

## Arthur Public School Council Meeting

November 28, 2022

### Attendance:

Danielle Lennox, Shelley Hostrawser, Mary Cross Mitchell, Lori Nauta, Margaret Ribey, Cherlyn Altena, Sam Henderson, Crystal VanGerven, Carly Clark, Alan Gouk, Marni Barrow, Candice Morrison, Leanne Cheesmond, Jacklyn Winter, Theresa Wasmund, Casi Gray, Michelle Leies

Danielle opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and asked for a motion to adopt the minutes from last meeting that was emailed out.

Margaret motion to adopt the minutes.

Seconded by Theresa.

Passed.

Danielle passed out copies of the treasures report.

Leanne motioned to move the Fall Meat to the bus account as was what it was allocated for.

Seconded by Jacklyn.

Passed.

Margaret motioned to move the 1036.99 from the Year End BBQ account to the general account.

Seconded by Crystal.

Passed

### Correspondence:

We received a packet from Ricco Fundraising. They sell various products for fundraisers such as cheese, frozen meat, honey, jam, spices, frozen dough and batter and popcorn.

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

1. Welcome....it's hard to believe that it's November with these fluctuating temperatures! The real snowfall must be on its way soon.

We welcome Mr. Sidlar back. He will be teaching our 5/6A class which was being taught by Ms. Schuett. Ms. Schuett will continue to be at APS until the winter break.

We also welcome Ms. Jenkins to APS. She will be teaching in room 122 and in our library. We thank Ms. Connor for taking on this position from Sept. to Nov.

2. Thank you....Since the beginning of the school year or more recently, we have had so much help with things like lunch hour supervisors, reading tutors, pizza days help (Theresa and intermediate students), snack program, organizing of class bins daily, volunteering on trips/sports and volunteers in the classroom, and of course all of you here at school council. We never seem to thank these people often enough and we would like to express a HUGE THANK YOU!
3. Halloween...was celebrated by many students and staff. Students were given the opportunity to wear a costume, where black and orange, wear school colours or simply be you! Mrs. McCabe organized a school "celebrate your learning" assembly. The younger students enjoyed walking down the hallway and weaving through the older classes that were seated in the gym to show off their artwork. Mrs. McCabe read a story to the students followed by a pudding eating contest for some of our junior/intermediate students. Our students were very respectful throughout the assembly and we should all be very proud of them.
4. Remembrance Day Ceremony...school traveled to the cenotaph to support the Arthur community Remembrance Day Ceremony.
5. Sports, Intramurals and clubs...

PR. Intramurals

Jr. Volleyball

Int. Volleyball

Friday Fitness

Student Government

Lunch Helpers

Library Helpers

We continue to encourage all our students to get involved in school life.

6. Student Government-door decorating, chocolate estimate jar activity, pumpkin/mask activities, Roll out of Bed, etc.

Student Government December 2022 Activates: December is a busy month for our Student Government Team. They have a number of activities planned for the school community.

We will be having a **Jingle Bell Ball** in the gym on **Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup>** for the primary students from kindergarten to Grade 4 at first recess. This will be a chance for the students to dance to some holiday tunes with their friends. Entrance will be a canned food donation for the Arthur Lions Christmas hampers.

**Scavenger Hunt**-The week of **December 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>** will be a scavenger hunt for a number of seasonal pictures placed throughout the school. Each class will receive a list of pictures to find and they need to complete the form listing where they found each item in the school. Example Rudolph is in the library under the clock. Have fun with this activity and your students

**Candy grams** will be on Sale **from December 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>**. The cost is 3 for a dollar or 50 cents each. This money will be donated to a local animal shelter.

**Spirit days:**

**Monday-December 5<sup>th</sup> will be Winter Hat/ scarves and mitts day. Break out winter toques and warm mittens**

**Friday- December 9<sup>th</sup>- Holiday sweater day- Find your favourite holiday sweater to share**

**Thursday- December 14<sup>th</sup> Candy cane stripes day- find your striped socks, shirts and pants to celebrate this with us**

7. Progress Reports....

Progress Reports went home on Nov. 17 / Parent and Teacher interviews were held the evening of Nov. 24 and all day Nov. 25 We encourage parents to spend time with their child(ren) to discuss their progress so far, to identify what the child is most proud of and to focus on setting goals for the remainder of term one.

8. Book Fair....Ms. Potter organized this year's book fair with some from Ms. Jenkins and Ms. Backer. It certainly was very popular and a huge success. The school raised just over \$2000 dollars in products that can be purchased for our library.

