

# Arcola Community School - School Community Council

*Minutes from October 28, 2024*

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

**Call to order:** *Meeting start at 6:15*

**Attending:** *Jim Elliot, Crystal Chamberlain, Amber Mason, Alicia Putz*

**Staff:** *Lorena Hainstock, Tara Yanyk, Nicole Roeher*

**Absent:**

## 2. Approval of minutes: Crystal motioned and Amber seconded

## 3. Admin report

**3a)** *Spirit week is this week with the ALC planning a different theme on each day*

**3 b)** *Enrollment is up to 496 by months end*

**3c)** *Living Hope United Church will host the school for a turkey feast again on December 18*

**3d)** *There is a sports camp that Living Hope is offering to sponsor 5 children to attend in January. The spots are for grade K-6. There is a faith component in the camp and admin has asked teacher to suggest any students they think might interested.*

**3e)** *Clothing drive: the staff will host a clothing drive in the gym on the day of conferences*

**3f)** *Scholastic book fair will be the week of conferences and will run all week*

**3g)** *Three way conferences held on November 29 and they will encourage and ask for all of them to be in person. The same software will be used to book as previous years. This will get families in the door and familiar with staff and the facility.*

**3h)** **Funding requests from staff:** *One book, one school. Staff would like to purchase a book for every youngest or only child at Arcola. \$800 requested from SCC for this purchase*

*Loose parts workshop: Writing workshop that uses a cart filled with random objects that students pick from and write a story about. These carts will be a one time purchase perhaps with maintenance of having to re-stock damaged or lost items. The cost for two carts is \$800*

## 4. New business:

**4a)** *Facilities staff has asked for a bbq to be purchased for events at the school. Tara expressed concern over the logistics of having to grill 500+ items and whether that would be feasible for staff. They said the division office can provide a large grill if we ever needed and that might be a better option. Discussion led to possibly requesting SaskEnergy sponsorship for bbq and they could provide bbq and volunteers. Possibly spring? This will be on the agenda for the new year to re-visit.*

**4b)** *NICU fundraiser put on by Z99 allows schools to take part, Crystal would like to see 3 classrooms take part and the one who raises the most money wins a lunch or prize of some sort. Nicole said the ALC was looking to do a fundraiser and would take part in organizing this. It was also suggested that any families or students with a personal experience in the NICU share their story which could be put up on the tv as motivation for the fundraiser. This would take place in January to have funds raised for Z99 March fundraiser.*

**4c)** *Crystal checked in on other SCC's to see what they are doing for fundraisers. She suggested a used clothing sale with Dragon's wear that is donated from families with graduated kids or those that have outgrown their gear. Pop up shop in the school...when? This will need to be re-visited in November.*

**4d)** *Fundscrip: Discussed Flipgive but ultimately we thought the physical cards might be a better option if anything to purchase for our Snowflake raffle. Fundscrip will be set up by Alicia and we will run it for roughly two weeks between November 4-15*

**4e)** *Online raffle box vs paper raffle. The online raffle is a \$100 set up fee and they take 7% of profits but you have to pay by credit card. We all agreed the paper option might be better to accept cash. Hollinger said she could manage the ballots for it up until December 13. ALC could pitch in and take over for the last week of the raffle. The e-transfers are accepted by Crystal and then she would send the name and number to the school to physically fill out the ballot and put in the box. This raffle (snowflake or snowman) will take place November 20-December 19 with the winner announced on December 20.*

*-Alicia will create a digital poster to share the details about the raffle. This will be sent to admin to post before our next meeting*

*-Find the printer used last year for ballots, Jim will check the account to see who was paid last year for it.*

**4f)** *Crystal asked about Vicki helping out with babysitting but it was determined that two grade 8 students should be sufficient for the amount of kids that are at the meetings.*

#### **Motions:**

-Crystal motioned to spend up to \$1,000 on raffle including the lottery licence, ballot printing and gift cards. Alicia seconded it

-Staff requests for the Loose Parts Writing Workshop carts and One book, One School totalling \$1,600. Crystal motioned and Alicia seconded.

#### **5. Next Meeting**

- **Date:** November 18
- **Time:** 6pm

#### **6. Adjournment: 7:12pm**