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2022

**OFHSA
ANNUAL MEETING
MINUTES**

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Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations
2022 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
April 30th 2022 – 10 a.m. - Online Meeting

Quorum was present with 16 members.

Bylaw - Article XVI, 2: The quorum for the Annual Meeting shall be based on the total potential vote, and 5% (five percent) of this potential vote shall constitute the quorum.

Total potential vote based on paid members in Associations in good standing at Dec 31st (1515 members for 2020); potential votes being 84. Therefore 5% = 6 voting delegates to meet quorum.

Prior to the call to order, meeting norms were reviewed.

1. Welcome and call to order:

This meeting was called to order. 10:11 am

We would like to begin our meeting by acknowledging the "traditional territories" of the aboriginal nations in which the Associations operate.

Chair of the Meeting - S. Thomson, President welcomed all delegates to the 2022 OFHSA Annual Meeting.

Understanding the current pandemic restrictions, OFHSA hosted this meeting of members virtually to remain in compliance with OFHSA Bylaws and following the traditional Annual Meeting agenda as best as we can.

Members please change your sign in name to be your First Name/Last Name/Association, all together on one line.

2. Appointment of duties for the Annual Meeting:

Executive Secretary, Angela Murchie: GoTo Meeting host and on-screen presentation

1st Vice-President, Nancy Raymond: Chat monitor

Volunteer Abigail Murchie: speaker list, hands up monitor

* Meeting Norms provided during the meeting and approved.

3. Adoption of the agenda for the 2022 OFHSA Annual Meeting:

APR22-AM-01 THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.

**MMS R. Diab, from Ancaster Meadow HSA
S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
CARRIED**

4. Adoption of the business procedures for the 2022 Annual Meeting:

APR22-AM-02 THAT THE BUSINESS PROCEDURES FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING BE ADOPTED.

**MMS N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
L. Coombs-Jackman, from Arthur Ford HSA
CARRIED**

5. Adoption of the minutes of the 2021 OFHSA Annual Meeting:

APR22-AM-03 THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 2021 OFHSA ANNUAL MEETING BE ADOPTED.

**MMS N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
CARRIED**

6. Adoption of the OFHSA Report to Members

APR22-AM-04 THAT THE OFHSA REPORT TO MEMBERS BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

**MMS N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
CARRIED**

7. Nominations report:

The nominations report, presented by A. Murchie, advised that the following federation officers were elected for 2022-2023 term by the OFHSA Board of Directors:

President: Nancy Raymond
1st Vice-President: Krysten Rafferty
2nd Vice-President: Ashley Billedeau
Past-President: Sarah Thomson

APR22-AM-05 THAT THE NOMINATIONS REPORT BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.

**MMS L. Coombs-Jackman, from Arthur Ford HSA
C. Breninck, from June Rose Callwood HSA
CARRIED**

8. CHSF Report:

In order to realize our vision, “excellence in public education of all Canadian children and youth”, and to achieve our mission, “the national voice of parents, promoting excellence in public education as well as the social well-being of children and youth”, our decision making is grounded by core values. These core values include public education, parent involvement and partnerships, independence balanced with meaningful partnerships, volunteerism, research, special worth of every child and youth, respect and dignity, and fiscal responsibility.

The Canadian Home and School Federation believes all children and youth in Canada are entitled to an excellent public education. Parents must be recognized as key education partners in preserving and promoting excellence in public education. The health and well-being of Canadian students are essential components to learning. Parents must be valued and respected in their role as advocates for children and youth.

Parents like you and I do make a difference. Become involved in your children’s school or the school in your community.

Arlene Morell
President

9. OFHSA Bylaw Amendments (see Annual Meeting Package Part A)

In accordance with OFHSA Bylaws the Annual Meeting package was sent out 45 days prior to the meeting.

OFHSA offered 2 Q&A sessions virtually for all members to attend and share their questions and concerns

9.1

APR22-AM-06 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., adopt the amended Association Bylaws.

MMS E. Moitoso, from Zorra HSA
A. Billedeau, from Wilton Grove HSA
CARRIED

9.2

APR22-AM-07 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., adopt the amended Council Bylaws.

MMS N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
C. Breninck, from June Rose Callwood HSA
CARRIED

9.3

APR22-AM-08 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., adopt the amended Federation Bylaws.

MMS A. Billedeau, from Wilton Grove HSA
C. Breninck, from June Rose Callwood HSA
CARRIED

10. OFHSA Expiring Action Recommendations from 2019 (see Annual Meeting Package Part B)

There are no Expiring Action Recommendations from 2019.

