

Arthur Public School Council Meeting

February 16, 2022 \*VIA Google Meet\*

Present:

Crystal VanGerven, Alan Gouk, Theresa Wasmud, Danielle Lennox, Margaret Ribey, Lori Nauta, Nancy Hutchison, Candice Morrison, Bevin Fondacaro, Marni Barrow, Alison Duncan, Jacklyn Winter

Danielle opened the meeting by thanking everyone for logging on.

Candice read the minutes from the October meeting.

Margaret motioned minutes read.

Crystal seconded.

Passed.

Treasures Report:

Danielle shared her screen for us to see the financial report and she also read it out to us. Bath Bomb Crumble fundraiser made \$177.00 profit. Annette had to make another account for us for the teacher request money to come out of.

Margaret motioned financial report read.

Theresa seconded.

Passed.

Principal/Vice-Principal Report:

**North Wellington Hub** - Director Sovran and Trustee Ross have been discussing ways to enhance community engagement and participation at the district level from North Wellington parents and community and to increase access to resources as well as programs. They are looking to establish a group that would come together a few times a year to meet and discuss challenges and opportunities. We are calling this group the North Wellington Hub.

A goal for this group would be to have at least 1 member from each school council to be part of this North Wellington Hub and we are hoping to schedule the first meeting of this group after March Break and before the end of March. In developing the vision for this group, Trustee Ross and Director Sovran would clearly articulate that the focus of discussions would be on building opportunities across the region and enhancing awareness of and connections to board-level resources and staff.

**Report Cards** - Report cards will be available electronically on the 17th, paper copies of modified IEP's will be sent home Thursday

**Covid Protocols** - use of cohorts at recess continues, the importance of screening is still stressed and asked to be completed on a daily basis, the return of intramurals

**Black History, Black Futures, Black Brilliance** - the halls, classroom discussions and accessing many of our new resources, professional development of staff

**Valentine's Day, 100's day and other February celebrations** - our primary classes ( and some junior classes) participated in these celebrations

**Patriot Olympic Day Friday the 18th, moved to Tuesday the 22nd**- This event is being organized by Mr. Cox's 7/8 class. Similar to Terry Fox Day students will have an opportunity to rotate through a series of activities. They will compete in a variety of Olympic themed activities while representing an Olympic country.

**Grade 8 course selection** - Grade 8's have completed their course selection for grade 9.

**Playgrounds** - Parcs Ltd. has said they are available in the spring to complete required repairs. This is the same board approved contractor who completed the last set of repairs. The provided estimate has a cost of \$6093.80. We need to confirm the Council's interest in going ahead so the necessary parts can be ordered and repairs completed this spring.

**WHY Surveys** - What is the purpose of the WHY Surveys?

The purpose of the Well-being Health and Youth (WHY) Surveys is to collect information from youth, parents, and school staff about youth health and well-being. These surveys will identify issues that could be addressed by schools, school boards, and local service providers. The information will be used to inform planning decisions, including Board Improvement Plans. Because the surveys will be conducted every two years, we can also monitor trends over time.

Who will be doing the WHY Surveys?

The WHY Surveys include questionnaires for students, parents and school staff. Grade 4 to 12 students at schools within the Upper Grand District School Board and Wellington Catholic District School Board will be asked to participate in the student survey. These grades were chosen so that we have a full picture of how students are doing throughout their time in school. All school staff and parents will also be invited to complete a survey. What are the WHY Surveys?

The WHY Surveys are a combination of the Upper Grand District School Board's School Climate Survey, Wellington Catholic District School Board's "Wellington Catholic Speaks Up!" Survey and Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health's Youth Survey.

The student survey asks questions about a variety of topics including students' physical activity, eating habits, screen time, bullying, time spent with family and friends, sense of safety, and school involvement, among other topics. The Intermediate/Senior version of the survey (Grades 7 to 12) asks additional questions about substance use and sexual health. The parent survey asks about the parent's relationship with the school, the experiences of their child at school, and their personal well-being. The staff survey asks about student well-being and school climate.

Is participation in the WHY Surveys voluntary?

Yes, participation is voluntary. Students, parents and staff do not have to answer every question and may choose to stop at any time.

Will the identity of students, staff, parents, schools and boards be protected?

