



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017

The 2016-2017 school year was an excellent year for the Friends Of Orange Association (FOOA) and I hope that students, teachers, parents, and community enjoyed their involvement with our activities as much as I did.

I was honored to assume the role of President and to take on the challenge to continue the exceptional work set by past presidents. FOOA is a small energetic parent association which is dedicated to supporting William Aberhart High School, Tamie Annis-Johnson the school principal, teaching staff and students with financial support so they can continue to provide a high-quality education with improved outcomes for the benefit of all Aberhart students.

Several new parents joined us at the beginning of the year and we have built a strong team who are hard-working, committed and dependable in making Aberhart the best school for our students.

This year we started to change our approach to fundraisings, holding more Spolumbo sales and request for a donation at the beginning of the school year. Each year FOOA's objectives are to provide volunteers at school events, educational supplies, fundraising and encourage parents to become more active within the association.

With the state of Alberta's economy and budget cuts, I'm encouraging parents to become more involved within FOOA and to provide continued support as it is the financial arm for providing additional assistances towards making our students' life comfortable at Aberhart.

Activities and Accomplishments:

- Provided volunteers to help with the beginning of the school year distributing textbooks, directions, and filing of paperwork;
- Provided funds for the Learning Commons;
- Encouraged parents to donate \$10 at the start of the school year which accounts for over \$1400 in donations;
- Executed two Spolumbos fundraisers – one in November (approx. \$2400), one in May/ June 2016 (ongoing);
- Committed \$6000 in funding to Abe Athletics;
- Electronic recycling efforts;
- Raised funds for the Cafeteria;
- William Aberhart \$500 Scholarship for June Awards;
- Attended COSC;



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In closing, we are very proud of FOOA for what we have accomplished with a small energetic team for the 2016/2017 school year. I am privileged to have been associated with so many wonderful people who have contributed towards our school community. It is truly an inspiring experience to watch and be involved with such an association.

Thanks to all of you who have attended our meetings regularly and were ready to help with FOOA activities during the year. I appreciate all the efforts made by everyone who assisted with FOOA.

A special shout out to Susan Bennett, Michelle McAdam, Larry Adorjan, Karen MacKay and Florence Spalding for going above and beyond their regular duties and they were always ready and willing to assist.

Thank you, and have a great summer!

Chair

Ron Ramsaran