11. New Policy Resolutions and Action Recommendations

11.1 POLICY STATEMENT - Laura Matesic-Murray from Wilton Grove HSA

APR22-AM-09 ***Therefore Be It Resolved That The Ontario Federation Of Home And School Associations Inc., Adopt The Policy That There Be Standardized Supervision Regulations For Staff To Student Ratios For Outdoor Environments In Ontario Schools.***

MMS **A. Billedeau, from Wilton Grove HSA
S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
CARRIED**

11.2 ACTION RECOMMENDATION #1 - Laura Matesic-Murray from Wilton Grove HSA

APR22-AM-10 ***Therefore Be It Resolved That Ontario Federation Of Home And School Associations Inc., Petition The Minister And Ministry Of Education To Establish Guidelines And Standardized Staff To Student Ratios For Outdoor Educational Environments In Ontario Schools.***

MMS **A. Billedeau, from Wilton Grove HSA
S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
CARRIED**

11.3 POLICY STATEMENT -Shannon Duncan OFHSA Policy Workgroup Leader

APR22-AM-11 **Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., adopt the policy that all precautions necessary for protecting the health and safety of students and staff in Ontario schools during a provincial state of emergency are taken.**

MMS **A. Billedeau, from Wilton Grove HSA
N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
CARRIED**

11.4 ACTION RECOMMENDATION #1

APR22-AM-12 **Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., petition the Minister and Ministry of Education to establish guidelines that ensure the protection of the health and safety of students and staff in Ontario schools during a provincial state of emergency.**

MMS **A. Billedeau, from Wilton Grove HSA
N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
CARRIED**

11.5 POLICY STATEMENT

APR22-AM-13 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., adopt the policy that there be a standardized e-textbook service provider made available to all district school boards in Ontario.

**MMS S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
L. Coombs-Jackman, from Arthur Ford HSA
CARRIED**

11.6 ACTION RECOMMENDATION #1

APR22-AM-14 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., petition the Minister and Ministry of Education to establish guidelines that ensure that a standardized e-textbook service provider will be made available to all district school boards in Ontario.

**MMS S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
E. Moitoso, from Zorra HSA
CARRIED**

11.7 POLICY STATEMENT

APR22-AM-15 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., adopt the policy that Ontario schools will provide mental health supports to students in crisis in lieu of School Resource Officers.

**MMS L. Coombs-Jackman, from Arthur Ford HSA
E. Moitoso, from Zorra HSA
CARRIED**

11.8 ACTION RECOMMENDATION #1

APR22-AM-16 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., petition the Minister and Ministry of Education and the Minister and Ministry of Health to increase students' access to mental health supports.

**MMS S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
R. Diab, from Ancaster Meadow HSA
CARRIED**

11.9 ACTION RECOMMENDATION #2

APR22-AM-17 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., petition the Minister and Ministry of Education and

the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police to reduce the use of School Resource Officers in schools.

**MMS A. Billedeau, from Wilton Grove HSA
N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
CARRIED**

11.10 POLICY STATEMENT

APR22-AM-18 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., adopt the policy that district school boards revise their dress code policies to ensure gender neutrality.

**MMS S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
CARRIED**

11.11 ACTION RECOMMENDATION #1

APR22-AM-19 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., advocate for increased levels of gender neutrality in dress code policies at the provincial and district school board levels.

**MMS L. Coombs-Jackman, from Arthur Ford HSA
N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
CARRIED**

11.12 POLICY STATEMENT

APR22-AM-20 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., adopt the policy that there be policies and protocols developed and implemented to support LGBTQ+ youth in Ontario schools.

**MMS L. Coombs-Jackman, from Arthur Ford HSA
S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
CARRIED**

11.13 ACTION RECOMMENDATION #1

APR22-AM-21 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., petition the Minister and Ministry of Education to develop and implement policies and protocols that support the health, safety and well-being of LGBTQ+ youth in Ontario schools.

**MMS L. Coombs-Jackman, from Arthur Ford HSA
S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
CARRIED**

11.14 POLICY STATEMENT

APR22-AM-22 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., adopt the policy that media literacy training be a standardized, compulsory and repeated component of health and safety training and continuous education of all educators.

**MMS A. Billedeau, from Wilton Grove HSA
N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
CARRIED**

11.15 ACTION RECOMMENDATION #1

APR22-AM-23 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., petition the Minister and Ministry of Education to work in collaboration with school boards, educators, teacher training programs and experts in the field of information to develop and implement a mandatory media literacy competence course that is regularly updated in keeping with changes in technology to be routinely completed by all teachers and educators. This should include information on cyber security, misinformation, bias, digital citizenship, research methods, and corporate interests of various platforms with cross-curricular applications as well as implications for individual student health and safety.

**MMS C. Breninck, from June Rose Callwood HSA
N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
CARRIED**

11.16 POLICY STATEMENT

APR22-AM-24 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., advocate for increased funding for education, mental health supports, social services, and other community building infrastructure so that it supersedes funding for police units.

