



## School Council Meeting St. Augustine's Elementary April 29, 2024

**In attendance:** Ashley Arnold, Andrea Clarke, Walter King, Diana Lahey, Amanda Murray, Cathy Tulk, Jenna Vokey, Lois Vokey

**Online:** Erin Blake

**Regrets:** Chris Doyle, Quinten Johnson, Brad Lawrence, Joey Somerton,

### 1. Meeting called to order

- Meeting was called to order
- first by Lois Vokey
- second by Ashley Arnold

### 2. Minutes of last meeting

- Minutes from the last meeting were pre-read and passed
- first by Cathy Tulk
- second by Jenna Vokey

### 3. Principal's report

- **Fundraisers:** 50/50 Playground \$7 455 winner, Rosalyn Freeman and same for the playground. 1st - Jillian, Addison and Walter King (250 tickets), 2nd Eyrych and Eldah and (130 tickets) and 3rd Savannah and Jackson Boone (120 tickets)
  - 40th Anniversary Dinner and dance going ahead. Tickets available in the office. They are \$25 each. Lori is doing a slideshow we just need people to contact some people and help decorate the day of.
  - Dart tournament May 4. People on council have expressed interest in donating 2 bottles of rum, 2 six packs, another ticket prize and to help out the day of selling tickets and selling chili, soup and sandwiches.
  - Another fundraiser to offset the cost of the field trips (K-2, 3-4 and 5-6). Last year, the school paid for buses and \$10 off everyone's field trip which cost about \$2500 (\$1200 buses + \$1300) last year but about \$2400 (\$1200 buses + \$1200) this year. This fundraiser would totally cover this.
    - Idea from council: First prize: \$600, Second prize: \$400, Third prize: Quilt
    - Total: \$1000
    - Quilt will be donated
  - Valerie Ryan has a burgundy and white quilt almost complete for us to sell tickets on.
- **Microsoft Grant:** approved for \$10 000 NLSchools loan. We will find out more details about this process within the next two weeks.
- **Professional Learning Days:** Monday, April 22, 2024 at Lester's Farms to get out of the school, to give the commuters a break and do something a little different. School covered \$250 rental, Marconi Branch of NLTA is paying for coffee, tea and donuts/snack for break, Social fees covered \$10 lunch and staff paid the other \$15 of lunch.
  - 17 of the 20 attended had lunch.
  - It was based on our other two areas; specifically Self Efficacy and Collective Efficacy. It was an awesome day for all of us; learning, connecting, team building, confidence building, socializing and in

the end Andrea thought everyone walked away feeling good about themselves, our team and the job we all do.

- Friday, June 7, 2024 full day Report Writing
- **Grants:** Andrea applied for the VALE grant over the break to aid with the playground security, memory plaque/signage and opening ceremonies.
  - Andrea is applying for a Community Giving grant through TradesNL
  - Andrea is also applying for an Active NL Fund Grant through the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation.
    - Permission for basketball court / tennis area and high fence and pavement
    - We were told to wait until the playground is done, however, the playground and the basketball court will not be on the same side
    - The council agreed that this would be a good idea for the Elementary Students
  - Part of these may be used for the playground extra things but the majority will hopefully be used for pavement for the other side of the back of the school for basketball, tennis, squareball, hopscotch, and other outdoor games. This would be awesome with the addition of our playground. Andrea thinks it would make a tremendous difference in our children during outside play.
  - The council gave permission for this basketball court area to be created
  - Andrea has to get approval from facilities as well. Andrea reached out but they were confused about where she was talking about putting it.
- **Playground:** \$90 375 now with Caleb and Cassie Campbell Legacy Foundation donation of \$6500 and Co-ed volleyball league donation \$275 and Joan Lane \$100 donation.
  - RFP (Request For Proposals - tenders) is with procurement/purchasing now. Jim Sinnott told me to keep on their back to get it posted. Andrea emailed Jamie Whitten twice last week. Andrea will keep checking with them so it should go in the paper or be posted online soon.
  - Andrea applied for surveillance. She is still waiting to hear back.
  - Received quote from Edison, over \$4000. Tony Campbell said it was really steep and suggested Andrea has to call Babbs or Ace and ask for a donation or a good price as they are former Bell Islanders. Andrea did send them a letter but she will also call.
  - Dart Tournament already mentioned.
- **ArtsSmarts:** There's no ArtsSmarts schedule for a couple of weeks as there's not enough work for full classes.
  - Brian would like to have certain groups of students who he can give a job to and they do it with little direction. They are the ones that have taken a keen interest above and beyond the others.
  - After this time, all students will get out again to put the finishing touches on the mural. This is so exciting to see it come together.
  - Andrea shared a copy of both CBC coverages but also the slideshow of pictures that she hoped they would have included in some way so that more students were on Here and Now. They may use these if they cover again when the mural is completed.
  - Worth your time to pop down and see it.
  - Possibly unveil at the 40th Anniversary
  - A proposal was sent in to facilities to get permission to put the mural on the wall of the school.
- **School Development - Wellness and Positive Relationships:** PL already mentioned.
  - Our first taste test day is scheduled for May 3, 2024. It will be the Mexican themed day and we will incorporate Cinco de Mayo which is Sunday, May 5.
    - All items will be available on the school lunch menu

