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## Arthur Public School – School Council Minutes

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**Date:** Wednesday, October 18, 2023

**Time:** 6:00PM

**Location:** Arthur Public School - Library

**Chair:** Margaret Ribey

**Co-Chair:** Crystal VanGerven - *Regrets*

**Treasurer:** Carly Clark - *Regrets*

**Secretary:** Cherlyn Altena

**Principal:** Marni Barrow

**School Members Present:** Lori Nauta

**Community Members Present:** Mary Mitchell

**Council Members Present:** Jami Batte, Casi Gray, Melissa Henderson, Sam Henderson, Michelle Leies, Theresa Wasmund

**Regrets:** Stacy Cowan, Taylor Rice, Vikki Sterling

Minutes	Action Items/Person
<p>1. Welcome and Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Margaret welcomed Council back</li> <li>Omissions in the September meeting minutes from members Vikki and Taylor were emailed in. Omissions include a meeting with the CEO of Musashi where it was decided to start with the intermediate playground first, and do the ninja warrior style playground. Musashi was having second thoughts about the proposed donation and it was not explained at the September meeting in further detail what the reasoning was or how it was resolved.</li> <li>September minutes and omissions, motioned to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Jami 2<sup>nd</sup> Casi Motion passed.</li> </ul>	Margaret
<p>2. Financials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Margaret read the treasures report: insurance for Parent Council has been paid; school is \$25,000.00 away from the primary playground cost.</li> <li>Council to move the funds in the hanging flower baskets account (\$1501.80) to the snack program and funds in the school BBQ account (\$1614.85) to general for playground equipment costs, motioned to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Sam 2<sup>nd</sup> Jami Motion passed.</li> <li>International Plowing Match was a success: Students paid \$5.00ea, Parent Council paid \$1465.00, and a grant from Farm Credit Canada helped covering the cost. Grand money from FCC has not arrived yet but came out to approx. \$5.00 per student in funding.</li> <li>Treasurer's report, motioned to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Michelle 2<sup>nd</sup> Casi</li> </ul>	Margaret

Motion Passed	
3. Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent Involvement Committee (Board level) meeting in Fergus on October 25. Casi and Cherlyn planning to represent APS.</li> </ul>	Margaret
4. Principals Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet the Staff Night: changed the physical location of events around the school to improve flow of traffic which came with good reviews. Had an excellent turn out this year.</li> <li>Terry Fox Events: The school worked really hard, earning themselves an extra recess and staff even got pies in the face – the students had a blast.</li> <li>APS attended a cross country day yesterday. Intramurals are well underway and very popular, volleyball to be starting soon. Gaga ball pits are well used, having intramurals and student government running, it helps alleviate the gaga ball pit use so people are not waiting in line as long.</li> <li>Student government is planning spirit days to participate in</li> <li>October 5 was World Teacher day, students helped decorate a cake for them</li> <li>There are extra supports and resources in the school this year, with a focus on early reading, grade 6 math and intermediate math</li> <li>Progress reports are coming home mid-November</li> </ul>	Marni
5. Playground Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intermediate playground (Grades 4-8) is scheduled to start building in spring 2024. This install will take roughly 10 days. This has been a tremendous amount of behind the scenes work by various people, all of who are doing it for the first time.</li> <li>Primary Playground (K-Grade 3) is about \$25,000.00 away from the amount needed. The paperwork has already been started, as much as can be, without 100% funds secured. It is expected that the final funds will be secured during the course of the school year and begin building fall 2024. This install is schedule to take 10 days as well.</li> <li>Arborist and drainage work needed to be done to prepare for the playground installations, which have been done. The students enjoy the forest area and were quick to ask questions and learn about the lifecycle of trees, as some were dead &amp; removed.</li> </ul>	Marni
6. Pizza Days and Lunchbox Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pizza days are ran by the school and supplied by Titos. Pizza is offered 2 x weekly for the first section October to December. Proceeds from this section is going towards the playground fund.</li> <li>Lunchbox programs are ran by Parent Council and this year include milk days (2x/week), Harvey's (monthly) and Pita Pit (monthly). Harvey's is new and trialling it to see if it is worthwhile, Pita Pit and milk were successful last year and will run all year long.</li> <li>Allocating milk, Harvey's and Pita Pit to the playground fund,</li> </ul>	Marni and Margaret

<p>motioned to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Cherlyn 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam</p>	
<p>7. Fundraisers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fall Meat Fundraiser currently underway. Will be splitting the funds 90% to bussing and 10% to teacher requests*, motioned to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Jami 2<sup>nd</sup> Casi</li> <li>Christmas Bazaar ran by Mary, will be December 1 with set up happening Nov 30. Donations to the bazaar will be accepted starting Nov 13. Funds raised to be put towards bussing, motioned to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Michelle 2<sup>nd</sup> Theresa</li> <li>Krispy Kreme fundraiser, pick up December 5, led by Crystal. 1100 dozen donuts available to order, our cost is \$6.00/dozen and will be sold for \$12.00/dozen. Funds raised to go towards playground, motioned to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Jami 2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle</li> <li>Spring Meat Fundraiser is scheduled, however at this time no further details.</li> <li>A clothing swap event will be planned around Earth Day ("sustainable style"); more details will be discussed closer to. Vikki, Margaret and Cherlyn will be leading this free event – this is not a fundraiser.</li> <li>Stemmler's and Eby Honey fundraiser scheduled for May, led by Cherlyn. Funds raised to be put towards bussing, motioned to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Casi 2<sup>nd</sup> Jami</li> <li>Year End BBQ funds raised to be put in the playground account, motion to approve</li> <li>1<sup>st</sup> Theresa 2<sup>nd</sup> Casi *Noted that the teacher's request account was not on the financial report - will need clarification how much money is currently there.</li> </ul>	<p>Casi, Cherlyn, Jami, Margaret, Mary, Melissa, Michelle, Sam</p>
<p>8. Bookfair – running November 22, at the school</p>	<p>Marni</p>
<p>9. Next meeting: January 15, 2024, 6:00PM Motion to close the meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Theresa 2<sup>nd</sup> Casi Meeting adjourned.</p>	<p>Margaret</p>