



SCHOOL Arthur Ford PS

PRINCIPAL Renate Edawrds

At the end of the school council term, as mandated by the Ministry of Education Regulation 612, school councils are required to submit an annual report to the school and the school board, **outlining the council's goals, activities, including any fund-raising activities and achievements.**

By **September 30**, each year, the report must be completed and;

- **A copy kept on file at school**
- **Copies made available to all parents and School Council members**
- **A copy submitted to TVDSB by email to l.fraser@tvdsb.ca**

If more space is required, please feel free to attach additional information

1. PLEASE LIST THE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

| | NAME |
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| PARENTS | Co Chairs: Gail Naraine and Rebecca Redmond |
| | Treasurer: Gail Milne |
| | Secretary: Jennifer Mikolajczuk |
| | Avdija Ramic |
| | Megan Alexander |
| | Robyn Johnston |
| | Brittany Hopkins |
| | Karen Papadopoulos, Jamie Gorham |
| | Heather Chalmers, Deanna Perks |
| REPRESENTATIVE FROM OTHER PARENT GROUPS (PROVIDE NAME OF GROUP) | |
| PRINCIPAL | Renate Edwards |
| TEACHING REP. | Robin Neal |
| NON-TEACHING REP. | n/a |

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| STUDENT REP(S) | Rotated between different Grade 7 and 8 students |
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GOALS of the School Council... *Supporting student achievement* School councils are required to set goals annually. List the school council goals for the past year:

Our goal as a School Council was to provide opportunities for parents, educators, students, and the community to actively participate as contributors to improving student achievement, success and well-being. Our key focus was establishing community relationships, promoting meaningful parental and community involvement, actively seeking the views of our school community and creating a broadened consensus around the purpose of public education and around student learning. We kept informed about school and Board policies and procedures and communicated with the community about their activities. We provide an open forum for suggestions and discussion of issues and concerns related to the school, school community, and TVDSB. We ensured coordination, co-operation, and unity between the Neighbourhood School Program and the APPLE Program

MEETINGS of the School Council... *Supporting student achievement*

During the school year, our school council held 7 (*number*) meetings.

Generally, the school council met on the first (*first, second, etc*) Monday (*day*) of (*every, every other*) every month.

School Council meetings started at ___6:00___ (*time*) and usually lasted for about (*1, 1.5, 2, 2.5*) 1 hours.

ACTIVITIES of the School Council... *Supporting student achievement*

Briefly describe the activities your school council undertook this school year. This includes any activity or event that you hosted or participated in that was not a regular meeting. This does *not* include fundraising activities.

1. **Investing in Children's** - Family Literacy and Math Event - which was a Parent Engagement event for families in Grades JK – 3.

The Program Objectives include:

- Provide children with a variety of engaging, hands-on activities to enhance their literacy and math skills.
- Better equip parents to assist their children in learning and making learning connections.
- Provide parents with activities and ideas that will extend learning into the home.
- Provide a connection between the Home, School and Community as a whole.
- Provide an inclusive learning environment for all including newcomer families

They offered 10-12 engaging, play-based activity stations for families to explore together.

The activities not only focus on the school curriculum of literacy skills and math strands but often include science, technology, engineering and art. They also carefully embed cultural diversity and social/emotional

learning elements into all of the events we offer. The event was a huge success!!

2. Internet Safety

The presentation was an interactive discussion given by Abe Giesbriecht who is from the London Children's Connection and has 17 years of experience in delivering cybersecurity teachings. It was very informative and beneficial to all parents. Abe provided us with a list of resources for all parents (attachments were in English & Arabic) to continue with their learning at home.

We as a School Council teamed up with Cyber Legends to offer parents a 1-Year Cyber Legends Premium License Membership.

Cyber Legends is a game-based learning platform designed to teach K-8 kids how to be safe when they're online. Cyber Legends incorporates essential cyber safety topics such as password protection, personal information, consent, and more! Their resources help parents prepare their kids to navigate the online world. Additionally, their video game helps reinforce the learning by incorporating cyber safety quests alongside fun gameplay. This too was a success.

FUNDRAISING

Every school council, whether or not they are fundraising, *must* submit a financial report to the Thames Valley District School Board Finance Dept. by September 30th each year.

Our school council: Does not fundraise

Fundraises (if yes, this should be a sub---committee of your school council)

If your school council is fundraising, please indicate how the school council funds were spent this year (items purchased, donations, etc.).

ACHIEVEMENTS of the School Council... *Supporting student achievement*

Please list the achievements of the School Council including Parent Involvement Strategies

Arthur Ford School Council continues to engage in different initiatives that we hope to continue to build on in the future. Our initiative to have technology available for families to attend virtual meetings if they did not have the means to do so is still very much available. This year we incorporated a few of our meetings to be hybrid, so families had the choice to come back and attend our meetings in person as well as having the option of being apart from their own home. We will continue to build on this hybrid strategy to make meetings accessible to as many families going forward as well as connecting and building relationships with families and communicating virtually.

Our School Council also followed several topics of concern to families and ensured that any updates to issues brought forward were communicated to families. Some of these topics included verifying the process in the School Council By-laws the Voting policy for new Executive School Council members and the members at large, and the Dress Code Policy.

Members of the School Council also attended virtual meetings, information sessions, and webinars to gather information on topics related to parent engagement and involvement.

Members participated in the sub-committees for grant writing.

R Redmond

Rebecca Redmond - September 27, 2023

School Council Chairperson (Printed) Signed Date

G. Naraine

Gail Naraine - September 27, 2023

School Council Co/Vice Chairperson (Printed) Signed Date

Renate Edwards

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Sept 27/23

Principal (Printed) Signed Date

Thank you for your commitment to your school councils and advancing student achievement.