

Arthur Public School – School Council Minutes

Date: Monday, January 15, 2024

Time: 6:00PM

Location: Arthur Public School - Library

Chair: Margaret Ribey

Co-Chair: Crystal VanGerven

Treasurer: Carly Clark

Secretary: Cherlyn Altena

Principal: Marni Barrow

School Members Present: *Regrets*

Community Members Present: *Regrets*

Council Members Present: Jami Batte, Casi Gray, Sam Henderson, Stacy Cowan

Regrets: Taylor Rice, Vikki Sterling, Melissa Henderson, Michelle Leies, Theresa Wasmund

Minutes	Person
<p>1. Welcome and Minutes</p> <p>Margaret welcomed Council back</p> <p>September minutes, motioned to approve</p> <p>1st Casi 2nd Jami</p> <p>Motion passed.</p>	Margaret
<p>2. Financial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historically funds towards bussing were held in an account not listed in the School Council financial report. It was difficult to know what money we had so Annette set up an account that will now show up on the Council Financial report. Council motioned to move funds from Scientists in the School to the bussing account. The 3 kindergarten classes have not yet used their bussing funds, there needs to be funds there for them. <p>1st Carly 2nd Casi</p> <p>Motion passed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Margaret noted that this year, Council's priorities are the playgrounds. All funds are being diverted to that account, where possible, to ensure we have enough. It has been noted that Council will allocate funds back into Scientists in the School when they are available. Treasurers Report, motion to approve <p>1st Casi 2nd Cherlyn</p> <p>Motion passed.</p>	Carly
<p>3. Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ProGrant funding (up to \$1000.00) available to our school, Council is interested in applying. Funding must be used by Aug 31, 2024. Many ideas came up for use of the funding, including motivational speakers, virtual speakers, and offering inclusive food options at the school BBQ. Sam suggested a speaker, Sara Westbrook (Emotional Resilience Specialist) who has spoken at APS before and was well received. Crystal and Sam were going to look into finding a speaker, Margaret and Casi will work on the application/ submission process – 	Margaret

<p>Jan 26 deadline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wellington North grant/donation fund (\$40,000.00 in the fund), applications due March 31st. This grant is to support local events and fundraisers. Council decided the best use of this potential grant would be to “Add on” to an existing school event/program/initiative to make improvements vs create a new event. Council brainstormed ideas, narrowing it down to asking for support for the community beautification that the grade 1’s do with the Horticultural Society as well as some school beautification and potentially some raised gardens for educational purposes. Margaret will champion the application and submission process for this grant money. 	
<p>4. Principal Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Teacher Interviews: We would like to thank all our families who took time to book an interview with their child’s teacher to discuss their progress so far. Kindness Bazaar: Thank you to the school council for once again organizing the Kindness Bazaar. The students had fun shopping. The money raised funded our sledge hockey for our junior and intermediate students. Volunteers: We also want to thank all our volunteers who have helped with classroom activities (kindergarten pancake breakfast), school trips and driving to sporting events. Soccer: The Junior Soccer tournament was held in December. Our students represented APS well. They demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and respectful behaviour. Ms. Hustler coached our team and expressed how proud she was of the team. They placed first in their tournament. The Intermediate Soccer tournament was also held in December. They showed great sportsmanship and enthusiasm. The coaches Mrs. McInnis and Mrs. Sampaio were most impressed with the level of respect that our players demonstrated. Intramural: Chess is continuing and we will be starting an intermediate volleyball intramural after lots of interest in continuing to play. Intramural Hockey is starting. Small group doing an act club that may eventually become bigger. Recess: At recess, gaga ball, soccer and baseball are still hot, along with lots of tag games and building with the limited snowfall. Student Government: Lots happening before the break with holiday activities (such as candy grams and primary dancing). The student government continues to plan school wide activities that support building our school culture. We appreciate Ms. Backer’s leadership along with many of our amazing intermediate students. January 19th Character Day - dress like your favourite movie, book or tv character February is Kindness and Black Brilliance Month: Student Government will provide learning for us about Black Brilliance Month daily on the announcements. Curricular connections for specific grades can be made by individual teachers. 	Marni

