

AMC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2024

PRESENT: Karley Chafee (Staff Representative), Ian Pellizari (Principal), Caitlyn Araya, Jordan Neudorf, Vanessa Dunn, Laura Deboer, Amanda Faulkner, Chloe Richer, Abby Zaitley, Melissa Garey, Laura Mulder, Wendy and Steve Gibbons

ONLINE: Victoria Baranow

REGRETS: Katie Moisse, Sarah Drake, Katie Janssen

Welcome

Approval of minutes:

- Minutes approved from November 19 meeting; moved by Laura Deboer and all approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- No changes from previous meeting.
- Victoria shared a spreadsheet to ensure funds from fundraiser are being allocated correctly. A line in the account is used for that purpose, eg. "student excursions" could include a track and field bus and a field trip.
- Victoria will send the spreadsheet to Chairs and an email thread will begin to ensure funds are allocated correctly.
- \$500 from the government is in the account but isn't on the report. Ian will follow up with Veronica about including that item in the report.

Teacher Requests:

- Karley shared a Google Doc to gain opinions about an outdoor classroom. People want different things. Location closer to the gym. Question about maintenance. Hope for enough seating for larger classes (some are 30+). Nice to have raised garden beds for class gardening. Nowhere near climber or kinder area. Use of sustainable and native plants. Information plaques about the plants present. Maybe we don't need one - ask SC to advocate for A/C. All responders said they would use the outdoor classroom.
- Facilities Supervisor needs to be involved. She reached out to the contractor that provided the quote. She would walk the site, submit paperwork request for approval. Unsure if there would be an RFP process. Jordan would like to involve her BIL to donate time/machinery work who has a landscaping company.

- Abby will request a walk-through meeting and anyone can join. Look at cheaper options (benches, trees, gazebo), for the walk through, factor in shade. Create an outdoor space team after the walk through.
- Decodable texts: need for French levelled readers. Split on online subscriptions. Interest in graphic novels. Look at Scholastic first. Sometimes it's easier to gift an amount and let it get sorted out. Resource people can help with purchasing. We have \$2165.59 left from chocolates. School Council will be donating \$1000 to go to teachers for books (decodable texts, levelled readers, graphic novels) Book drive for teachers. Idea for Earth Day book/clothing/toy swap.
- Karley asked teachers what would be helpful from SC. One teacher suggested Lego sets for coding and robotics, additions to outdoor kinder area (pots and pans on a music wall, ball run, obstacle course), field trip cost reduction, indigenous artist workshop, The Rock Lacrosse team presentation, science experiments eg. butterflies, eggs. Start a running wish list for this. Caitlyn to set up form. Recess club items such as gym equipment, noise cancelling and connective headphones.
- Events we host. Some love it some dislike (not in the gym, allergen friendly, no balloons, no food at the dance due to classroom party). Requested that raffles need to be licensed by the City of Hamilton. Caitlyn to follow up. Would LOVE a movie night.
- The Winter Concert: Mrs. Pierroz is very enthusiastic and working hard with all students. Issues with an in-person event with RSVPs, capacity, equity, etc. IF in person - is it 2 concerts, can SC handle the RSVPs, blankets and not chairs. Video would need editing to remove children without consent. Offer to record and edit, and a list of non-consent students earlier.

Principal's Report:

- Pause on Boys and Girls Club for this year

Fundraisers:

- Big Box of Cards ready for January 2025 not online 30%
- McGregors meats not online 20-30%
- Little Caesars \$6/item sold and MacMillan cookies minimum 30%
- Poinsettias low margin, Krispy Kreme has a wait list
- Amanda and Caitlyn will be in charge for Big Box of Cards
- Jordan to look into Muskoka Coffee

Winter Event:

50 respondents, all invited to participate.

Collecting \$5 - online or cash?

Tell parents to bring cash or can offer parents email for e-transfer or square

Set-up by name and what they are selling and they join when they can. We provide the table and we will offer plug in. Parents are responsible for ALL set up items eg, tapes.

How many tables are needed,

Kid vendors, SC table with QR code, raffle table. No extra food, no map. Area for food bank donations.

Send a picture of the table marked with their allotted space.

Decorations - low work for teachers. Donate decor for single day.

Music set up - Spotify

Volunteers: someone in charge of raffle items - packages. IG live draw - parents want to win and it needs to be transparent.

SC table to collect emails

Set up before hand Laura and Laura to help at 1:00

Adults to help parents find kids, support kids during the event.

So Chill to be the outdoor welcome space at front door. So Chill may need a volunteer to help pass out.

List of volunteers to assist

Mrs. Pierroz to have choir 3:00-3:30 one song, then a sing-a-long. Karley to give the go-ahead.

Karley to follow up with Mrs. Lowery re bus kids location

January/February

Fundraiser for January

Dance for February

Discuss movie night in January

Monthly meeting

Start discussing things about January/February on Slack

Tuesdays are good for everyone.

Organization Committee:

Move to email update

Slack is a good forum

PERSON RESPONSIBLE	TASK
Laura Mulder	Finish and circulate minutes
Victoria Baranow	Forward report to Chairs to start an email thread
Abby Zaitley	Request Facilities walkthrough
Karley Chafee	Follow up with Mrs Lowery regarding bus location at Winter Market

VIRTUAL MEETING DECEMBER 17 6:30