

## Arthur Public School Council Meeting

September 19, 2022

### Attendance:

Danielle Lennox, Shelley Hostrawser, Mary Cross Mitchell, Allison Duncan, Lori Nauta, Sarah Connor, Margaret Ribey, Cherlyn Altena, Sam Henderson, Crystal VanGerven, Carly Clark, Sylvia Major, Alan Gouk, Marni Barrow, Candice Morrison

Danielle opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Since there were a lot of new faces, she asked that everyone go around and introduce themselves and tell us a little about themselves. Danielle also went over that since there were a lot of new faces that we would run our meeting a little differently, we would run our normal meeting and go through everything that needs to be addressed then hold our elections so that they could see what they would be getting into by being on the executive.

Candice read the minutes from the last meeting.

Margaret motioned minutes read.

Crystal seconded.

Passed.

Danielle read the treasures report. She also gave a quick run down of how the accounts are setup.

Sarah motioned to reimburse Candice for her purchases for Coffee Hour from the PIC money.

Margaret seconded.

Passed.

Sam motioned to move the money for the Year End BBQ account to the new Parent Council Bussing account.

Allison seconded.

Passed.

Sylvia motioned treasures report read.

Seconded by Crystal.

Passed.

### Correspondence:

We received a thank you card from Mrs. Walser for the gift cards we got her.

Principal/Vice-Principal's report:

Welcome back. Thank you all for coming tonight and taking the time out of your busy schedules to support your child(ren's) school. I have to say that it was nice to see so many students excited to be back at school.

We are certainly looking forward to an exciting year at APS. A school year with a new normal.... we are feeling inspired by the level of energy the kids (your children are showing us each day). With a change in COVID restrictions comes the freedom to offer some activities that extend beyond the classroom. (Intramurals and clubs)

Junior and Intermediate soccer is underway. In fact, we had over 70 students trying out for junior soccer. This level of interest has led us to offer a junior soccer intramural. Jr. Soccer Tournament: September 27, Int. Soccer is starting, Student Government (gr. 7/8) is underway to plan school wide activities.

We have had some staff changes at APS. We have lots of new students, and a number of new staff. (Names are listed in our Sept. Newsletter) Ms. Cook, Madame Farrell, Ms. Groatorex, Ms. Kiedrowski, Ms. Schuett, Ms. Connor, Ms. Timmerman, Ms. Leies and Ms. Callaway

Teachers: Worked extremely hard cleaning and preparing their classroom for this year.

Start-up/Staffing

Great start to the school year

Lots of new faces

365 students

Communication: Class Newsletters/google classroom are a great resource for following what your child is working on. You should have received information from your child's teacher, if not it should be on its way.

School website/Messenger: Check for updates and info there.

Welcome back Assembly... We had an assembly on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> to welcome back returning and new students/staff, to review our school expectations and share our Terry Fox initiatives for the week of September 19-23.

Terry Fox:

Terry Fox Activities All Week- Toonies for Terry!

Monday Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>- "I am not a quitter Day!" Wear what best celebrates you!

Tuesday Sept, 20<sup>th</sup>-Hat and Jersey Day!

Wednesday Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>-Red and White Day!

Thursday Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>-Wear bright colours!

Carnival for a Cure and Meet the Staff Night 5:30-7:00

Friday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>-Sprit Day! Wear School Colours of blue and white or your Terry Fox t-shirt.

Dates to Remember:

September 22-Meet the Staff Night

September 23-Terry Fox Activity Day

September 26-Picture Day

September 28-Rowan's Law Day Wear Purple

September 30-Orange Shirt Day (in recognition of residential school children)

Marni and Alan then showed us a video A Pep Talk from Kid President to You.

(487) A Pep Talk from Kid President to You - YouTube

Old Business:

Pizza and Milk: Marni and Alan told us that they were sending out the sign-up form for pizza tomorrow for the next 3 months. They are only offering cheese pizza for now from Tito's. The price per slice will be \$1.75, they are also hoping that Tito's will send it already organized per class as well. Slices will be slightly larger as well as they will be cutting the pizza into 8 instead of 10.

