

# Arthur Public School – School Council Minutes

**Date:** Monday, February 26, 2024

**Time:** 6:00PM

**Location:** Arthur Public School - Library

**Chair:** Margaret Ribey

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

**Treasurer:** Carly Clark

**Secretary:** Cherlyn Altena

**Principal:** Marni Barrow

**Vice Principal:** Anneke McCabe

**School Members Present:** Lori Nauta

**Community Members Present:** *Regrets*

**Council Members Present:** Jami Batte, Casi Gray, Theresa Wasmund, Stacy Cowan

**Regrets:** Taylor Rice, Vikki Sterling, Melissa Henderson, Michelle Leies, Sam Henderson

Minutes	Person
<p>1. Welcome and Minutes</p> <p>Margaret welcomed Council back</p> <p>January minutes, motioned to approve</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Casi 2<sup>nd</sup> Theresa</p> <p>Motion passed.</p>	Margaret
<p>2. Financial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carly read the financial report (attached).</li> <li><b>Council motioned to move the remaining funds from the Christmas Bazaar account (\$78.15) to the Playground account (\$15, 370.68).</b></li> </ul> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Casi 2<sup>nd</sup> Jami</p> <p><b>Motion passed.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treasurers Report, motion to approve</li> </ul> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Theresa 2<sup>nd</sup> Jami</p> <p>Motion passed.</p>	Carly & Margaret
<p>3. Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ProGrant funding (up to \$1000.00) to get a video package on emotional awareness from Sara Westbrook, motivational speaker has been submitted, board has all information at this time.</li> <li>Wellington North grant/donation fund (\$40,000.00 in the fund), applications due March 31<sup>st</sup>. Council will apply to this grant for the second phase of the playground. If this is declined, council will reapply next year with a floral/landscaping idea.</li> </ul>	Margaret
<p>4. Principal &amp; Vice Principal Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thank you to our council members for their commitment to supporting Arthur P.S. We would also like to thank our many volunteers that help to make additional learning opportunities come to reality. Special mention of Theresa Wasmund for her ongoing support with pizza, milk and snacks. As well, thank you to Raelene</li> </ul>	Anneke & Marni

Taylor for working with Anneke McCabe to ensure our snack program is well stocked and organized each day.

- Term one report cards went home Feb. 15. We hope that all our parents take time to celebrate the areas of success and discuss a plan to support their child(ren) with working towards their next steps for improvement.
- What does our data tell us about student achievement?

#### EQAO and TERM One Reports

	Reading APS – UGDSB-P	Writing APS – UGDSB-P	Math APS – UGDSB-P
Grade 3 - %	67	57	66
Grade 6 - %	64	64	22

At school - supports and focused teaching and learning are in place as we

work to close learning gaps.

At home - As parents will sometimes ask about homework, it is our belief

that homework is to be a consolidation of skills. Therefore, we encourage

parents to help with this skill by:

- talking with their child about their learning and ask lots of questions so that the child has an opportunity to explain and share their learning
- reading with or listening to their child learn
- practicing numeracy skills with their child
- involving your children in day to day learning
- put a time limit on the use of technology
- APS Highlights:
  - Kindness - caught being kind by a staff member. Morning draws and prize winners
  - Black History - morning announcements by students, bulletin board messaging, in class teaching and learning.
  - Primary: Primary 100 Day was celebrated on Feb. 9 and 12. The primary students were involved in many different activities. The creativity to display 100 always makes for an exciting day of sharing.
  - Bowling - all classes and Int. Curling - extension to PE classes
- Sports/Intramurals/Clubs....
  - Junior Floor Hockey - tournament was held on Feb. 15 in Mount Forest
  - Int. Basketball has started up, Jr Basketball will be soon
  - Soccer sportsmanship skills remain a focus with a group of junior students - they participate in indoor soccer usually twice a week

