

Arcola Community School - School Community Council

Minutes for June 16, 2025

1. Welcome and Introductions

Call to order: 5:58pm

Attending: Crystal Chamberlain, Jim Elliott, Amber Mason, Alicia Putz,

Staff: Tara Yanyk, Lorena Hainsntock ,Nicole Roeher

Trustee: Tracey McMurphy

2. Approval of minutes: Tara Yanyk, seconded by Alicia

3. Follow up items from last meeting:

3a) Bath Bomb fundraiser: 17 total orders, with \$110 profit

3b) Hanging basket fundraiser: only 4 sold, still need payment from the Greenhouse

3c) Mom's Pantry: check in with another school about combining orders to still do the fundraiser next year

3d) Soup and bannock was good for conferences: Decrease the amount of soup by half. Buy only halal next time. Serve right away in the morning next year.

3e) NIPD: SCC has sponsored the lunch for this day which is hot dog, chips, cookies, juice box -All staff and students are being fed.

3f) Radiothon: Sent a card with thanks for the donation

4. Admin report:

- Tara is moving to Plainsview.
- Rochelle Rugg (sp?) coming from Connaught as VP
- Staffing timelines are delayed for new staff or any moving. Four total staff not including EA's which they are still waiting on who and how many will move.
- 16 classrooms again next year, same as this year
- Tomorrow morning the staffing changes will be announced to current staff
- Tues or Wednesday (next week?) will be new staff announcement and will be emailed out to the SCC
- NIPD on Wednesday as a full day
- Living Hope hot dog lunch next week
- Backpack drop off August 28 @4:30pm
- Last day for students with report cards next Wednesday, students will find out who their teacher will be next year
- Assembly on the last day of school: grade 8's move to the front and 7's get the bleachers, slide show from grade 8 grad is shown and staff leaving are announced. 1pm assembly June 25.

SCC member Alicia will be there to present the departing staff with a gift card on behalf of the SCC

5. New business:

5a) Staff gifts-\$20 gift cards for Rooted: Alicia will purchase the 4 cards and present them at the assembly

5b)From Tracey:

- budget hasn't been approved; trustees go around to talk about the budget. Would like to share it with the SCC when they do have it available.
- Another SCC forum in the fall getting planned. Open to all schools to meet and discuss their needs or issues or give feedback to one another and trustees.
- How is traffic? Is there a safety patrol? No safety patrol, staff figures there are only about 20 cars picking up students at the end of the day with 5 buses running most are bussed. Tracey mentioned that a grant be provided by SGI to have some traffic safety and provide some information to staff and students.

5c) Band teachers positions cut: How will this affect the students? Renie said that admin were told that sectionals would be larger groups but admin hasn't been fully informed.

Band rooms would need to be bigger to accommodate the larger groups which may be difficult to accommodate.

Public school board will do a thorough review to ensure band is still fully functional. Tracey said the considerations regarding this were very difficult and didn't come easily. There are some schools that don't have a large band program and more teachers are needed elsewhere.

5d) SCC Recruitment: Table at backpack drop off with Timbits. This should be on the agenda for the next meeting. Perhaps we get people involved by asking them to sit at the table for wreath sales or sell candy once a month at school. We can ask what the school families see as needs for our school. Letting people know their voice can be heard on the SCC.

5d) Member departure: Nine year SCC volunteer Amber Mason will be leaving the school with her oldest child moving on to high school. Thank you Amber for getting involved and being a dedicated volunteer for all these years. You will be missed!

Motions:

1. *Alicia to buy \$80 of gift cards seconded by Crystal. We will be spending another \$20 per staff when we learn about the EA's.*

6. Next Meeting

- **Date: September 25, 2025**
- **Time: 6pm**

7. Adjournment: 6:58PM