

## Arthur Public School Council Meeting

October 11,2022

### Attendance:

Danielle Lennox, Shelley Hostrawser, Mary Cross Mitchell, Margaret Ribey, Cherlyn Altena, Crystal VanGerven, Sylvia Major, Jacklyn Winter, Theresa Wasmund, Alan Gouk, Marni Barrow, Candice Morrison

Danielle opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Candice read the minutes from the last meeting.

Crystal motioned minutes read and to not have Candice read them each meeting, you are responsible for reading them from the email Candice sends out, prior to coming to the meetings.

Margaret seconded.

Passed.

Cherlyn read the treasures report.

Margaret motioned to reimburse Crystal the \$142.36 for extras on the sandbox update.

Therese seconded.

Passed.

We will talk about the bussing account later as it wasn't created.

Danielle and Candice noticed that the insurance money was paid out of the PIC account and not the general account as was motioned in the last meetings minutes and was detailed in email sent to administration.

Jacklyn motioned treasures report read with the corrections talked about.

Shelley seconded.

Passed.

### Principal/Vice-Principal's report:

Meet the APS Staff was held on September 22, 2022. The APS staff were most appreciative of the number of families that took time to attend and participate in the activities in the gym as well as visit their child(ren) classroom to meet the teacher(s). With all the support from our APS families, the school raised about \$2400 for the Terry Fox foundation. Thanks to the APS community showing their support. All our students continue to focus on perseverance just like Terry did.

The Junior Soccer tournament was held on September 28, 2022. Our students represented APS well. They demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and respectful behavior. The Intermediate Soccer tournament was held on October 4, 2022. They show great sportsmanship and enthusiasm. The coaches Madame Butchart and Mr. Cox were most impressed with the level of respect that our players demonstrated.

The Student Government is once again busy planning school wide activities that support building our school culture. We appreciate Ms. Backer's leadership along with many of our amazing intermediate students.

A special thank you to Walker Industries who volunteered their time to work in our gardens in front of the school. As we know over the past couple of years our gardens have been a little neglected so it was nice to have the help from these volunteers.

Pizza- has started and the kids were very excited to enjoy a pizza lunch. Thank you to Teresa Wasmund and some of our intermediate students for assisting with pizza days to make them run smoothly.

Fitness Fridays with Ms. Potter and Ms. Haddock J/I students We celebrated World Teacher Day on October 5, 2022!

School Climate: We are focused and committed on setting the bar high. We strive to teach our students to be model citizens. With consistent routines and expectations our students continue to learn how to be inclusive, be respectful, play fairly and be safe. We believe that with good structures and high expectations in place our students will learn and have fun at school!

Show video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m5yCOSHeYn4>

Upcoming Dates: Oct. 21, 2022 - Cross Country Running (Ms. Nauta and Ms. Connors)

Oct. 24, 2022 - PD Day

Nov. 4 - Picture Retake Day

Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day

Nov. 17 - Progress Reports Go Home

Nov. 21-25 - Bullying Prevention Week

Nov. 25 - PD Day: Parent Teacher Interview Da

Margaret asked why the younger grades don't participate. Alan had looked into it a bit and apparently it is a Northern school thing with in the board.

The question was posed as to whether or not or school would be going down to the cenotaph this year for Remembrance Day. Marni told us that the decision is still being made.

Crystal asked why we changed companies for pictures as some families had acquired points to go towards free photos with the last company. Marni and Alan told us that there had been a lot of problems with the last company and that a lot of schools within the board have switched to this new one. Apparently, some of the workers have come over to this new company from the old one.

#### Old Business:

As was mentioned before the Insurance was paid out of the PIC account instead of the General Account

Theresa motioned to move the \$167.40 from the General Account to the PIC account.

Jacklyn seconded.

Passed.

Milk/LunchBox: Crystal has sent numerus emails and made numerous calls and hasn't heard from them as of yet.

Fundraisers: Candice got people to take charge of some of the fundraisers for this year.

