

Arthur Ford Home and School Meeting

December 7, 2020

Virtual Meeting

In Attendance:

Kim Seguin, Lana-Lisa Coombs-Jackman, Katharine Draper-Quinn, Christen Boundikas, Leigh Anne Ozyer, Sharlene McKeown, Alba Lopez, Ben Lopez, Christine Naraine, Kristi Hewardine, Erin Twist, Gail Naraine, Montea Sherritt, Candice Avola-Lyons, Mark Dancey, Cheryl Dancey, Jessica Smallwood, Tina Grozelle, Samantha Rodrigues, Damon Simpson, Ian Morenz, Melissa Morenz, Jamie Gorham, Rebecca Kemp, Ashley Matatall, Craig Matatall, Brittany Hopkins, Jeff Hopkins, Mary-Anne Gatschene, Ryan Legros, Stephanie Paturel, Tammi Robertson, Simon Ly, Jenny Legros, Michelle Langdon, Anhar Qasem, Gayle Milne, Sarah Thompson, Diane Lewis, Ardija Ramic, Renate Edwards, Kerby Waud

Time In: 7:30

1) Approval of the Agenda

Motion to Approve – Tammi Robertson

Second – Simon Ly

Approved

2) Approval of the Minutes from November 2020

A motion was brought forward by Home and School Member, Katharine Draper Quinn, expressing concern that at the last meeting there was a motion to change the wording of the budget line for field trips to:

Based on marked trends, reasonable cost to provide field trips or classroom enhancements is \$15 per student. Home and School will support roughly 230 students. Any class or teacher can access these funds by submitting a request to Home and School Executive and the request will be voted on by association members during our monthly meeting.

The motion is that OFHSA conflict of interest indicates that situations must be avoided where people voting gain or benefit directly from the motion.

It is believed that because APPLE parents predominantly voted to change this, and that it is believed that this change of wording directly affects or benefits APPLE students, that this vote needs to be overturned.

Mr. Waud will be unpacking this further.

It has been requested that the Thames Valley Home and School Chair and superintendent be contacted.

There is a concern that this was not presented fairly at the November 2020 meeting.

A sub-committee will be formed to discuss this further. Please email afhomeandschool@gmail.com if you wish to join

This motion is deferred until the January 2021 meeting.

Motion to Approve the minutes from November 2020 – Tammi Robertson

Second – Mary-Anne Gatschene

Approved

3) No conflicts declared

4) Treasurer's Report

- There has not been a lot of activity
- The playground balls have all been purchased and handed out
- \$2415.47 to commit plus the \$2000 buffer

Motion to Approve – Tina Grozelle

Second - Tammi Robertson

Approved

5) Planning

- a) School Council Representative** – N/A
- b) Fundraising** – A passive approach if any. Spirit wear currently in process. There is currently a pause on all approvals. Any ideas must be submitted to Mr. Waud
- c) Hot Lunch** – Hot lunch is now finalized. All cheques have been written and delivered. Families donated \$2418.75 and \$1296.75 was refunded.
- d) Playground** – Surveyors will be coming to school in the Spring.
- e) Grant Committee** – PIF (Parent Involvement Fund) remains available. \$1000. Due by January 15, 2021. Possible ideas are mental health. Any ideas reach out afhomeandschool@gmail.com
- f) Grad Committee** – Sharlene McKeown is the contact for the Grad Committee. The graduation is scheduled for June 24, rain day is June 25. There are 3 different scenarios; drive by, outdoor or as it was previous years. More information will be coming from the board. Currently everything is on pause until more information is received. We cannot reserve the high school so most likely outside. \$300 will be available from APPLE.
- g) Other Events Committee** – People have not expressed interest in being part of the other events committee, but people are needed for this committee to run. Please email your interest to afschoollcouncil@gmail.com or kdraperq@yahoo.ca

- h) **Engagement Opportunities** – Lana-Lisa Coombs-Jackman and Gayle Milne are planning a presentation regarding Home and School/School Council/APPLE/Administration. Equity versus Equality. Should this be a separate meeting or at the regular home and school/school council meeting? The consensus is that this will be a separate meeting.
- i) **Communication Update** -If there is anything you want in the newsletter please email afhomeandschool@gmail.com
- j) **Mandate** – Proposed to host a contest where the question is sent to the school “*What is Arthur Ford about, What does the Arthur Ford family mean to you.*” The submissions can be reviewed at the January 2021 meeting.

6) Request for Funds

- Ms. Edwards is requesting funds to purchase prizes for spirit week.

Motion to Approve up to \$100 for prizes, including full size candy canes – Jamie Gorham

Second – Tammi Robertson

Approved

7) External Meetings

- TVCHSA (Thames Valley Council of Home and School Association) is having a social media webinar for parents and then for kids. Kim will post the details on Facebook.

Motion to Adjourn – Tammi Robertson

Second – Jamie Gorham

Approved

Time out – 8:55

Next meeting January 11, 2021 at 7:30pm (after School Council meeting) Virtually 10.

Next AGM May 2021 and AGM Minutes September 21, 2020 to be approved at that meeting