

Arthur Ford Home and School Meeting

November 1, 2021

Virtual Meeting

In Attendance:

Lana-Lisa Coombs Jackman, Kim Seguin, Gail Naraine, Erin Twist, Meg Jarvis, Rebecca Terry, Montea Sherritt, Christine Naraine, Michelle Langdon, Ana Lyons, , Michelle Payne, Hillary Callowhill, Sarah Kelly, Michelle Payne, Kevin Payne, Katharine Draper-Quinn, Mark Dancey, Cheryl Dancey, Alexis Bilyea, Ian Morenz, Melissa Morenz, Anhar Qasem, Jamie Gorham, Sarah Ruddach, Gayle Milne, Deanna Perks, Tim Bonello, Renate Edwards

Time In: 7:30

1) Approval of the Agenda

Motion to Approve – Kim Seguin

Second – Sarah Ruddach

Approved

2) Approval of Minutes from October 4, 2021

Motion to Approve – Michelle Langdon

Second – Gail Naraine

Approved

3) No conflicts declared

4) Principal's Report

- Schools received a memo on October 20, 2021 indicating that crowdfunding platforms (ie. Fundscript, kickstarter, flipgive, etc) are no longer permitted
- This is based on board and ministry guidelines
- There has been a lot of requests to allow Flipgive. One of the main issues is that people can donate directly online and this is not permitted within the guidelines
- The board has determined that this feature can be turned off through the campaign organizer
- Given this information, at this time, schools, school councils, and Home and Schools Associations are permitted to utilize FlipGive based on the following requirements:
 - Fundraising organizers must request that FlipGive deactivate the donation functionality for their specific campaign and provide confirmation that this has occurred to the school administrator before fundraising begins.

- It is the responsibility of the principal to ensure this functionality has been deactivated
- Regarding schools using Multi-level Marketing companies, such as "Thirty-One", "Tupperware", etc., the concern revolves around the potential for a conflict of interest.
- If the person selling the items is either connected to the School Council/Home and School, there is a potential conflict because they stand to profit from the fundraiser or gain greater marketing exposure because of the fundraising event.
- We have had this question before, our standard response is: There are other fundraising options available to schools that do not have the same risk of conflict of interest as using a multi-level marketing company. That said, if a school council or parent group wishes to use this type of vendor it is permitted providing that the individual selling the goods is at "arm's length" from the school council/parent group. To ensure transparency, it is recommended that a school council or parent group discuss any potential conflict of interests around using a specific multi-level marketing company at a meeting, documenting this discussion in the meeting minutes

5) Financial Report

- The balance of account is \$10,656.24
- \$5997.10 is for grad, buffer, and playground
- \$2455.72 is already committed (including \$2000 for literacy)
- Remaining balance is \$2203.42
- Of the \$2000 that is set aside for literacy \$864 is being directed toward Forest of Reading (indicated below)

Motion to approve the financial report – Gail Naraine

Second – Erin Twist

Approved

6) Planning and Updates

Committee Updates

Whole School Nature Park

- Home and School, School Council and Tammi Robertson are going to meet to discuss this prior to moving forward. There has been interest in this committee
- Question – who will fund the upkeep of the plots? A final contract has not been received but it is thought it will lie with the nature park

Equity

- We are going to go through the recommendations through out the year in order to show how the work is being actioned.

Budget

- The budget committee will commence in January 2022. Please email afhomeandschool@gmail.com if you are interested in joining.

Fundraising

- We are looking for fundraising co-chairs, as well as event leads. Please mail afhomeandshcool@gmail.com if you are interested.
- Hot lunch can begin again. Please email if you are able to assist
- All fundraising needs to be as contactless as possible
- Good communication between APPLE and school is necessary for successful fundraising.

Playground

- Postponed until next meeting.

7) New Business

Request for funds

- The Forest of Reading books are \$1728 for the year. The school is requesting ½ the cost, \$864. This is the largest Canadian recreational reading program. It will promote Canadian authors and books to improve literacy. The books have different names/ levels; Blue Spruce. Silver Birch, Red Maple. Benefit all grades. School has approved their side.
- These funds will be part of the \$2000 that is already on hold
- This will purchase about 50 books, to be purchased in November

Motion to approve \$864 for the request: Kim Seguin

Second – Erin Twist

None opposed, motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn – Gail Naraine

Second – Erin Twist

Time Out – 8:30

Next meeting is Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7:30 or following school council.