Margaret has called Mount Forest Greenhouses, Elmira and Arthur. Mount Forest was the only one to respond as of our meeting. They price they gave us was, \$19.50 + HST so \$22.04 (\$2.00 less than their retail price), we would sell for \$30. They would offer us 4 selections and we would have it on CashOnline as a countdown for each selection because we will only have a select number of baskets.

Crystal motioned to go ahead with the baskets but at a cap of 200 baskets.

Shelley seconded.

Passed.

Danielle will look more into Chocolates.

Playground: As of right now there is \$620.00 in the Learning Foundation account plus the cheque we have received from the Vets. Marni has submitted an application for Gaga and P6, to be installed. An application has been put in for the shed that Crystal has contacted the High School to build for us. They High School just needs the take off from us. We have received \$500.00 from the OptiMRS, and Crystal is attending an Optimists meeting tomorrow night asking them for the cost of the shed materials. The sand box got done! They committee is sending out letters to other businesses in town. Crystal had a meeting with Cache and they are very interested in helping us and to help us get the best pricing. Crystal has sent him a full quote of over \$400 000.00, he is talking to the CEO and hopefully running with it. There is also an application through the township for a grant. There is \$40 000.00 that usually gets spilt between whomever applies for it. You can apply for it every year and are guaranteed something.

Recess equipment: There was a list of items that was sent out prior to the meeting. This list totals about \$ 2500.00. It is going to cost us about \$14 000.00 for 2 Gaga balls and about the same for 2 P6's.

Margaret motioned to purchase the items from the list that was emailed out, out of the playground fund.

Jacklyn seconded.

Passed.

Jump Rope for Heart: The staffed were briefed on it through their staff meeting. Crystal has spoke with Ms. Potter and Mr. Cox and they are onboard with doing it. She has gone ahead with signing up for it and has booked us in for Friday, February 17, 2023. They welcome package is on the way!

Bussing account: Marni doesn't know a cost as of yet but will get back to us on that. We would figure out a cost per student and just give an allotment for that. Marni asked us why we were wanting our own bussing account when there is always a trip account through the school. We informed her that in the past any transactions and account balance were included in our financial statement. We noticed that it hadn't been provided in the last

2 years so in Spring of 2022 we inquired about obtaining a copy of the most recent transactions and balance but were advised it was not a Parent Council account so we were only provided with Parent Council accounts only. At the June 2022 meeting a motion was brought forward to create our own account so we could track the funds available. Marni advised that she include a balance only of this account for our financials so that we don't have to create another account. She then informed us that there is \$822.55 in that account as of now.

#### New Business:

Danielle asked about if there was anything we could do to help out students in need. Marni told us about an Equity Grant that she can apply for to help the kids that need coats or boots and items like that. It is a fairly specific when applying in that you would need to say they grade they are in and what they would be in need of. School does have a room that has donated items in it for student in need, Marni just warned us that sometimes you have to be careful when trying to help out families in need as they don't want it. Also, sometimes the board puts out that SportChek will donate items.

Meat delivery is November 10<sup>th</sup> and Theresa, Shelley, Mary and Candice will help sort.

Candice gave a brief update on things she learned at the PIC meeting at the board office.

- Some Parent Councils have put up information booths at their Terry Fox nights.
- She inquired about why their executive positions are 2 years not 1 and was told they would look into for her. There apparently are 2 sets of rules.
- They talked about how to make Parent Council more about parent engagement and not about JUST fundraising, how do they help us help the parents not feel guilty about not being in the school because of work and how to build a community feeling.
- You can use your Trustees if needed.
- An idea was put forth that you could use your \$500.00 PIC money for webcams to help have blended meetings or Matt said we could have your principal supplement as well and then they could be used throughout the day.

Candice asked if anyone would be interested in helping put a parade float in the Arthur Santa Claus Parade. There were a few volunteers that are willing to help and we are working on something!

Shelley motioned to close the meeting.

Mary seconded.

Closed.

**\*\*\*Next meeting November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 @ 6:30pm\*\*\***