

## **AMC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 1, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Jamie McLean (Principal), Karley Chafee (Staff Representative), Abby Zaitley (Ward 4 Trustee), Caitlyn Araya (Co-Chair), Chloe Richer (Co-Chair), Victoria Baranow (Treasurer), Laura Mulder (Secretary), Wendy Gibbons, Steve Gibbons, Amanda Faulkner, Steven Rita-Procter, Mike McKim, Melissa Garay, Sarah Drake, Brad Leitch, Laurie Bayler, Rebecca Currie, Chantelle Bazowsky, Kori Ambrogio  
**ONLINE:** Jacqueline Honeset, Michelle McIntyre, Amy Stott

### **Call to Order 6:30**

### **Land Acknowledgement**

### **Attendance and Introductions**

- Attendees signed in. Everyone introduced themselves.

### **Housekeeping**

#### **Welcome and Introduction**

- Introductions, minutes approval, voting, standing items, open table. Caitlyn will send slides to attendees after the meeting. This meeting is being recorded.

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

- Minutes approved from November; moved by Chloe and all approved (Cait, Chloe, Sarah, Wendy, Melissa, Steven, Mike). Laura to email minutes to new families and Jamie will post them on the website.

### **Trustee's Report**

- Board Announcements: Organizational meeting where Trustees are assigned to committees. All meetings are open to the public.
- Program Strategy Review discusses transportation and French Immersion. One week left to submit information. The survey is on the Engaged platform. Cait to send link in follow up email.
- Nutrition Program - there have been recent emails about students having enough snacks; parents have been asked to be mindful of packing enough food. Students must eat own lunch first, then snack is provided. Tastebuds gives a grant, and will

give more over the year for school to purchase and distribute food. Jamie will check in with Veronica about whether we need more money for the program.

- Bill 33 passed, Abby is still here offering support.

## **STANDING ITEMS**

### **Standing Reports**

#### **Treasurer's Report:** Victoria Baranow

- \$7631.30 unallocated funds
- 5168.21 from Purdy's
- Supplies and food for movie night
- AMC ornaments

#### **Principal's Report:** Jamie McLean

- December 1: Shelter in Place Drill
- December 2: Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra Instrument Demo
- December 3, 10, 17: Popcorn Day
- December 4: Holiday Market - please volunteer for setup
- December 8: Hold and Secure Drill, usually led by police department.
- December 12: Pizza Day and Frosty Friday (wear white/silver/blue or dress as a snowman)
- December 16: Concerts (Kinder/Winter)

#### **Teachers Report:** Karley Chaffee

- On behalf of staff, thank you to all who came to parent teacher interviews/ Teams/phone; it is much appreciated by teachers. Parents can reach out or email any time, please pass on!
- Kindergarten classes on December 12 will celebrate Joy Day: they rotate through the classrooms to do activities in each one.
- Robotics Event: only junior school, came in 11/21! Mr Kiley, Mme Randazzo, Mme Kahana run the program before and after school.
- Thank you to SC for all the time and effort provided for the school.

### **Teacher Requests:**

- Cait sent out a reminder for teacher requests, but nothing has come in yet.

- Karley to share QR code for staff requests again and will check in with Mme Laezza.
- Ballard makes requests for the upcoming year in June - something to think about.

### **Purdy's Fundraiser**

- \$17 000 worth of chocolate with a goal of \$10 000 which is \$5000+ profit
- 115 orders
- Super successful, a huge thank you!

### **Holiday Craft Market**

- We have enough people for the set up, the volunteer sign up will be circulated again because So Chill and end of day needs support.
- Tables can be dropped off in the gym on the stage; we now have enough.
- T-shirts were printed by Laura Deboer.
- Vendor requests we can't join the market - not accepting applications, not responding, pay attention to next year. Realizing paper sent home is the best way to communicate. We have 74 children over 50 booths.

### **New Business**

- **Movie Night** in January tentative date Thursday January 22. Cait to send Jamie date for permit. We still have some snacks, but we will need a top up. Select movie and finalize details via email. Doors 5:20 movie start 5:45. 90 minute movie, number of people was ideal. In the advertising, include a date for the third one. Vote to authorize Cait to spend \$400 on movie snacks (motioned by Mike all approved).
- **Valentine's Day Dance** Kids love it, it takes coordination to use the gym Thursday February 12. Karley to check in with teachers and email Cait. Groups of grades, dim the overhead lights, disco lights from Long and McQuade, stickers and treats. Volunteers helping throughout the day.
- **Read-a-thon** Sarah has contacts for a read-a-thon to coordinate with Family Literacy Week January 25-30. This year's theme is "make mealtime family learning time" - recipe card, grocery list, bookmark. Check in with Ms Johnson about the best way to do it. Perhaps coordinate with a Book Swap in the gym.
- **Review of bylaws each year.** Mike will create a sub-committee to review; check in after meeting.

- Thank you to all who donated to the GoFundMe (\$2000). Very grateful, home damage was worse than expected and road was washed out.
- Kinder concert you can bring younger siblings.
- Mail bag slip to volunteer for Joy Day - VSC. Bring to Jamie, fill out a form and then it is filed with the office.
- Laura Mulder thanked the school staff for the bus situation. Kids play games and have activities to do while in the gym.
- **Planters mums/winter greens/spring:** Wears, Terra, Holland Park - in person excitement but no response to email yet. Will follow up in January.
- Food trucks were booked up too (Chloe)

**For thought/discussion:** What do we want at these meetings? Anything else discussed? Thoughts before attending? Expectations? Other SC meetings?

Snacks - Jamie will investigate the budget.

Team Building exercise in January led by Mike.

Best SC heard of - some don't have one, some principals don't participate - we are setting a community standard.

## ACTION ITEMS

PERSON RESPONSIBLE	TASK
Laura Mulder	Finish and circulate minutes; send December minutes to new attendees/members.
Jamie McLean	Post November meeting minutes on website.
Karley Chaffee	Connect with teachers about Valentine's Day Dance.
Jamie McLean	Check in with Veronica about snack needs.
Caitlyn Araya	Send survey link via email.
Karley Chaffee	Circulate staff request QR code to staff.

## UPCOMING DATES

DATE	EVENT
December 1	Shelter in Place Drill
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**NEXT MEETING: Monday January 5 6:30**

**Meeting adjourned 7:23**