- Second is booked for May 16 or 17 to incorporate May 2-4 (BBQ themed).
    - Camping theme
  - School lunch has the food ordered for all of the days
  - Mary has volunteered to help and groups of staff are working on the activities and picking up decorations and things that they need.
- **Atlantic String Quartet:** Visited our school today April 29, 2024
  - **Mental Health Week:** May 6 -12 is Mental Health Week. Kelsey Manning, Social Worker I, Primary Health, OMT Clinic at the DWTH will do Wellness presentations on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. We are looking for any other ideas people have for this week. Andrea would love to get someone very effective to present to the G. 5 & 6, possibly an ex-user of drugs. We can teach them but this would be much more effective and try to get them before high school.
  - **Spring Concert:** May 15, 2024 at 7:00.
    - Opening doors at 6:30
    - Idea of selling seats - Putting numbers on the back of each seat
  - **Kinderstart:** 1 session left; Thursday, May 30.
  - **PreK:** Still nothing back from this group.
  - **School Clothing Order:** Andrea reached out to Mike Willis from Beresford about another school clothing order and asked him if there was any way we could get a short sleeve jersey and also get our prices down. Even if there was one item there, like a tshirt that every child could have an opportunity to get, like a cheap tshirt for \$10. He said the only way he could get close to this was if we did the same logos and cut the options down to a minimum. We have four options: Hoodies \$38, Sweatshirts \$31, Performance Shirt \$23 and the lowest he can go for a tshirt is \$15. All include taxes!! Andrea told him it sounds good and she will let him know the dates to open the store. Usually, they keep it open for 2-3 weeks.
  - **Carnival:** Jeremy and Andrea met last week about our year end Fun Day/Sports Day/Field Day. Jeremy said at his school last year they had some kind of carnival. Between us we talked about all the possibilities. We set June 17 as the date. Andrea contacted our Town Manager - Jordan Blackwood and he asked me to write a letter. Andrea wrote a letter and the next day they confirmed that they would provide us with \$700 toward it and Jordan and Jenna will serve on a small committee with Jeremy and Andrea to plan as well. Andrea is also waiting for Joey to get back from his holiday to see what the BGC can offer and the RCMP as well. We are hoping to have a big garden party/carnival for all the children. Some things we've talked about include cotton candy, popcorn, hotdog lunch, face painting, bouncy castles, dunk tank, small train rides, fire truck rides, photo booth with props, games such as plinko, and so much more. This is so exciting. Many of our children do not get to garden parties/carnivals for financial reasons, holidays or someone to take them. This will be available to all 120 students for free and during the school day so no worries about how they're getting there. Totally inclusive and pure fun. Thanks Jeremy for this idea.
    - Popcorn machine, bouncy castle (possibly from BGC)
    - Costumes from school council may be donated

#### 4. Other issues or concerns

#### 5. Date of next meeting

Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:00pm

**6. Closing**

First by Lois Vokey

Second by Ashley Arnold