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese New Year (February 10th) will be shared through a morning announcement. Kindness week is February 12-16. As a lead up inspirational daily morning announcements will guide us starting Monday! We are asking all staff to use Gotcha Tickets to reward students who are demonstrating a gesture or act of kindness. You will have an envelope with tickets, and then please hand in the office at the end of each day. On Wednesdays we will be drawing student names for recognition. Gotchas will be handed out on Monday. Draws will run until the end of February. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 28th is Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day - wear pink Upcoming Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PD Day January 26 Term 1 Reports Feb. 15 Family Day Feb. 19 	
<p>5. Playground Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate ninja style playground (Grades 4-8) is still scheduled to start building this spring. Primary Playground (K-Grade 3) is about \$16,000.00 away from the amount needed. The purchase order has been signed, with hopes of this playground also being installed this spring. This is ahead of schedule, which was originally planned for fall 2024. Crystal is working diligently at securing the final funds required to make this happen. Motion to move playground maintenance funds (\$6,070.83) over to the playground fund. 1st Crystal 2nd Carly Motion passed. 	Crystal
<p>6. Lunchbox Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are currently supply and quality issues with the Lunchbox Program and their milk delivery, so Crystal has inquired at Foodland about supplying the school with milk. Price would stay the same (\$1.25). Crystal hopes to have the new system set up for February roll out. Crystal is trying to get Lunchbox to refund any outstanding milk orders, and new milk orders will be made through cash online. This will hopefully make the milk program run smoother in the school. Milk funds will go towards bussing. Pita Pit and Harvey's will continue to be offered through the Lunchbox Program. Harvey's to return in February. All funds raised from the Lunchbox program from January 2024- June 2024 will go towards the playground. 	Crystal
<p>7. Fundraisers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Casi volunteered to organized and run a Candy Fundraiser in February with local candy store. She will start this immediately, in hopes of order pick up being before February 14th. Crystal has volunteered to run our second Krispy Kreme fundraiser this school year, to help with the playground funds. There are 600 	Casi, Jami, Crystal, Margaret, Cherlyn

<p>dozen donuts secured from the Scarborough location, with pick up being June 18th. Prices have gone up to \$7 dozen to purchase (previously \$6/dzn) and a minimum retail price of \$15.00 (previously sold for \$12/dzn).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jami volunteered to lead the Spring Meat fundraiser with Harriston Meats and Elmira Poultry. Orders will be taken online March 8-22 and pick up will be April 12th. • School BBQ: date set to June 18, which is the same day as the Krispy Kreme pick up. Margaret suggested we do a price audit on the BBQ food/drinks and consider increasing them to match the product value. BBQ subcommittee- Margaret, Casi, Stacy 	
<p>8. Friendraisers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing Swap (Sustainable Swap) for April, close to Earth Day. Event will be held in the gym from 4-7pm for families to come at no cost to find some new to them clothing. Margaret, Cherlyn and Vikki to champion this, but will need more volunteers on the day of. 	Margaret, Cherlyn
<p>9. New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications Liaison - Casi proposed School Council improve our (School Council) communications within Council and the community and having a non-elected, volunteer position of a Communications Liaison. This role would help get correct information from Council to the school community, and have a Council member assigned to answer questions related to School Council business. This may also include having a monthly School Council newsletter, creating flyers for the kindergarten welcome package, and being present at school events like meet the staff night and the year-end BBQ. Casi has volunteered to take on this role and will work with Council to see how to best integrate this role into the school community. • Elected Positions in Council - Cherlyn proposed having a by-law in School Council, where elected members can serve a maximum of 2 consecutive years in any elected role. Elected Roles are: Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. This will help promote an informed council, when members have all had opportunities to take on different roles. This will also prevent volunteer burnout when we can share roles throughout the years. Council went on to discuss how our voting system is currently (verbal/public), and agreed secret ballot would be a logical change to make with this by-law. Cherlyn will propose a by-law covering these topics for next meeting. • Jump Rope for Heart - Crystal asked if the school would like to participate in Jump Rope for Heart again this year, Marni will ask at the next staff meeting. 	Casi, Cherlyn, Margaret
<p>10. Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting: February 26, 2024 at 6:00PM Motion to close the meeting 1st Crystal 2nd Jami • Meeting adjourned. 	Margaret