

Arthur Ford Home and School Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2022

Virtual Meeting

In Attendance:

Lana-Lisa Coombs-Jackman, Gail Naraine, Erin Twist, Kim Seguin, Michelle Langdon, Deanna Perks, Montea Sherritt, Christine Naraine, Alexis Bilyea, Mary-Anne Gatschene, Michelle Payne, Jamie Gorham, Bonnie Weitze, Cheryl Dancey, Mark Dancey, Rebecca Terry, Damon Simpson, Tina Grozelle, Hillary Callowhill, Meg Jarvis, Robin Neal, Renate Edwards, Tim Bonello

Time In: 7:40

1) Approval of the Agenda

Motion to Approve – Deanna Perks

Second – Michelle Langdon

Approved

2) Approval of Minutes from February 2022

Motion to Approve – Gail Naraine

Second – Deanna Perks

Approved

3) No conflicts declared

4) Treasurer's Report

- Current balance is 10450.10
- Available to commit \$1356.33 (over and above the \$2000 buffer)
- Grad funds – There are \$804.10 from Grad 2020 that should be spent this year
- Ideas include a tree, plaque, little library,
- Hoping to come to a conclusion within the next few weeks
- Any remaining funds can go to this year's graduates but the board does want there to be a commemorative item for the 2020 class

Motion to Approve – Erin Twist

Second – Gail Naraine

Approved

5) Planning and Updates

i) Equity Recommendations 9 & 10

Recommendation 9

Arthur Ford Home and School Association and School Council places consistent effort each year into the consideration of technology needs and technology access as a tool for parent engagement as well as recognizing that inequitable access to technology provides a barrier to a full educational experience for students preparing for the future.

How it has been actioned so far:

- Ongoing promotion of Chromebooks provided by School Council for parent involvement purposes
- Looked for opportunities for technology distribution and provision through budget/fundraising on an ongoing basis in consideration of TVDSB guidelines.
- Fundraised over the years for technology to support the school
- Promote available programs to assist families to access technology within the community via Facebook and Home and School Newsletter
- Send information to families on advocacy and where they can advocate for programs that support families, schools etc.
- Consistently communicate opportunities and /or events to the Whole School via Home and School monthly newsletters, Arthur Ford school newsletters, school messenger, AF weekly updates, Facebook page and hardcopy (when requested).
- When possible, look at ways that opportunities can align with our equity statement and with our mission, vision and values.

Recommendation 10

Arthur Ford Home and School Association and School Council look for opportunities to advocate for an appropriately funded, safe, and equitable public education system.

How it has been actioned so far:

- Share information as it pertains to funding, equity and equality through H&S newsletters, school newsletters and other communication channels.
- Ensure that parents are aware that fundraising is not mandatory and should not be relied upon to replace adequate government funding for strong public education and H&S will support the school, where and if possible, of areas that are not adequately funded.
- Share advocacy topics which could include mental health supports, curriculum changes, safety, inclusion, physical education, arts, outdoor access etc.
- Participating in OFHSA and TVDSB surveys etc. to help facilitate and inform ways to get the parent voice and to share opportunities to have their concerns raised with the TVDSB, Ministry of Education, trustees, members of provincial parliament, and other representatives.
- Consistently communicate opportunities and/or events to the Whole School via Home and School monthly newsletters, Arthur Ford school newsletters, school messenger, AF weekly updates, Facebook page and hardcopy (when requested).

- When possible, look at ways that opportunities can align with our equity statement and also with our mission, vision and values.

Motion to Approve – Deanna Perks

Second – Michelle Langdon

Approved

ii) Budget Subcommittee

- The Budget Subcommittee has started.
- The first meeting was February 24, 2022
- The subcommittee will be creating both an actual and a COVID budget
- The subcommittee will be going through all line items as well as wish list requests

iii) Fundraising

- Munch-a-lunch does have a fundraising section which we could utilize
 - For Hot Lunch Byron Pizza, Marshalls, and Subway have been confirmed
 - Munch- a-lunch will be \$135.60 plus tax for the remainder of the year
 - Hot lunch will start after March Break.
 - We have received \$137 through FlipGive
 - FlipGive will continue to be promoted
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- No requests for funds at present

Motion to Adjourn – Deanna Perks

Second – Michelle Langdon

Time Out – 8:35

Next meeting is Monday, April 4, 2022, immediately following School Council.