



Arklan School Council

Meeting Notes

December 5, 2023 at 5:30pm at Arklan Learning Commons (Library)

Present: Sue Byers, Nikki Desrosier, Stephanie Kearns, Ivy Thompson, Rebecca Brunke, Janet McGee, Jamie Anderson (*no quorum*)

Notes:

1. Welcome and introductions

- Our new principal, Sue Byers introduced herself. She has worked at Arklan before and brings that knowledge and lots of experience to our school. The School Council is looking forward to working with Ms Byers.
- 2. **Approval of October 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes** – deferred to next meeting because no quorum

3. Principal's Report

- The School Council watched a summary video of the sleep experts who presented at UCDSB presentations on school bell times.
- Ms Byers is attending meetings coming up on the changes and will be able to report back at the next meeting about anything she learns re: timing and process
- Holiday concert is December 18 with two show times, K-2 in the morning and 3-6 in the afternoon
- The school now has an Office Administrator who is being trained. This means that hot lunches can start again soon. More details to come.
- The School Council talked about exploring other options beyond pizza. We will look at other options, though recognize not a lot of choice in Carleton Place.

- Arklan is selling spirit wear – deadline to order and get free shipping to school is December 12. But can order anytime and have shipped to home (company located in Ottawa if want to do pickup)

4. Rocks and Rings Curling Program – School Council support

- Arklan would like to hire the Rocks and Rings Curling Program to come to Arklan and teach gym classes curling. They bring curling rocks that work on gym floors.
- School Council will also reach out to CP Curling Club and see if they want to use opportunity to promote youth curling program which is a very affordable sports program close to the school
- No quorum for vote, will do an email vote – need about \$400 for the program

5. Popcorn for December 22 movie day

- Arklan asking School Council to supply popcorn for the school wide movie day on Friday December 22. Grades 1-3 in morning and 4-6 in afternoon. Kinders are doing something different in their classes.
- Discussed assessing how many chips we have left over and using for kinder classes. Popcorn for movies in gym. Rebecca and Ivy volunteered to coordinate
- No quorum for vote, will do an email vote re: purchase of any supplies needed

6. School Council Financial Update

- The School Council owes \$15,000 for the play structure
- When we next have quorum we will make a motion to transfer money to the school as loan repayment
- Have \$6,959 in account (not including Purdy's fundraiser)

7. Fundraising Updates

- Purdy's raised \$1,135 for the School
- For next meeting want to spend time confirming the schedule of upcoming fundraisers (carnival, cookies, little cesars, movie night) and budget for preparing for these.

- Book Order coming up – will have option to take cash or scholastic dollars to purchase items for school. Will make decision once have final numbers.
- 8. **Review and Approve updated School Council Bylaws** – deferred because no quorum
- 9. **Set Goals for 2023-2024 School Council** – deferred because no quorum