

## **AMC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 25, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Karley Chafee (Staff Representative), Don Pente (Principal), Miss Pierroz, Caitlyn Araya, Jordan Neudorf, Amanda Faulkner, Katie Jannsen, Chloe Richer, Melissa Garey, Laura Mulder, Victoria Baranow, Jill McKim, Katie Schuessler

**ONLINE:** Wendy Gibbons

**REGRETS:** Katie Moisse, Vanessa Dunn, Laura Deboer

### **Welcome**

#### **Approval of minutes:**

- Minutes approved from February ; moved by Victoria Baranow and all approved.

#### **Miss Pierroz:**

- The Hamilton Forge have invited the school to have a larger role by participating in the flag ceremony, requiring 100+ people, including adults. Choir will NOT be participating, as the national anthem and flag ceremony are simultaneous.
- \$20 tickets for AMC families - electronic sales through Ticketmaster. Families will be given a code to receive a section for AMC family members. Choir members need verification of adult ticket.
- Wednesday May 7 evening game. Choir arrives at 4 for sound check, walking on/ walking off field. Similar practice for flag ceremony.
- Request for money for choir members to subsidize the Forge Game.
- Second forge game the following week on May 13. Grade 5 classes are attending the game, and the choir will sing.
- Katie and Amanda will head up organizing: contacting The Forge and reaching out to families.
- OPEN house/kindergarten night: music out back, School Council table.
- Music Monday Spring Concert. Students can send in video clips of 45 seconds. Miss Pierroz will compile a big concert, and each class working on something.
- Raise the Dough reminder!

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Receiving at least \$2200 from Make It Sow.
- Mabel's Labels \$79.91.
- Approved charges: indoor soccer game bussing, pizza and registration still to come.

- No other new purchases.
- Once we get Make It Sow we will have approximately \$4886.
- We still have \$500 Board money specifically for parent engagement. Caitlyn to send article for suggestions for money.
- PRO Grant money is still there.

### **Teacher Requests:**

- Mdm Brooks-Bittle for all Grade 1 classes: Art Gallery of Hamilton trip. Approximately 1200 - \$14 for admission for ~80 Grade 1 students. Pay \$4 each and have them come back for transportation cost. Caitlyn will get actual number from Mdm BB.
- Miss Pierroz \$260 for choir flag day. Approved.
- Ms. Furness: loop and safety scissors \$30.40. Approved. Redirect to ask school funds, receive the no then request from us. Mr. Pent to follow up on status of budget.
- Ms. Randazzo's claymation request was denied, she told us afterwards that it was time sensitive. Remind teachers on form to indicate if it is time sensitive.
- Grade 2 classes went this week to Gage Park Greenhouse and are having a fabulous time.
- Teachers have noticed the challenges with changing admin but recognize how wonderful they all have been.

### **Principal's Report:**

- Marina Willets, who recently retired will begin on Monday for a transition day.
- Mrs Cliffe is on leave, Mdm Gosselin is back covering.
- Ms. Barker is on leave, and Ms. Wilson is covering for her.
- Projects: elevator installation this summer. Learning Commons having a wall installed to convert it to two rooms, deciding on what the extra room should be used for. Discussing with area Supervisor.
- Working on staffing for next year, it is the same number of classes but there is an extra FI class (12), one less English (8).
- Parent Involvement Committee Celebrating Well-being Event Saturday May 31 9-2 at Sherwood Secondary School. RSVP required (families received an email).
- Paper cutter sharpening cost \$100 - approved.

### **Fundraisers:**

- Laura to look into Little Caesar's

- Movie night on pause due to sound machine. Suggestions for next one include a pizza preorder, popcorn and candy stand.
- Victoria to follow up with a few outstanding Make It Sow forms. People enjoyed the fundraiser, lower numbers, alternative to cards.
- Chloe connecting with Children's Garden as a support to Make It Sow.

#### **PIC update:**

- No meeting in March

#### **Sound System:**

- Hamilton Video to visit and give a quote next week

#### **Blacktop Repainting:**

- No contact re a date, Caitlyn to follow up and send an update.

#### **Outdoor Classroom:**

- Chloe and Abbey met with Don. Facilities staff has been unclear with status. One of the front locations has been approved. Chloe asked questions about furniture/bench vendors but didn't get much from them. A meeting is scheduled for March 26, and the Superintendent will be there. Additional funding has been requested. Local high school shop class to build benches but those will require maintenance. Facilities kept referring Chloe back to Don. Don and Kelly from Facilities looked at site near the flagpole - Kelly approved and requested details to submit for approval. Brovan is recommended for construction; once we tell her what we want she can start the process.
- Is there a deadline on how long we can hold onto the money?
- Amanda will email City Councillor Tammy Wong re getting benches for the playground.

#### **New Business**

- Thursday May 15 Kindergarten Information Night. Caitlyn to set up a table, Laura can help. Send a flyer in Kinder pack.
- Kinder, FI and OH should be separate events
- FI should be first week of May
- Affirmation boards on a craft table, with stickers handed out. So Chill could attend.
- Caitlyn to get more details and will follow up.

- Principal Placement Survey - email

### **Open Floor:**

- Determination Martial Arts is moving to a fabulous new location and is fundraising. AMC can support by sharing information on Instagram.
- Boy after school 14-ish boy hanging out after school on his bike, shooting BB gun into trees. He also tried to give kids chocolate and threw lit matches at a child. The parent called non-emergency line, police visited the school. He hasn't been back this week.
- Incident was at 4:30 and is therefore a community issue not a school issue.
- School has informed teachers on dismissal duty. Principal is out as well, being aware during warmer weather. Call 911 if you see a BB gun.

<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>TASK</b>
Laura Mulder	Finish and circulate minutes
Amanda Faulkner and Katie Jannsen	Contact Hamilton Forge and coordinate volunteers for flag ceremony
Caitlyn Araya	Confirm number of Grade 1 students with Mdm Brooks-Bittle
Laura Mulder	Gather information about Little Caesar's and update
Amanda Faulkner	Email City Councillor Tammy Wong re: new benches for playground
Caitlyn Araya and Laura Mulder	School Council table at Kindergarten Open House May 15

**NEXT MEETINGS: Tuesday April 22, Wednesday May 21, Monday June 16**

**Meeting adjourned**