Crystal brought up the idea of LunchBox through School Cash Online. We can offer milk form here and also other restaurants such as Subway and Harvey's. The school or parent council will get an approximate kick back that Crystal proposes we use towards our playground fund. The consensus was to start with Subway and see how it goes. We can set it up so that it is only available once a month or week, it is our discretion.

Sarah motion to go ahead with the LunchBox idea and we can set dates and what not at the next meeting.

Cherlyn seconded.

Passed.

Bussing: It was discussed that we normal put \$250.00 per class into a bussing account that can be used for various trips throughout the year to help off set the cost for students. Lori Nauta told us that for 22 students to share a bus with Kenilworth to go to Drayton for a soccer tournament would cost APS over \$200.00. We are going to look into costs and see if we need to up our \$250.00 per class to \$300.00 or more.

Playground: Marni mentioned last year that she might get the lines and games on the asphalt touched up. Shelley posed the question of why we don't get the township to do that because they do road line painting. We told her that for companies to do anything on board property they have to be board approved. Shelley will talk to Darren Jones or Mandy Jones and see if this is something the township is willing to help us with.

The back part on the intermediate side of the playground has some water issues that doesn't allow students to play on it at certain times of the year. We would like to look into some drainage to happen and Crystal says that is part of one of our quotes from the playground company that they would do when they put in some of our structures. She is also talking to the township about this as well. This way the kids could play on it all year and then maybe in the future look at putting a ball diamond back there so the intermediate kids could play kickball and have a useable soccer field.

Gaga ball

P6(it's like 4 square but up in the air and the kids have to throw the ball over the bars)

Free standing double slide

Puppet theater for the forest

Musical instruments

Chalk board for outdoor classroom and recess are all part of the phase 1 of the playground. This is at a cost of about \$63 000.00 which includes install. Crystal said that letters have been sent out all of the local businesses for donations. We have a link for the learning foundation to donate to and we asked Admin to share that link with parents throughout the school. Crystal has heard from a few of the businesses and we are receiving \$2 500.00 from Arthur Veterinary Services, \$500.00 for Copernicus (this one could turn into it being a yearly or maybe even quarterly). All Treat/Walker Industries is prepared to give us a substantial donation it just needs to be passed by their head office.

#### Insurance:

Danielle and Candice informed the group that every year we purchase insurance. This covers thing for us like babysitting for our meetings, parade floats and anything else we do with Parent Council. We have heard what the cost of this is but 2 years ago it was \$151.20 including tax.

Margaret motioned to purchase the insurance no matter cost and to be paid out of the general account.

Sam seconded.

Passed.

This year Danielle, Margaret, Shelley and Candice entered a display for Parent Council in the Arthur Fall Fair. We won second and will be receiving \$20.00 in prize money.

#### Fundraising:

Candice asked before we got into the fundraisers if the grade 7/8 big trip and the grade 6 trip would be a go this year. Alan told us that it has been a board decision that they only do trips that are only 1 night maximum. This is for the equity of it as some families can't afford the large trips. Trips haven't been discussed as it is just the beginning of the school year but we if they do decide to do a few of the over night trips they still might need to fundraise. We will leave the grade 6-8 money from the fall meat fundraiser in the meat account until we know more details.

Danielle went over the normal fundraisers that we have set out and the dates we have planned for them. We asked if there were any other ideas as we have added Krispy Kreme donuts to our list of fundraisers for the year. Some suggested chocolate bars, others mentioned hanging baskets again as we had suggested doing a flower center piece night or something similar. Margaret and Sam are going to look into the hanging baskets and get back to us for our October meeting.

Fundraisers will be as follows:

Fundraiser	Date	Delivery	Allocation of Funds
Elmira Poultry/Harriston Meat	October 6-20	November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Gr6-8 trips and bussing
Krispy Kreme	November 17-29	December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Playground
Christmas Bazaar	December 2		Skating
Krispy Kreme or Chocolate Bars	February 7-21	March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Playground
Elmira Poultry/Harriston Meat	March 9-23	April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher requests
Plant Night/Hanging Baskets	April 4/5 April 4-18	May 11 <sup>th</sup> if baskets	If snack needs assistance
Honey and Meat Sticks	May 11-30	June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Science in the Classroom
Year End BBQ	June 1		Recess equipment
LunchBox	All year		Playground

Mary will get the use of the library for the Christmas Bazaar as she is still willing to run it. She has also asked to use Marni's office to store the collection of donated goods for this event. Danielle will look into Chocolate Bars.