**MMS A. Billedeau, from Wilton Grove HSA
N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
CARRIED**

11.17 ACTION RECOMMENDATION #1

APR22-AM-25 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home

and School Associations Inc., monitor increases in police budgets and compare these to education and community resource budgets.

**MMS A. Billedeau, from Wilton Grove HSA
N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
CARRIED**

11.18 ACTION RECOMMENDATION #2

APR22-AM-26 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., petition the Minister and Ministry of Education, the Minister and Ministry of the Solicitor General, and Ontario municipalities to reject increased police budgets, support demilitarization, and campaign to redirect policing budgets into mental health supports and community programming.

**MMS A. Billedeau, from Wilton Grove HSA
N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
CARRIED**

11.19 POLICY STATEMENT

APR22-AM-27 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., adopt the policy that closing classrooms in the event of a public health emergency should demand a pivot to outdoor in-person learning in lieu of or in addition to a pivot to online learning.

**MMS A. Billedeau, from Wilton Grove HSA
N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
CARRIED**

11.20 ACTION RECOMMENDATION #1

APR22-AM-28 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., petition the Minister and Ministry of Education to provide funding for the creation of outdoor learning spaces and training for school boards, educators and all staff on moving schools to an outdoor learning setting that matches the resources spent on the development of online learning.

**MMS L. Coombs-Jackman, from Arthur Ford HSA
S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
CARRIED**

11.21 ACTION RECOMMENDATION #2

APR22-AM-29 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., petition the Minister and Ministry of Education to develop and implement training for school boards, educators and all staff to conduct in-person outdoor education in the event of school building closures and as part of their daily routine in non-emergency times as well.

**MMS L. Coombs-Jackman, from Arthur Ford HSA
N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
CARRIED**

11.22 POLICY STATEMENT RECISSION

APR22-AM-30 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., rescind Policy II.B.2.2.1: that Canadian history be a compulsory course at the grade 12 level in both four- and five-year courses.

**MMS S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
CARRIED**

11.23 POLICY STATEMENT RECISSION

APR22-AM-31 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., rescind Policy II.F.1.5: that there be an AIDS advisory committee, which includes representation from provincially recognized parent, teacher, trustee, and student organizations, to establish guidelines for determining a policy on any occurrence of AIDS in Ontario schools.

**MMS S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
CARRIED**

11.24 POLICY STATEMENT RECISSION

APR22-AM-32 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., rescind Policy II.F.1.6: that district school boards establish AIDS advisory committees with parent, teacher, trustee, and student representation to deal with issues and concerns arising from any incidence of AIDS within their schools.

**MMS L. Coombs-Jackman, from Arthur Ford HSA
S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA**

CARRIED

11.25 POLICY STATEMENT RECISSION

APR22-AM-33 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., rescind Policy II.G.1.1.1: that the Ministry of Colleges and Universities and the Ministry of Education permit prospective students to write entrance tests in their local schools.

**MMS A. Billedeau, from Wilton Grove HSA
S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
CARRIED**

11.26 POLICY STATEMENT RECISSION

APR22-AM-34 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., rescind Policy II.G.1.1.2: that several locations be established throughout Ontario whereby all necessary interviews and tests can be conducted by college staff.

**MMS L. Coombs-Jackman, from Arthur Ford HSA
S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
CARRIED**

11.27 POLICY STATEMENT RECISSION

APR22-AM-35 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., rescind Policy III.B.1.4: that the sale of beer and wine in grocery and convenience stores be prohibited.

**MMS N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
CARRIED**

11.28 POLICY STATEMENT RECISSION

APR22-AM-36 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., rescind Policy III.G.5.1: that municipalities be allowed to regulate pin ball establishments as to hours of operation, distance from schools, number of persons allowed on the premises at one time and the age of participants.

**MMS N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
CARRIED**

11.29 POLICY STATEMENT AMENDMENT

APR22-AM-37 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., amend Policy II.A.2.5.2: that children of all faiths be granted the privilege of not attending school on their major religious holidays, and that no exams be scheduled on these days: that each faith be asked to submit yearly a list of these days to the Ministry of Education.

TO:

that community leaders of each religious faith be asked to submit a list of major religious holidays to the Ministry of Education on a yearly basis. Students of all faiths shall be given the choice of not attending school on these days, and no exams may be scheduled on these days.

**MMS N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
CARRIED**

11.30 POLICY STATEMENT AMENDMENT

APR22-AM-38 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., amend Policy II.A.3.1.1: that no elementary class exceeds 15 students in number at the Jr. Kindergarten level, 18 students in number at the Sr. Kindergarten level, 20 students in number at the Primary level and 25 students in number at the junior and intermediate levels and that consideration be given to a weighting factor to recognize the students with special needs who are being integrated into the regular classes.

