



**June 13, 2023**

## **Arklan School Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Present:**

Stephanie Kearns, Rebecca Brunke, Katherine Sweeney, Britt West, Janet McGee, Shannon Link

Principal Katie Culhane

### **Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion:** Adopt the meeting minutes prepared for the May 9, 2023 meeting

Motion made by: Rebecca, Seconded by Stephanie. CARRIED

### **Principal's Report:**

- Track meets happening soon, next year will try to include the younger grades in a developmentally appropriate way
- Kindergarten and Grade 6 ceremonies coming up, being organized by the teachers
- EQAO wrapping up
- Spirit week coming up, run by the student council
- Parent Council will be providing popcorn for the movie day on Friday of Spirit Week
- Last Day of School – June 27
- Water day happening Thursday of Spirit Week – logistical details coming to families soon
- Volunteers will be needed for water day

### **Fundraising Update**

- Earned \$1506 from Pizza Sales
- Stephanie to send Donald an email (cc: Ms Culhane)
  - Update on playstructure loan and timing for paying back (what is expected this year and next)
  - Can School Council use my family room for payments
- School Council wants to spend money on fun stuff for the school too, not just paying back the loan (though recognized this needs to be done)
- Next year – look into what is possible for new landscaping and natural play features in the yard

### **Dance Debrief**

- Did not make a lot on the dance once take into account expenses, but was more about a fun event for school than money making event
- Sold out of food quickly and had to run out and buy more. Next time consider pre-sell tickets so get enough



- Dancing and having drinks in the gym made for a messy and dangerous situation – will need to revisit where people drink and eat if do another dance
- Need to be stricter in future about chaperones – some students came in without someone watching them, or chaperone was outside and not closely monitoring. In future, may need to have a sign-in sheet and be more explicit about expectations on adult who is in charge of children (e.g. must be actual parent or guardian)
- Consider having dance for older kids alone (two shifts, or just offer for Grade 5 and 6)
- Consider other events too – family movie night
- Less sugar offered at snack table to keep hyperness down
- Glowsticks very popular
- Have DJ have strategic songs that encourage down-regulating and have an organizer signal DJ when needed
- Maybe make it no requests (or request ahead of time) so kids are not rushing DJ booth
- Have an MC work with the DJ to get kids playing games and keep things more organized and less chaotic
- Hold dances during school time instead and split by grade

**Motion:** Defer decision on paying back playstructure loan until September 2023 (when hope to have more information on bank balance and loan status on which to base decision)

Moved: Rebecca

Second: Shannon

**Carried**

**Motion:** School Council will use up to \$750 of its funds to purchase a popcorn making machine.

Moved: Rebecca

Second: Shannon

**Carried**

**Motion:** School Council will use up to \$400 of its funds to purchase popcorn kernels and bags to supply popcorn to students at the movie day on Friday June 23, 2023

Moved: Rebecca

Second: Shannon

**Carried**

**Motion:** School Council will use up to \$200 of its funds to purchase additional freezies to supply each student with one freezie on water day (left over freezies from dance will also be used)

Moved: Rebecca

Second: Shannon

**Carried**

### **September Meet the Teacher Night**

- School Council decided not to host a carnival type event in September, postpone such an event until the spring



- School Council may provide a BBQ or arrange for food trucks to be at the meet the teacher night in September (details to be worked out later)

**Future Fundraising Ideas:**

- Scholastic Bookfair – bring this back to Arklandale
- Alternatives in addition to selling pizza to be considered in the fall

**Meeting Minutes:**

- School Council wants to make meeting minutes available to all families to read. Need to figure out how to do this. Is a google doc – so could share the link

**Next School Council Meeting: Tuesday September 12, 2023, 5:30pm in Learning Commons (NOTE: earlier time for 2023-2024 school year)**