#### Jump Rope for Heart:

Crystal has been looking into Jump Rope for Heart. It is all online now, so no form to take home to collect pledges. When we were kids there used to be prizes for whomever had the highest pledges, now if you get enough, you get an Amazon or Toys R' Us gift card mailed to you. They school will get an approximate kick back of 8%. They will donate about 40-50 skipping ropes to our school plus larger double-Dutch ones and balls when we sign up. There is no minimum for pledges so we could run this however we wanted. Crystal will talk to Ms. Potter about running if in February as it is heart month and she asked Mr. Cox if the 7/8's would help run the stations.

Allison motioned to go ahead with it as long as staff are onboard. (Marni will take it to her staff)

Shelley seconded.

Passed.

#### PIC Money:

Every year the ministry gives every Parent Council body \$500.00 to use to help get parents involved within the school and councils. As of right now there has been about \$155.00 spent towards Coffee Hour. Candice suggested everyone bring one idea back to next meeting on how to get parents more involved and how we could spend the rest of the money. We will revisit next time as money needs to be used before the end of June.

### Halloween Parade:

Candice asked about the Halloween Parade that we do annually at Caresent Care. With restricts still in place for long term care homes she was wondering if we could still do this but outside or what we could do. The reason being they would donate the burgers, wieners and buns for our Year End BBQ in exchange for the younger grades doing a Halloween parade throughout the home and the older grades going over now and again to play games with the residents. Candice will get in touch with her contact there and see if they would be interested in something. Some ideas that were thrown out were Christmas Cards for the residents, centerpiece planters for different holidays, painted rocks, or write to the them like pen pals.

### Recess Equipment:

The kindergarten teachers are wondering if they could get some sand around the tree that is in the gated area. Home Hardware is willing to donate lumber and hardware. Shelley asked about snow molds for them to play with. Other ideas the teachers would like are chalk, cups and balls, and skip-its. Clarks are willing to donate the sand for this. We will look into sand toys as well.

Carly motioned to go ahead with the sand and build up the wood around it if need it.

Margaret seconded.

Passed.

Crystal will contact Home Hardware and get her husband Charlie to measure to see how much lumber is needed.

### Election of Officers:

Danielle informed everyone that all positions are open for election.

President/Chair: Candice nominated Danielle. Danielle agreed to let her name stand. There were no more nominations or volunteers. Position was acclaimed.

Vice-President/Vice-Chair: Margaret Volunteered. She will move up into President/Chair next year. There were no other volunteers or nominations. Position was acclaimed.

Secretary: Candice volunteered to stay on since no one else volunteered or was nominated. She told the group that they can have her for 5 more years and then she's done. Position was acclaimed.

Treasurer: Margaret nominated Cherlyn. Cherlyn agreed to let her name stand. No more nominations or volunteers. Position was acclaimed.

We started a new position this year and that is a Scrapbooking person. Shelley was nominated. Shelley agreed to have her name stand. No other volunteers or nominations. Position was acclaimed.

### Playground Committee:

Crystal will run our playground committee as she is already doing a fantastic job of getting donations and paperwork filled. She was thinking of having 4 or 5 other people to help her with that. Margaret, Sam, Jen Timmerman and Meaghan Kabbes were names that offered or suggested could help her.

Meeting Dates:

All meetings will be held in the staff room at 6:30pm. Candice will get everything organized for babysitting and that will be available to whomever needs it in the library.

October 11<sup>th</sup>

November 23<sup>rd</sup>

February 23<sup>rd</sup>

April 17<sup>th</sup>

June 23<sup>rd</sup>, this meeting will be held at a member's house, where we have a small meeting to finish out our year and then have a potluck. Crystal has graciously offered her house for this meeting.

Crystal motioned to close the meeting.

Margaret seconded.

Passed.

**\*\*\*Next meeting October 11, 2022 @ 6:30pm\*\*\***

