

Arthur Ford Home and School Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2021

Virtual Meeting (Microsoft Teams)

In Attendance:

Katharine Draper- Quinn, Deanna Perks, Gail Naraine, Lana-Lisa CoombsJackman, Michelle Langdon, Sarah Kelly, Damon Simpson, Mary-Anne Gatschene, Meg Jarvis, Ana Lyons, Kim Seguin, Montea Sherritt, Tammi Robertson, Scott Kitching, Michelle Payne, Kevin Payne, Randy Grozelle, Anhar Qasem, Alexis Bilyea, Christen Boundikas, Diane Lewis, Mark Dancey, Jenny McGill, Bonnie Weitzel, Jill Watson, Cheryl Dancey, David Perks, Hilary Callowhill, Maegan Jamieson, Ola Sater, Sarah Ruddach, Rebecca Terry, Tania Granadillo de Espanol, Jennifer Mikolajczuk, Rich Mikolajczuk, Beth Houston, Jackie, Jamie Gorham, Simon Ly, Ray Quinn, Jamie Gorham, Shannon Lague, Tim Bonello, Renate Edwards

Time In: 7:45

Welcome to the new executive members

Lana- Lisa Coombs-Jackman, President

Robyn Johnson – Vice President

Gail Naraine – Vice President

Sarah Ruddach – Treasurer

Erin Twist - Secretary

1) Approval of the Agenda

Motion to Approve – Tammi Robertson

Second – Deanna Perks

Approved

2) Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2021

Motion to Approve – Deanna Perks

Second – Mark Dancey

Approved

3) No conflicts declared

4) Principal's Report

- There will be a return to organized sports

- TVDSB recognizes that athletics focus on skills development and enabling connections beyond the classroom to promote well being
- In school opportunities for K – 6 and gradual return to inter school competition for grades 7 & 8
- Students who are eligible (grades 7 & 8) and volunteers must be vaccinated to participate
- Grades 7 & 8 have until November 30, 2021 to be fully vaccinated to participate
- In the interim students will have to participate in rapid testing for COVID 19 to be able to participate
- Masks will be worn on the sidelines and when not playing
- Fundraising has been approved for online only and contactless payment/delivery
- Picture day has been cancelled
- There will be a vaccination clinic on October 5, 2021. This is for grade 7/8 during the day and open to the public in the evening
- Report Cards are November 5, 2021

5) Financial Report

- There have been two changes since last report. \$710 that was being saved for playground repairs has been released. The school will be paying for these repairs. \$50 that was earmarked for read-a-thon can also be released.
- There is \$2203.42 available to commit.
- OFHSA requires a 3rd party to sign off on our financial reports. The reports have been signed off for 2020-2021 and will be submitted

Motion to approve the financial report – Tammi Robertson

Second – Gail Naraine

Approved

6) Bylaw Subcommittee Update

Current Bylaw under Volunteerism

Strive to have equal Executive representation from Neighbourhood and APPLE classrooms, should an election vote result in a tie, a need to balance out the house will be the final decision maker. Membership is not limited (paid and non-paid)

Proposed Amendment

Strive to have equal Executive representation from Neighbourhood and APPLE classrooms, should an election vote result in a tie, a need to balance out the house, the President of Home and School will be the tie breaker or make the final decision (this decision making process follows the Robert's Rule of Order procedures)

Motion to Accept – Christen Boundikas

Second – Erin Twist

Accepted

7) Home and School Membership Drive

- The drive has been on Facebook, School Messenger, email.
- We now have 27 members which includes good representation from Neighbourhood
- Thank you to everyone who has put their membership in, you can always add your membership throughout the year.

8) Review of Equity Statement

- A review of the OFHSA vision and mission statement compared with our own
- TVDSB has been working on an equity plan for the past year. Details can be found at <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/parents/equity-action-plan.aspx>

9) Planning and Updates

a. School Council

- Voting has occurred and new executive is in place

b. Whole School Nature Park Committee

- Propose to create a whole school Nature Park Committee that would work with Penny Lane
- This committee would work directly with the board
- Mr. Bonello is proposing merging Penny Lane with the whole school committee
- Determined that the first step is to create the whole school committee
- If you are interested in assisting, please email Tammi at tammirobertson@gmail.com

Motion forward – Tammi Robertson

Second – Jamie Gorham

None opposed

c. Playground

- Playground committee would still like to do the sensory path through the FDK wall/yard. This will be reviewed in the spring.
- Options for the new playground will be presented at the November meeting.

10) New Business

Request for funds – none at present

Other new business – The new invitation system for this meeting was not successful

Motion to Adjourn – Mark Dancey

Second – Christen Boundikas

Time Out – 8:45

Next meeting is Monday, November 1, 2021 at 7:30 or following school council.