



Arklan School Council
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2023 at 5:30pm

Attendees:

Stephanie Kearns, Zoe Reaume, Stacey Quinn, Jen Barnes, Josalyn McIver, Janet McGee, Britt West, Rebecca Brunke, Jamie Anderson

Staff: Jen Hamilton (teacher rep), Katie Culhane (principal), Nikki Derosiers (VP)

1. Approval of September 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes of September 19, 2023 as drafted

Moved by: Janet

Seconded by: Rebecca

Carried

2. Principal's Report

- October Newsletter sent out to families
- Created Safe and Accepting Schools Committee with school reps, Stephanie for School Council and looking for student rep
- For October, focusing on anti-bullying and socio-emotional learning. Looking at prevention through empathy.
- Student Council held their elections. Anyone in Grades 5 and 6 who were interested prepared an application and gave a speech in the gym. Elections held, those who were elected are the leadership of the Student Council. But all students who expressed interest are invited to participate on the Council.
- Family of Schools Cross Country meet coming up
- Question about Arklan School Council hosting a canteen at soccer because last year was nothing available for students. This year, Family of Schools have organized a "host" for each event, the host can supply a canteen.

- Picture Day is October 16
- IEPs come out October 17
- Staff want to bring back the Halloween Parade from Arklan years past. Classes will get to parade around and show off their costumes on Halloween. (No masks or weapons)
- School Council will be organizing a costume drive. Asking parents to donate **clean** costumes pieces. Volunteers will help hand them out on Halloween morning to anyone who does not have a costume.

Motion: Approve purchase of up to \$50 in costume materials to donate to students on Halloween.

Moved by: Rebecca

Seconded by: Britt

Carried

3. School Council Financial Update

- Financial update was not available. Defer this item to next meeting

4. Plan Fundraising and Events for 2023-2024

- School Council members discussed many ideas for fundraising this year
- November – will try for holiday wreaths, if that is not possible do Purdy's Chocolate again
- December
 - Scholastic book fair (if possible, if not December will host another time);
 - Santa's Seconds (want a different name) – families donate used giftable items and wrapping materials. Volunteers would collect, store and organize items. Host in the library. Volunteers would bring groups of students down to buy and wrap presents for family members. All items with low prices.
- January-April
 - Scholastic Book fair if not possible in December
 - Little Cesar's pizza
- May
 - Plant sale
 - Outdoor movie night
- June
 - Carnival hosted at Arklan for families (games, food trucks)
- Ongoing:
 - Mabel's Labels and True Earth

- These are ongoing ones where we give out a code or parents input school into the website and Arklan makes a percentage of sales.
- Do a promo blast on these throughout year
- Chip sales periodically in the school

Motion: Approve purchase of up to \$300 for chips to be sold.

Moved by: Rebecca

Seconded by: Josalyn

Carried

5. Play Structure Loan Repayment

- Still unclear how much School Council owes on the play structure loan. Ms Culhane and Rebecca will work on getting answer
- Do know that money is owed to the school now not the UCDSB because loan payments were taken out of school budget during pandemic years
- School Council agreed that **focus for this year is to pay as much off as possible for school**

6. Plan update of Arklan School Council bylaws

- Stephanie, Zoe and Josalyn will work together on updating bylaws for November meeting

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm