

Arthur Public School Council Meeting

April 17, 2023

Attendance: Lori Nauta, Marni Barrow, Alan Gouk, Cherlyn Altena, Sam Henderson, Margaret Ribey, Danielle Lennox,
Candice Morrison, Carly Clark, Leeanne Cheesmond

Danielle asked for someone to motion minutes read.

Margaret motioned the minutes read.

Seconded by Sam.

Passed.

Danielle read the treasures report.

Candice motion to move \$6000.00 from the Playground Maintenance account to the Playground Fund.

Seconded by Margaret.

Passed.

Danielle got an email from Mrs. McKerracher wondering if they could use their \$12.00 per student for bus trips to go towards having the outdoor playground come to them. Danielle will reach out to her to see if they still want to do a year end trip or if this will be in place of their year end trip.

Candice motion that if they are not doing a year end trip then yes, they can use it. If they are still planning on doing a year end trip, then we will use money in the Scientist in the Classroom account.

Seconded by Sam.

Passed

Leanne motion the treasures report read.

Seconded by Margaret.

Passed.

Correspondence:

Danielle received an email about PRO Grant money. It is telling us that they PIC has a surplus of money available to use for PRO Grant. We can apply for up to \$2000.00. This money would have to be used by August 31, 2023. Some of the categories we could choose from for ideas are; creating a safe and welcoming and inclusive environment for families and parents, eliminating barriers to equitable access to the education system and

relevant information, anti-black racism, anti-Indigenous and anti-oppression initiatives, supporting mental health of children, parents and families, enhancing communication with teachers and other school staff, and informing parents about the expectations of the Ontario Curriculum and supporting resources. Margaret said she would look at seeing what we can do and if we have enough time to accomplish this task before schools out for the summer.

Vice Principal/Principal Report:

- Fundraising thank you Krispy Kreme, Meat fundraiser, flowers
- Jump Rope for Heart - \$2445
- PIC Event -Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) parents/guardians are invited to a great free event happening in April. The UGDSB Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) presents "Building Engaging School Councils." Whether you're currently part of a school council or are looking to become involved, this event is an opportunity open to all parents/guardians to discuss, learn and share with each other. Topics will include:
 - School councils
 - Roles of council members
 - Communication
 - Fundraising
 - Working with school administration

EVENT DETAILS:

- DATE: Wednesday April 26, 2023
- TIME: 5:30-9pm
- LOCATION: Centre Wellington District High School, 905 Scotland Street, Fergus
- NOTES: Dinner will be provided

To register, please click this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-engaging-school-councils-tickets-574616843447>

- Recess Equipment - Sports Equipment from Home: Some students like to bring sports equipment from home to use at recess time. It would be appropriate provided students understand that only certain items are permitted (balls such as volleyball, basketball, soft baseball, tennis ball, utility ball, football, soccer ball). Some students also like to bring a baseball glove to play catch (no bats). Students must understand that if they bring their own ball they must still follow our school expectations which includes being inclusive of others. Also, the school will not be responsible for these items.

- Intermediate and junior basketball - exhibitions and tournament play, *Junior Basketball - April 13 @ Vic Cross
- Student government activities - unique hair day, beach day, green and gold day, rock the socks, talent show (auditions, date?), Upcoming: Earth Day, Country Western Day, Character Day

- Live free and Smoothie Day - Food and Friends update, totals?

- Intramurals and fitness Fridays, *Maker Space
*Chess Club (tournament)

Talent show, auditions beginning soon, for next several weeks, presentation date TBD

Education/Mental Health and Wellness Week-May 1-5 (CYC planning activities for this week)

- - Empowerment day May 4 - Sleeman Centre, inspirational speakers, grades 5-8

- Grad dates - June 26 @ 6:30 - Graduation

*Kindergarten Celebration of Learning-teachers and ECEs are planning

*Grade 8 Graduations-Mrs. McInnis and Mrs. Sampaio are working with the student grad committee to organize the celebration (June 26)

- End of year trips, currently working, reminder to staff of \$12 subsidy

Candice and Sam asked if they had picked a date for the extra recess that is to be awarded the children for meeting their goal for Jump Rope For Heart. Marni told us that they are waiting for the field to dry up and that Ms. Potter will be picking a date. Candice asked if this could be communicated to the children as they are still asking about when this will happen. Marni told us that at the start they told the children it would be later but that she would add it to the next mornings announcements.

Flowers:

Margaret informed us that as of that night all 200 baskets are sold. The delivery will be on May 12th at the school, outside by the portable. Margaret has enough help for this. We will make about \$1600.00.

Krispy Kreme:

We sold out in 3 days. We made \$1800.00. We have secured the date of Tuesday, December 5, 2023, for our next Krispy Kreme fundraiser. Orders are due to them by November 28, 2023. A total of 1100 dozen are available to sell. We will need 2 people for picking up as they are coming from the Mississauga and Scarborough locations.

Lunchbox:

Our total fundraising amount for Jan. Feb. Mar. is \$437.40 which goes to the Playground Fund. Crystal reminded us to reach out to her if there are any problems with this program.

Meat:

Candice said it went great except for the little hiccup that it had gone online to some other schools, and we had to track down those people who had purchased. We made \$2 293.00.

Honey and Pepperettes:

Cherlyn has looked into Stemmlers for the pepperettes, and they have lots of variety and even have beef jerky, also it is easy ordering and pickup. We suggested to take the top 4 flavours of both the pepperettes and jerky and we would just do those. She also reached out the 2 different local honey sellers and one has just creamed and liquid honey and the other has a bunch of different flavours, but we would have to buy the cases. We suggested going with something simple and to support the Eby Family Honey as the other company (Cedarwood) is also sold in stores. She is also going to reach out to ConeyBeare Honey on Hwy 6 and see if they do fundraisers.

Year End BBQ:

Danielle and Candice went through the list of jobs to do.

Candice will contact the Lions for their BBQ (Alan suggested maybe having another BBQ there just for the hotdogs), contact Caressant Care, get Alan the volunteer list for sign up, ask ACE Hardware to use their stock tank, and look into the handwashing station.

Carly will get ice.

Margaret will look into getting us Ice Cream donated.

Margaret, Danielle and Leeanne will do propane tanks.

Candice asked if we were early enough to order the tables and chairs from the board like we always do. Alan and Marni informed us that elementary schools are not allowed to use them anymore as the secondary schools need them. Candice will look into getting the picnic tables from the Township like last year.

Playground Update:

After several meetings with Mushasi they are willing to proceed with funding our entire junior/intermediate structure. They have deposited 50% of the funds in order to sign a purchase order and receive an installation date. Marni and Crystal are working with the board office to receive a purchase order to then move forward.

Crystal and Marni have also submitted paperwork to the board office regarding our wishes for the primary structure. We are moving at a fast pace and really hoping big things are able to happen soon.

We have a purchase order issued for 2 Gaga Ball pits – these will be installed this spring/summer when the weather allows. Marni is ordering the balls for these pits.

If anyone has any leads or ideas on who we could contact to ask for donations, please send the info Crystals way as we are still looking for funds.

Shed:

We have received notice that we are not able to have this garden shed on the school property. Marni is doing her best to express our concerns for limited storage outside of the school. Marni informed us that we will be receiving a cement block structure from the board for this issue. Marni is also working with the principal in Mount Forest to receive the money we invested in the shed materials back and possible profiting from selling the shed. Marni tells us that yes, we will be getting our money back.

Margaret motioned to close the meeting.

Seconded by Leeanne.

Closed.

*****Next meeting Friday, June 23, 2023 @ Crystals house!! Potluck! *****