

AMC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MAY 21, 2025 ONLINE VIA MS TEAMS

PRESENT: Karley Chafee (Staff Representative), Caitlyn Araya, Wendy Gibbons, Chloe Richer, Victoria Baranow, Laura Mulder, Mike McKim, Sarah Drake, Madeleine Elton, Katie Jannsen, Hanan Nammour, Laura Deboer, Abby Zaitley

REGRETS: Michelle McIntyre, Melissa Garay, Katie Schuessler, Jordan Neudorf, Amanda Faulkner, Katie Moisse, Vanessa Dunn

Housekeeping

Welcome and Introduction

- Breakdown of School Council members and personal introductions.

Attendance:

- Attendees added names to chat for accuracy in minutes.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

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

Standing Reports

Treasurer's Report:

- \$220 missing from Make It Sow, Veronica to follow up with the family.
- Discuss Make It Sow and \$26 and can't find who it is. We will pay that cost.
- Please submit any receipts from events now.
- \$4359.58 is our current balance.

Principal's Report (delivered by Caitlyn):

- Jenny Seto Vanderbilt will be here until May 30, Gord Cook will be here for the month of June.

Teacher Report:

- Teachers have hung artwork in the stairwells to make a gallery, teachers have been working with students to prepare for Open House.
- Welcome to Kindergarten was a success, wonderful to meet incoming JKs and their families.
- Choir was at 2 Forge games, Music Monday and Choirfest in the last few weeks.

- Soccer tournament on Monday, Track and Field next week, EQAO at the end of May.
- Discussion of Principal situation: There is a Board-wide shortage of principals. Retired Principals can only work for 50 days before their pension is affected. If you would like to write a letter to the Board and our Trustee, feel free; reach out to Laura Mulder if you would like a template. If you would like the 50 day rule changed, reach out to your MPP - this rule was waived during COVID and could be again.

Teacher Requests:

- An online portal was created for teachers to make requests online for supplies, trips, resources, etc.
- Triple C in school trip for JK/SK voted yes via email.
- Funding for registration of soccer tournament \$250 voted yes via email.
- Mad Science in school trip Ms. Chafee's 2/3 class \$240. Voted yes in chat.
- Transportation for outdoor soccer tournament Monday May 26 - Ms Randazzo and Mrs Cooper are coordinating. Motion to approve \$250 for bus.

Open Items

Post Mortem Mom's Pantry

- \$2975 in profits from M111 orders, 247 tubs sold
- Biggest learnings: our community shows up. Every account coordinator has said they are amazed and we have record breaking. May 30 delivery. Caitlyn will move timelines for fundraisers around school led initiatives.

Speaker Series Sessions 1 and 2

- 42 participants from 2 sessions. McMaster was happy with the outcome and invited us to continue it into the new school year. Countless topics to speak on - about 30.
- Biggest learning: rental permit, insurance forms, setting expectations of attendance and registration.

Volunteers Needed

- PRO Grant Speaker on Thursday June 5 partnered with Memorial from 6:30-8. Paul Davis is an Internet Safety Specialist. Extra hands needed in evening from 6:00-8:00.
- Paul will also speak to Grade 3/4/5 with Memorial students during the day. Mr

Kiley leading the trip, asking for parent volunteers to walk students there and back from 1:00-2:45,

- Friday May 30 Mom's Pantry distribution 2:30-?.

Trustee's Report Abby Zaitley

- Introduction, former co-Chair at School Council and tries to attend our School Council meetings. Invitation to reach out. Abby thanked Laura for the detailed notes. Sound system update: a parent has offered to help set it up to deflect \$5000 set up fee. He is meeting with Superintendent and Principal this Friday to create a handbook. It can be moved outside or to other classrooms.
- Outdoor classroom is moving ahead with a summer renovation. New area will replicate current area. We gave \$5000 and the Board will pay any outstanding fees.
- City has donated a bike rack and the Board will pay for installation. Facilities person will be given a time to install after the City drops it off.
- Hiring process for full time principal has begun.
- Elevator installation has been post-poned.
- June 9 in school visit with new MPP Robin Lennox to advocate for funding at the provincial level.

New Business

In School Programming

- Teacher Appreciation Breakfast Monday June 24. Put together platters and coffee in the staff room in the morning with handwritten thank you cards and a link to an end of year survey. \$275. 20 homeroom teachers, 6 ECEs, Laura suggested looking at staff list for numbers. Laura suggested Vintage Coffee, Pinch is somewhere to look into for treats. Laura Deboer to email SC email with information.
- Freezie Social. So Chill cart on the blacktop. 1 jumbo freeze per student and siblings at pick up. \$175. Dates: Thursday June 19, rain date Friday June 20. Motion to approve, all approved.
- Monday June 16: Moccasin Identifier project is for school groups/public art projects. 4 different stencils of different moccasins. 15 minute presentation then led through doing the stencils. June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. Request for \$60 for wireless microphone. Volunteers needed 10-12
- Tuesday June 24 Grade 5 Farewell: asked to decorate, serve cake, tear down. Volunteers needed 12-3.

Online Forms

- General feedback and suggestion form, can be submitted anonymously. Caitlyn would like to review them at each meeting to action or consider them. Lots of people want to engage but can't attend the meetings or don't know how. We want their input to help us each year
- End of year survey, strengthen the relationships. Stop Start Continue, Caitlyn is looking for feedback on survey content.

2025-26 Planning

- Caitlyn has created a working document of all the ideas and suggestions over the year.
- PA Days, events, holidays, etc.
- Some suggestions include Parents Night Out, Movie Night, Holiday Craft Night, Read-a-thon, Book Swap.
- Orange is school-led initiatives - things for SC to keep in mind and select events or fundraisers that complement what they are doing.
- Look at the calendar, note ideas, what is our goal, what should we focus on and prioritize? Katie suggested itemizing ideas as 1-2-3 for priorities.
- We need to make sure we are not carrying over money year to year. Allocate remaining money specifically and communicate to incoming principal.
- Fundraising spending is by younger classes, but a lot of money is spent on Grade 4/5 students.
- Discussion on how to spend remaining funds - email to all teachers? Email to teachers that haven't reached out? Invitation to get a set amount with parameters?

PIC update:

- PIC is reviewing by-laws for School Councils and PIC. PIC applications are open. Laura will not be returning next year but may apply again in the future. Anyone interested in joining can speak to or email Laura.

Open Floor:

- Caitlyn to review chat ideas such as movies under the stars
- Suggestion to make meetings the first Monday of each month - decide with new Principal.

ACTION ITEMS

PERSON RESPONSIBLE	TASK
Laura Mulder	Finish and circulate minutes
Victoria Baranow/Veronica	Collect Make It Sow funds
Laura Deboer	Collect information about Vintage Coffee and Pinch
Caitlyn Araya	Forward volunteer sign up sheets
Everyone	Review calendar, make notes and be ready to plot items for next year

NEXT MEETING: Monday June 16, location TBD

Meeting adjourned