Old Business:

Bussing: There is \$4323.55 for bussing (\$3501.00 from the fall meat fundraiser and the 822.55 that we were informed was already in the bussing account). This works out to approximately \$12.00 per child for trips throughout the year. Candice asked about maybe putting away a couple hundred dollars to help off set cost for the kids that are on sports teams. Margaret suggested not after a discussion as it only really targets the junior students. Crystal agreed. All in favor.

LunchBox: Crystal gave us an update on this. It uses companies with in our area which are Tito's, Pita Pit, and Subway, as well as milk. Pizza would cost more as this company also takes a cut. We sell for \$1.75 a slice right now and if we sold it through LunchBox then it would be \$3.00 with only a \$0.90 kick back to us. Milk we could sell for \$1.00 a carton and would make \$0.19. Pita Pit would be about \$8.00 all depends on the order, they also do smoothies (8oz for \$5.50) and other items from there. If there is a no bus day on the day of the food order, the order gets cancelled and the money refunded to the parents.

Margaret motion to do milk on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Seconded by Shelley.

Passed

Candie motion for Crystal to go ahead with Pita Pit and smoothies on Monday's, 1 Monday a month as something special for January, February, March.

Seconded by Margaret.

Passed.

\*\*\*Addendum: Crystal informed Candice on November 29<sup>th</sup> that milk will be delivered on January 9/10. Start handing it out on January 17/19 for morning snack. Cost to parents would be \$1.25 for white or chocolate milk. Pita Pit options are for the last Monday of the month for the months specified above for lunch time. Gluten free options, pitas, and salads so prices vary.

Playground: Crystal informed us that there is around \$8 000 in the learning fund, plus the \$4 088.52 in the playground account, and \$6 070.83 in the playground maintenance account.

She has sent in the approval to the board for Gaga Ball and the P6 but hasn't heard anything as of yet. She went around to a few of the classes to see if they would be interested in either or both of these items and found that there was more interest in the Gaga Ball.

She is having a shed made by the students at the high school in Mount Forest. The cost of materials was just over \$3 000 waiting on board approval to have it placed on our yard.

Home hardware Arthur has also offered to sell us kids shovels for \$9.00 each so the kids could 1. Shovel the snow out of the Gaga Ball pits and 2. Have something else to do at recess.

Walker Industries (All Treat) has decided to do a monetary donation as well as a just in-kind donation. Crystal is going to ask them to do the ant hills and tires and when playground is finished the mulch for it.

Mushasi is wanting to have a meeting with Crystal. Usually, they don't do big donations just have a set amount per employee and said employee has to do volunteer work for them to donate. They are wanting to know about our playground.

Cache is hoping to give us \$50 000 donation and are still willing to work with us.

Meat fundraiser went off great! We will be doing our meat orders at the arena from now on as it was extremely easy! It brought in \$ 3501 for us.

Christmas Bazaar: There are donations flowing in and Mary has stuff as well. Margaret has offered to help out for the day as well as a few others. Candice and Theresa will help Mary set up the day before in the library. Mary has a float.

Candice introduced Michelle Leies that visited our meeting. She is the activities director at Caressent Care in town. We are trying to find ways to engage the seniors and to help them out as they donate the burgers, wieners and buns for our year end BBQ. As of right now anyone who enters needs to still have rapid testing done for COVID-19, if you are outside there is no testing or paperwork involved.

Ideas that were brought up were: center pieces for their tables or decorations for their rooms, pen pal letters, outdoor caroling, maybe Facetime with some residents or broadcast our Christmas concert if we have one. Cherlyn gave the idea that some seniors/retirement homes are doing is an outdoor rink so people in the community can go and use it and the residents can watch. Marni is going to take these ideas to the teachers at their staff meeting on Thursday to see how they feel and to see if they have any other ideas.

Public Skating: Danielle has looked into sponsoring some public skates throughout Christmas break and March Break. Cost is \$150 per time. Crystal told us that if you call 24 hrs. in advance to book ice time it is only \$60 an hour.

Margaret motion to see if there are any sponsored dates available and to get one if there is if not, we will do the call 24hrs in advance and do a pop-up sponsored skate and post on social media.

Seconded by Sam.

Passed.

School Skate: It is \$60 an hour to rent the ice for school skate. We would start this in the new year and Marni will add that to the meeting on Thursday to see what teachers are thinking.

Crystal motion to close the meeting.

Seconded by Carly.

Closed.

**\*\*\*Next meeting February 23rd @ 6:30pm\*\*\***