of our outdoor spaces.</p> <p>Each of the noted goals include action steps required to achieve the desired results.</p> <p>6. Our Intermediate students were visited by local Elder Jan Sherman who discussed how ancestors learned from the natural world and eventually began to recognize the cycles of the moon (months) and what was happening on the earth with weather changes, animal and human activities; how they used the shell of turtle as a "calendar" and named the moons according to their distinct experiences on the lands they called home. The students learned about the names of the full moons and were encouraged to think about the full moon they would have been born under. During this interactive workshop the students created their own moon, using circular wood, paints, pencils and pastels.</p> <p>7. As a result of Madame Schletz being hired as the Office Co-ordinator at Ross R. Mackay Public School, Arbour Vista has a new Administrative Office Assistant, named Madame Verspagen. Madame Verspagen will be at Arbour Vista each Wednesday and Friday assisting Madame Bonnar in the office until the end of June.</p>
4.	<p>Treasurer's Report (Budget attached)</p> <p><u>Funds spent since last meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invoice from East Side Mario's for Diner de Famille - \$678 (paid) • Reimbursement of apples and appreciation cards \$ 383.86 (paid) <p><u>Funds raised since last meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diner de Famille: \$720 – raffle, \$250 donation, \$500* donation and \$2690 tickets. Grand total raised = \$4160 (*not included in this month's financial statement). <p>There was a credit of \$50 for tickets and that invoice has been paid. Funds raised from this event totaled <u>\$3432 - Great work!</u></p> <p><u>Items discussed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of funds raised roughly \$14,000 to date. Suggestions on how to spend funds welcome. • Rocks and Rings Curling: it was discussed that they were invited to EAV twice before. Due to the amount of events and activities taking place from now until the end of the year, it was suggested to look into this September 2018.
	<p>Fundraising Committee update</p> <p><u>Movie for Movie Night:</u> Considering <i>A Monster in Paris</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move night changed to April 12, 2018 • Reminder that movies must be chosen from UG2GO. • Council may use The Lunch Lady to provide hotdogs for Movie Night. Considering what food to sell. Pizza and popcorn are an option. <p><u>Family Fun Night</u> – Kermesse – Will now take place on June 14, 2018. The school will be used as a polling station for the provincial election on June 7th, the original date planned for this event.</p> <p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sell ready made items. The Fundraising Committee will investigate using Terra Cotta Cookies as a potential food source for Family Fun Night as it sells a variety of cookies, including gluten-free. • Inform the parent community regarding how School Council has spent the money it has raised this year. •
6.	<p>Yard Committee Update (School Yard Greening Initiative)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received a WWF GoWild grant worth \$500. The Committee plans to use this money to add a pollinator garden to the school grounds. The pollinator garden will be planted on April 23rd

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Nest Box - Students monitor the nests bi-weekly from April to July, and report data to Birds Canada! Students will learn about different bird species, habitat requirements, nesting, etc. The nest boxes and a pollinator garden are planned to be installed in late April. • Shade sail pole installation for the Kindergarten play area occurred on March 23rd • Suggestions for privacy planting using cedars along the kindie fence • Long jump pit to be installed in late April or early May, before track and field season • Phase 2 – to fund an outdoor classroom – The Committee is currently investigating quotes for large stones and other items for the outdoor classroom. The plan is to install the outdoor classroom next year. The Committee has already received Board approval for this initiative • To date, \$10,379.90 has been spent on the school yard. The Committee has a total of approximately \$14,000 to spend.
7.	<p>Parent Out Reach Committee and PIC Update</p> <p>Parent Outreach Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monday March 26th, Math Family Fun Night at Westminster Woods PS. - Thursday April 5th Constable Mark Pettapiece of the Guelph Police Service will be visiting the school at 6:30 p.m. to present on the subject of Social Media and Internet Safety. - The School Council Parent Library is located in the school office and there are many great books available. There are seven copies of 'Screenwise'; 'iRules' and 'Media Moms & Digital Dads' that parents are welcome to borrow as they please. - There are three dates that parents can come together and discuss the 'Screenwise' book/blog/TED talk at our school. See the attached document for more information regarding this event. - Details regarding the Drama@Ross event are still being investigated - If anyone is interested in organizing our School Council's PRO Grant proposal for next year, please contact Kirk Runciman or Debbie Bush. Grant proposals for the next school year are due to the Ministry of Education in June 2018. Debbie Bush would be happy to work with anyone who is interested in writing a proposal. The Parent Outreach Committee wants to ensure our school submits an application. <p>Parent Involvement Committee Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Council representatives (4 from each school) are invited to an event for learning and working together for parent engagement in our schools with Annie Kidder & Jacqui Stanton on Thursday, April 26th at Centre Wellington High School. Dinner will be included. Please contact Kirk Runciman if you are interested in attending. -The Board's next PIC meeting is scheduled for Monday March 26th at 6:45pm at the UGDSB Board Office. All are welcome to attend!
8.	<p>Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)</p> <p>Placement of students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are several programs offered by the UGDSB. Some of these programs have waitlists. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifted Program at Waverley Drive PS has a waitlist • The special class for students who are identified with a learning disability, in Grade 4, 5 and 6 has a waitlist • The class for students who are developmentally delayed has a waitlist. <p>Some parents, whose children have been identified with a learning disability, prefer placing their children in the special class while others prefer having their children remain in a regular classroom.</p>
9.	<p>General Updates</p> <p>Vote: The April School Council meeting is cancelled. The next School Council meeting will take place in April 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. Exact date to be decided.</p> <p>Elections – two positions will be open for the 2018/2019 school year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Co-chair -Secretary