

# Aurora Grove Advisory School Council Minutes

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Meeting – April 8, 2014  
Minutes – Mary Ann Cobb  
Start @ 7:05pm

Ms. Schuster – Dance Team – request for funding - \$130

Dance team started in January with an audition of approximately 30 grade 7 and 8 boys & girls. 10 were chosen (co-ed) to be a dance troop and they practice two times per week. Board Dance Competition is May 16 (full day) - \$100 entry fee. Costume idea to buy fabric and with help from Mrs. Creswell make ties (\$30).

Hope for next year to start dance club – open up to more age group, however for the competition it would be open just for the senior grades

Mrs. Dickson – Music Presentation  
Students – Diana, Cara & Kelly

Short video presentation from Paraguay of recycled materials to make instruments

Each student had a short, and very impactful presentation regarding music and the importance of music to them

Music program – keep it viable at Aurora Grove

Review of musical instruments currently on inventory in school, and cost to maintain / repair and/or rent

Currently there are 5 classes taking music, and the instruments are shared by 4-5 students

Each student is currently only able to practice 1 time per week

Currently over budget to date (by about \$700)

Hope is for a 5 year plan – purchase 2 new instruments annually

Repair, update and maintain existing equipment

Would hope to see music timetable allow for 2 music classes per week per student (vs. 1 / week now)

Purchase Orff instruments to support Primary / Junior ensembles

Requesting \$1000 per year to keep music going

Flutes and clarinets are priority

\*\*parent council agreed to vote on dollar amount during meeting after Spring Fling to determine how much we can give to best support this wonderful endeavor.

Donna Ford – Administrator's update  
Principal Report - April 2014

1. Aurora Grove PS School sent three parents representatives to the Regional Parent Symposium (Parent Voice Matters!) held on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 from 5 - 9pm at the Sheraton Parkway Hotel in Richmond Hill, ON. A range of workshops including a panel provided the forum to discuss and experience various forms of parent engagement. Annie Kidder was the keynote speaker. Our parent reps (Mrs Fusco, Mrs Mirshahi, Mrs Picu) will share back their experience at the May 2014 school council meeting.

2. Aurora Grove continues to be an active school for living and learning. See event

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schedule below:

April 16 – Community Safety Village: grades 1, 2, 3; Cresswell, MacMartin, Milley, Foster, Cowl; fully funded from Field Trip Subsidy

EASTER WEEKEND: April 18 – 21

April 22 - Community Safety Village: Turner, Wolf, Grade 1 F.I.

April 22 & 23 Lice Checks

April 24 - Grade 7 Hep B & Grade 8 girls HPV immunizations; Period 3 Jump Rope Kick-Off Assembly; Together We're Better Conference

April 28 - Area Junior Boys BB

April 29 - Area Junior Girls BB

April 30 - Macey & Mako's classes to St Marie Among the Hurons

May 1 - FDK Orientation 6:30 - 7:30pm

May 2 - 1:50pm Arts Pkg - Menaka Thakkar

May 5 - 3:45pm Staff Meet

May 6 - 7pm School Council Meet

May 8 - Jump Rope for Heart (May 9 rain date)

May 28 - AGPS Track & Field Meet (raindate May 29)

April 9 – Parent Engagement Symposium – all school area attending

Topic – 'Parent Voice Matters'

Leah Niblock (sent update as unable to attend)

Student council events currently on hold as there are putting efforts and focus on "autism awareness month"

One student has donated \$100 of their own money to be donate to autism

Pasta lunches raised almost \$400

Financial Update – Sobia

Multiple approvals for money. Currently there is about \$18K in account

Over the last 2 years the parent council has focused on 1 big item to donate towards – technology (2 years ago) and last year sports equipment.

Literacy - \$1250, approved by all

Healthy schools - \$350, approved by all

Winits - \$300, approved by all

Butterfly - \$450, approved by all

Supply teachers - \$1170 – approved by all

Presentation from Ms. Schuster – dance team - \$130 – approved by all

Upcoming:

Garden Cleanup – 3 recesses – will need about 6-8 parents. Looking at the Tues, Wed and Thurs after Easter break (22-24<sup>th</sup>). Michelle DeWild – offered donations of garden gloves. Dionne to follow up with this and volunteers

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May 13 – Arts Night

May 28 – School track & field. Area meet will follow this date

Dionne – Volunteer update

This week is 'volunteer appreciation week'. Banner has been made and includes names of all school volunteers. Thanks to Nadine Brandon for helping to capture all the names on this. Banner to be hung for all to see (possibly the gym).

Congratulations to John Large and Nadine Collins for being recognized as 'Community Builder Award' winners.

Walking Wednesday's continue

Note sent home looking for more parent volunteers. Great time had by all for week 1 and looking forward to further success (and nice weather) over the next 11 weeks

Spring Fling

Friday May 23

2 meetings have been held by committee thus far

Dionne contacting volunteer list for helpers – all jobs

Classroom baskets will be done again this year.

Looking at doing a 'flash mob' to happen a couple of times throughout the evening

Food Station – looking for cooks and servers

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

Next council meeting is **Tuesday, May 6, 2014** at 7pm in the Library

**Meeting Dates:**

Tuesday May 6, 2014

Tuesday June 10, 2014

**On behalf of your children, we thank you for coming out!**

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