Yes, the survey will not collect identifying information from students or parents and all information collected will be strictly confidential. Only aggregated data will be reported publicly to ensure anonymity for individual students, teachers, parents, schools, and boards.

How will the results of the WHY Surveys be used?

The results will be analyzed and presented in the following user-friendly reports:

- School Profiles (for principals and school staff): The School Profiles will summarize school-level results, which can be compared to Board and regional results. The profiles are intended to support students, staff and parents in school improvement planning. The results will provide a foundation for action throughout your school and board.
- WDG Report Cards on the Well-Being of Children: Local aggregate data will be shared with the public and community service providers online through the Report Card's Data Portal. You can access data from previous surveys on the Report Card website: [www.wdgreportcard.com](http://www.wdgreportcard.com)

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For full functionality of this site it is necessary to enable JavaScript. Here are the instructions how to enable JavaScript in your web browser.

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- Publications & Conferences: Aggregate data may be shared in professional or academic publications and conferences.

Marni added that she would like to say thank you to all the students for doing an upstanding job at being ready and willing to learn everyday and following COVID guidelines, as well as to parents for encouraging their children.

#### Playground:

Alan looked at the quote to see who the vender was and they are board approved and the same vender who fixed the other playground the last time. The quote is for around \$ 6 100.00. \*\*Addendum from after the meeting, the quote is now \$ 8 117.97 because prices have gone up and freight is more\*\*\* There is \$ 5 868.39 in the playground maintenance account. Alan is not sure if scientists in the classroom will run this year but we would like to try and keep that money in that account. As of right now we can do the repairs and hopefully get it done before the inspection in April and if COVID protocol allows it can be opened up for the kids. Nancy asked about grants. Danielle said that she would like to try and save the big ones from FCC and the post office for the new committee we would like to start to fundraise for a new playground.

Crystal motioned for Alan to go ahead and start the repairs.

Theresa seconded.

Passed.

#### Snack Update:

Candice gave a brief update and said that as of right now it is still grab and go until she is allowed to have her volunteers come into the school. Alan informed us previously in his report that intermural sports can start up so her and Alan will chat and see what all has changed to see if we can start back up again at full capacity. She also mentioned that if anyone knew anybody looking to volunteer prepare food and get the bins ready to let her know.

#### Milk:

Candice brought up that other schools are starting to get their milk and pizza programs back up and running and was wondering if Arthur Public could get theirs back up and running. Alan wondered how it worked so Theresa gave an overview of it because she was the one that would count the money and sort the milk and pizza orders. She told us that milk was run by Mrs. Airdrie and not sure who did the pizza, we would have it twice a week on Wednesdays and Fridays. Marni and Alan are going to take it back to staff to see if anyone would like to run it if not parent council would be interested in doing it.

#### Copernicus:

Copernicus is doing a thank you program for educators. They will give one lucky teacher \$ 250.00 each month. Danielle will send the info to Marni and Alan for them to send out to the teachers.

#### Fundraisers:

Candice signed us up for the Tru Earth fundraising program and forgot to send out the link but will do so when she sends out the minutes. Crystal is a Tru Earth subscriber and asked them if it works on subscriptions, it does not, you have to use the link every time you wish to order.

Alan has let us know that we are now allowed to do fundraising on-site as long as it is outside. We would like to start up a meat fundraiser. Dates would be, out to parents March 1<sup>st</sup>, back March 22<sup>nd</sup>, order in March 24<sup>th</sup>, and delivery would be on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Nancy motioned to go ahead with meat order.

Jacklyn seconded.

Passed.

Margaret suggested flowers because she had a lot of good feedback from them. Problem is with flowers you had to have them pre-ordered in January for a May pick up.

Candice told everyone that at one time we did Maple Syrup and Terra Cotta cookies was suggested but Mr. McCabe used it for the grade 7/8 trip. Nancy thinks the cookies might be a good idea so she is going to look into that for us.

Danielle mentioned about doing the Plantables like last year.

Candice motioned to sign us up again for this year as there is no leg work involved.

Margaret seconded.

Passed.

New Business:

February 23<sup>rd</sup> is pink shirt day.

Next meeting will be online Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Margaret motioned to close the meeting.

Jacklyn seconded.

Closed.

**\*\*\* Next meeting Wednesday, March 30, 2022\*\*\***

**6:30pm**