

Arthur Ford Home and School Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2022

Virtual Meeting

In Attendance:

Mary-Anne De Couto-Gatschene, Erin Twist, Randy Grozelle, Jamie Gorham, Mark Briggs, Damon Simpson, Gail Naraine, Lana-Lisa Coombs-Jackman, Tina Grozelle, Rebecca Terry, Michelle Langdon, Montea Sherritt, Kim Seguin, Samantha Rodriguez, William Rodriguez, Hilary Callowhill, James Callowhill, Katharine Draper Quinn, Sarah Kelly, Kevin Payne, Michelle Payne, Mark Dancey, Sarah Ruddach, Cheryl Dancey, Tammi Robertson, Marissa Baran, Josh Baran, Alexis Bilyea, Shellick, Diane Lewis, Michaela Jackman (Student Rep), Robin Neal (Teacher Rep), Tim Bonello (Principal), Renate Edwards (Vice Principal)

Time 8:00pm

1) Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve – Michelle Langdon

Seconded – Gail Naraine

Approved

2) Approval of Minutes from March 7, 2022

Motion to approve – Michelle Langdon

Seconded – Mark Dancey

Approved

3) No conflicts of interest declared

4) Treasure's Report

Current bank balance is - \$9,838.69

Designated funds: \$5,997.10

Total Spending not yet processed: \$2,459.01

Available to Commit: \$1,382.58

Motion to approve – Kim Seguin

Seconded – Gail Naraine

Approved

5) Proposed budget 2022-2023

The Budget Sub-committee "Budget Proposal for the 2022/2023 School Year" Report and Financials were presented by Sarah R. (Treasurer) – Budget sub-committee consist of 9 participants and they met 3 times (February 24, March 10 and March 24, 2022). Proposal is for Ideal budget and Covid Safe budget. High level overview, did not change the Covid Safe budget – proposing the same amount \$3000. Ideal budget – more changes. This year ideal budget is \$13,350.00 up \$1,450.00 more for next year to \$14,800.00 due to cost of increasing cost of living amounts. Questions asked and were answered by sub-committee members. No apposes

for the increased budget by members. Thank you so much to the budget subcommittee. Lots of hours and work. The Budget sub-committee will be putting forward the motion to approve "Budget Proposal for the 2022/2023 School Year" at the May 2, 2022 AGM.

Refer to the Budget Sub-committee "Budget Proposal for the 2022/2023 School Year" Report and Budget Proposal with Caveats for full details.

6) **Request for funds** – Received a request \$50 for indigo gift cards for the balanced day votes.

Approval for request – Michelle Langdon

Seconded – Robyn Johnston

Approved

Request came in today for funds (April 4) from Mrs. Murphy-Smith – for the following year, for educational funds, will go onto May's agenda.

7) **Planning and Updates**

Equity Update - Final approved Equity recommendations was in March's H&S newsletter for all AF community to review and have the info.

Grad update – legacy gift – nice little plaque in the school front lobby. \$100 is an estimate for the legacy plaque. Rest of the 2019/2020 Grad funds will go to 2021/2022 Grade 8 Grads. Grad committee currently meets every two weeks. School admin booked June 22 at Westminster for the Grade 8 Grads ceremony and dance.

Virtual whole school event – Kim will try to plan something for April with Love of Art.

8) **Fundraising updates**

- 2 hot lunches under our belt
- Fundraising sub-committee – Gail (VP) gave an update on FlipGive – \$229 made so far. If any parents need any help or are unsure of the app, Gail or an Exec Team member can assist.
- Bigbox cards – some schools are very successful and looking into doing the Bigbox cards, maybe next early in the school year for Christmas. Keep in mind for next year.
- Need to get together and coordinate with Home and School, APPLE and School Council to discuss fundraising – looking to coordinate in May and or June.
- Looking to do Fresh From the Farm and Spirit Wear in the Fall
- Fresh from the Farm – All members in favour to run this campaign for the fall. Katherine and Tina will help facilitate the fundraiser.

9) Communications

March 2022 H&S Newsletter has the Equity recommendations and other info such as opportunities like surveys, parent input, so that members and AF Community as a whole can have a voice.

Updates and current info is all in the March H&S newsletter.

AGM is next month (May 2nd). Voting for 2022/2023 Executive Team and will also look at membership for renewing and new members, spread the word. This info will be in the April 2022 H&S newsletter.

10) New Business

- Update on the playground – Christen sent an email to Tim Bonello, fundraiser in May with a food truck, family fun day. Tim looking into this. Sent email off the Sheila Builder, Superintendent to ask about this. Need playground proposal info provided. Need to know what is the board position is on fundraisers? Superintendent wants to know what the plan will look like for a family fun day. We might need a solidified playground proposal before we fundraise. Teresa Whaley Lopez, an H&S member from another school who led a playground fundraiser for her school, can help facilitate and assist us with a proposal for the fundraising for the playground.
- Family picnic? Is this on the table, not in the budget to plan this year. Not part of the covid safe budget. It was proposed by most members to defer to next year as it is not in the budget and it may not be the climate for it this year, where people do not feel safe just yet.

Motion to adjourn meeting – Michelle Langdon

Seconded – Gail Nariane

Approved

Time – 9:45pm

Next Meeting – May 2, 2022