

Arthur Ford Home and School Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2021

Virtual Meeting

In Attendance:

Lana Lisa, Jamie Gorham, Rebecca Terry, Christine Nararine, Anhar Qasem, Tammi Robertson, Mary Anne Gatschene, Gail Naraine, Montea Sherritt, Sarah Ruddach, Deanna and David Perks, Simon Ly, Kim Seguin, Mark and Cheryl Dancy, Michelle And Kevin Payne, Tina Grozelle, Tim Bonello, Renate Edwards, Gayle Milne, Diane Lewis, Michelle Langdon, Katharine Draper-Quinn, Stacey Jansen, Meg and Al Jarvis, Brittany Hopkins

Time In: 7:30

1) Approval of the Agenda

Motion to Approve – Anhar Qasem

Second – Katharine Draper-Quinn

Approved

2) Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve – Tammi Robertson

Second – Jamie Gorham

3) No conflicts declared

4) Principal's Report

- Thank you for everything so far. It has been a great start to the year!
- The students have mask breaks when eating, drinking and at recess.
- When parents are on school property the school asks that they remain masked.
- Only essential visitors are allowed inside the school currently
- All ventilation systems in the school are up to date
- A reminder to families to please complete the COVID screening each day
- The basketball net will be reinstalled
- The drainage issue by the FDK yard continues to be worked on
- The tetherballs are going to be removed

- Orange shirt day is September 30, 2021. The school is really trying to build awareness around this day
- All classes are currently undergoing diagnostics. This is when the reading/math levels are assessed for all students to see where the class is at
- The upcoming PD day will focus on anti-racism and culturally relevant and responsive pedagogy, as well as literacy
- This year students are not able to switch learning models throughout the year. If you have chosen online or in school, you are committed through June 2022
- Be mindful of kiss and ride and parking lot. Please follow the rules. Do not idle in the FDK yard, move along.
- Fundraising is on hold right now, except for Terry Fox. Terry Fox donations can be done online

Parent Questions

- 1) Can the FDK use the blue park?
 - Mr. Bonello will follow up about this
- 2) Can the bench be reinstalled?
 - The bench will not be reinstalled. It is damaged beyond repair.
- 3) Can parents volunteer at Kiss and Ride?
 - Yes, but proper police checks need to be in place

5) 2021/2022 Home and School Open Positions and Membership Campaign Drive

Open Positions

- Treasurer
- Fundraising
- Events Coordinator
- Sarah Ruddach has put their name forward for treasurer
- Sarah is a new member and would be eligible to be full treasurer as of October 20, 2021
- Are there any objections?
- None heard, Sarah will be the new treasurer for Home and School. Welcome Sarah.
- Fundraising and Events remain open
- Note from Ms. Edwards – Please check with Mr. Bonello or Ms. Edwards before proceeding with any grant applications
- By September 30, 2021 we must have all membership applications into the OFHSA. Please submit all forms by September 24, 2021 to the exec. Cash, cheque and e-transfer are accepted. This applies to both new and previous members. Membership drive will be advertised on Facebook, newsletter, and email.

6) Subcommittee Updates

- Bylaw subcommittee amendments will be looked at during the October 4, 2021 meeting
- Equity recommendations will be reviewed, 1 per meeting, throughout the year

7) Treasurer's Report

- Bank balance as of August 31, 2021 - \$10,656.24
- Designated funds; grad \$804.10, playground \$3193, buffer \$2000
- Approved spending not yet cashed \$3215.72
- Available to commit, outside of the \$2000 buffer, \$1443.42
- Follow up is required on read-a-thon freezies (\$50) and playground repairs (\$710) – are these funds still required?
- We will be utilizing the COVID planned budget this year
- The books are being sent to audit and then will be passed to the new treasurer

Motion to approve – Tammi Robertson

Second – Deanna Perks

Approved

8) Planning and Updates

Committee Updates

Budget Committee

- H & S will have a budget subcommittee this year. If interested in joining please email afhomeandschool@gmail.com
- This committee will most likely start early 2022 and be 3-4 meetings

Grad Committee

- Looking for chairs for both Grade 8 classes (Nixon/Huffman), as well as a grade 7 parent rep
- A teacher's representative is also required. Teacher's rep will make sure we have proper parent representatives
- Mr. Bonello will support this.
- As fundraising is not currently approved, nor do we know what grad will look like, best to lay low currently, be mindful of people's time and recognize the situation we are currently in.
- Home and school will make a draft about the graduation committee and provide to Mr. Bonello

Playground Committee

- A survey has been completed for the new playground
- The sensory path is being reviewed; do we still have room for it?

Communication Committee

- The first newsletter has been sent out
- The committee is attempting to have monthly meetings

9) New Business

Request for funds

- The school reviewed their literacy materials and it has been decided that they need to be upgraded
- The superintendent has given some funds, but resources are still required for primary and intermediate
- Books are best practice over Raz Kids and other electronic learning resources
- Currently H & S has committed \$2000 to assist but we will need to be able to fundraise to reach that goal
- TVDSB will be having a meeting about fundraising abilities shortly.
- Question – Are parents able to donate books directly to the library? Mr. Bonello will follow up

Motion to adjourn – Jamie Gorham

Second – Tammi Robertson

Adjourned

Time out – 9:00

Next meeting October 4, 2021 at 7:30pm (after School Council meeting) Virtually.