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Intermediate volleyball intramural is coming to an end</li> <li>○ Primary intramurals are now in full swing. Students will need to listen carefully to the morning announcements</li> <li>• Playground.....snow, ice, water and mud but we always find ways to play safely on parts of the playground. Building communities, playing soccer, football, four square, tag, etc..</li> <li>• Staffing: Ms. Haddock and Ms. MacInnis are on leave and we are in the process of hiring for these positions.</li> </ul>	
<p>5. Playground Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The spring install for both junior and intermediate playgrounds is still on. With the funds motioned to the playground fund tonight, we are about \$5,000.00* away from the amount needed. Council brain stormed ideas to get the word out to the public on how to donate. There is a link that can be shared where people can donate directly. Casi will work on getting this information to the public.</li> </ul>	Margaret
<p>6. Lunchbox Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foodland is our new milk supplier, and things are going very well with this new partnership. Milk is fresh.</li> <li>• <b>Council motioned to move milk funds to bussing/teacher requests.</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Carly 2<sup>nd</sup> Jami</li> <li>• <b>Council motioned to move January and February 2024 lunchbox funds to the playground account.</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Cherlyn 2<sup>nd</sup> Casi</li> <li>• Harvey's dates have been added to Lunchbox: March 4, May 6, April 15 and June 10.</li> </ul>	Margaret, Theresa, Marni
<p>7. Fundraisers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Casi organized and ran a Candy Fundraiser in February with local Iscream Cone Company. This was a success and sold just under 200 products, resulting in around \$300 raised.</li> <li>• <b>Council motioned to move Candy Cone funds to the playground account.</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Cherlyn 2<sup>nd</sup> Carly</li> <li>• Spring Meat fundraiser with Harriston Meats and Elmira Poultry: Orders will be taken online March 8-22 and pick up will be April 11<sup>th</sup> (previously stated as April 12<sup>th</sup>) at the arena, drive thru style.</li> <li>• Upcoming events: Honey and Meat sticks fundraiser (May), Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser (June 18), Year End School BBQ (June 18)</li> </ul>	Casi, Jami, Margaret, Cherlyn
<p>8. Friendraisers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothing Swap (Sustainable Swap) being held at the school gym on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-7:00pm. This will be a free event, with clothing and popcorn available.</li> </ul>	Cherlyn
<p>9. Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communications Liaison - Casi working on information to include in the "Kindergarten package" that the new students get at orientation. Will continue directing online mentions to check the</li> </ul>	Casi, Cherlyn, Margaret, Stacy

<p>school website, not social media. Will begin implementing a monthly update on what School Council is up to.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected Positions in Council - Cherlyn proposed having a by-law in School Council, going over election procedures. Stacy and Cherlyn will work further on this to have a by-law/procedure in place by the end of the school year.</li> <li>• Jump Rope for Heart – APS will participate again this year, looking at dates in May, as students would prefer warmer weather for this event.</li> </ul>	
<p>10. New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literacy Garden – There is interest in creating a literacy garden at Aps with Mrs. McCabe. This concept helps connect books to reality, and will consolidate the student's classroom learning. School Council is interested in this project and funding it in future years.</li> <li>• Lion's Club Chicken Dinner – Arthur Lion's Club approached School Council about working together to host a Drive Thru Chicken Dinner. They would need 4 volunteers the day of, 4:00-6:30, and in exchange we would be compensated: \$10 per ticket for the first 100 tickets sold and \$5 for every ticket after that. Proposed date in April 25 and if it is something we would like to do annually, the Lion's Club would offer us the February date in future years. Council decided to add this fundraiser and see how it goes.</li> </ul>	<p>Stacey, Margaret, Casi</p>
<p>11. Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting: April 15, 2024 at 6:00PM Motion to close the meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Casi 2<sup>nd</sup> Jami</li> <li>• Meeting adjourned.</li> </ul>	<p>Margaret</p>

\*Since the meeting, and the minutes being printed, additional information has surfaced and we are about \$13,000.00 away from playground fund target.