TO:

that no class size exceeds 20 students full-day Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten, 20 students at the Primary level, and 25 students at the Junior and Intermediate levels.

**MMS N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
E. Moitoso, from Zorra HSA
CARRIED**

11.31 POLICY STATEMENT AMENDMENT

APR22-AM-39 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., amend Policy II.B.2.2.4: that in consultation with aboriginal leaders, anthropologists and sociologists, materials be assembled and published designed to provide Ontario teachers with the whole story of the Canadian aboriginal in Ontario including residential schools.

TO:

that in consultation with Indigenous leaders, anthropologists, and sociologists, materials be assembled and published to provide Ontario educators with the knowledge and resources necessary to communicate a truthful account of Canada's Indigenous histories, including residential schools.

**MMS E. Moitoso, from Zorra HSA
S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
CARRIED**

11.32 POLICY STATEMENT AMENDMENT

APR22-AM-40 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., amend Policy II.B.2.9.4: that family living education should be incorporated into the curricula of Faculties of Education, stressing the need for classroom discussion respecting diversity of opinions, and including discussion of bias to help teachers avoid indoctrinating pupils, based on an individual teacher's personal set of values.

TO:

that educators be trained effectively in the respecting of diverse opinions and the importance of avoiding biases which might indoctrinate students into an individual educators belief system.

**MMS E. Moitoso, from Zorra HSA
S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
CARRIED**

11.33 POLICY STATEMENT AMENDMENT

APR22-AM-41 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., amend Policy II.B.2.9.10: that the physical education program in elementary schools include a compulsory exercise period daily at each grade level; be used primarily for individual fitness development with emphasis on participation not competition; provide boys and girls with equal opportunity to participate in sports activities.

TO:

that the physical education program in elementary schools include:

- **A compulsory exercise period daily at each grade level**
- **Opportunities for individual fitness development, with emphasis on non-competitive participation**
- **Equal opportunity for all students to participate in sports activities**

**MMS E. Moitoso, from Zorra HSA
S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
CARRIED**

11.34 POLICY STATEMENT AMENDMENT

APR22-AM-42 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., amend Policy II.B.6.1.4: that school-by-school results for large-scale provincially mandated assessments of student learning are not to be used in any ranking activity, i.e. any “naming and shaming” activity, that is easily misinterpreted and can undermine the integrity of the public education system.

TO:

that school-by-school results for large-scale provincially mandated assessments of student learning are not to be used in ranking activities of any kind.

**MMS A. Billedeau, from Wilton Grove HSA
S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
CARRIED**

11.35 POLICY STATEMENT AMENDMENT

APR22-AM-43 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., amend Policy II.B.6.2.1: that student scholastic records (OSR) be made available to parents or guardians on request and at not less than yearly intervals.

TO:

that Ontario Student Records (OSR) be made available to parents/guardians upon request

**MMS C. Breninck, from June Rose Callwood HSA
N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
CARRIED**

11.36 POLICY STATEMENT AMENDMENT

APR22-AM-44 Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Home

and School Associations Inc., amend Policy II.C.1.1: that there should be a more intensive training course in the characteristics and recognition of emotionally disturbed children for teachers-in-training and a refresher course for teachers in the profession.

TO:

that educators be trained effectively in the characteristics and recognition of students in crisis and provide resources with support of mental health services.

**MMS L. Coombs-Jackman, from Arthur Ford HSA
N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
CARRIED**

12. Adoption of the OFHSA audited financial statements for the year ended Aug. 31, 2021:

12.1 Adoption of the OFHSA audited financial statements for the year ended August 31st, 2021:

APR22-AM-44 THAT THE OFHSA AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31ST, 2021 BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

**MMS L. Coombs-Jackman, from Arthur Ford HSA
N. Raymond, from Adelaide Hoodless HSA
CARRIED**

12.2 Ratification of the 2022 - 2023 OFHSA Fees

APR22-AM-45 THAT THE OFHSA MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2022-23 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED

**MMS E. Moitoso, from Zorra HSA
S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
CARRIED**

13. New business

Join OFHSA on Social Media @ofhsa1916 Twitter, Instagram and Facebook
Subscribe to Association Mailing List for Monthly updates, at www.ofhsa.ca
We encourage Associations to wrap up the business of the Association at school year end and begin plans for the up-coming school year.

14. Ratification of business of the Federation for the year, in accordance with the Corporations Act of Ontario:

APR22-AM-46 THAT THE BUSINESS OF THE FEDERATION FOR THE YEAR BE RATIFIED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CORPORATIONS ACT OF ONTARIO.

**MMS R. Diab, South Meadow HSA
S. Smith, from South Meadow HSA
CARRIED**

15. Adjournment

APR22-AM-47 IN THE NAME OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE ONTARIO FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS, INC., THE 2021 OFHSA ANNUAL MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

DRAFT