

## **AMC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

**PRESENT:** Jamie McLean (Principal), Karley Chaffee (Staff Representative), Caitlyn Araya (Co-Chair), Chloe Richer (Co-Chair), Laura Mulder (Secretary), Mike McKim, Sarah Drake, Michelle McIntyre, Brad Leitch, Chantelle Bazowsky, Kori Ambrogio, Katie Janssen, Jenn Pohlman, Jessica Marcellus,

**ONLINE:** Victoria Baranow (Treasurer), Amy Stott, Hanam Nammour, Wendy Gibbons,

### **Call to Order 6:32**

### **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 January: moved by Chloe and all approved (Cait, Sarah, Michelle, Steven Mike, Kori.). Laura to email minutes to new families and Jamie will post them on the website.

## **STANDING ITEMS**

### **Standing Reports**

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

- Check from Purdy's, movie night money, \$200 to follow up with Veronica, some items not on the report but are included in the numbers
- \$7863.64 unallocated funds.

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

- February 2 Kindergarten Registration projecting 54 new JK students
- February 4 HPO Orchestra Presentation

- February 6: Red and White Day (Winter Play Day)
  - February 9/10: Dental Screening Day JK/SK/Grade 2
  - February 13: Term 1 Reports Sent Home
  - February 13: Feel Good Friday - wear red white and pink
  - February 13: Valentines Day Activities
  - February 13, 27: Pizza Days
  - February 20: Junior Indoor Soccer Tournament
  - February 25: Pink Shirt Day
  - February 25: AGH Field Trip (34A/45A)
  - Wednesdays: Popcorn Days
- We read 38 243 minutes (overall goal of 35 550. Winners to be announced February 3. 20 students who read the most will get a certificate and Indigo gift certificates for top 3. Mr Kylie's class had the most minutes.
  - Nutrition Program: received \$5000 on January 30 (\$2000 from National School Fund Program, \$3000 from Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, \$3000 from Trinity Lutheran Church.
  - Lunchroom Monitors: challenge with indoor recess on when to go. Most monitors are showing up. Mr. McLean to follow up with those not attending.
  - Currently: Soccer, Lacrosse, Spring Choir (Hamilton Forge games May 13 and June 10 after school), Phonics Academy (runs in 6 rooms until end of February. Three days a week after school for 5-6 students in each group for extra reading support), Glee Vocal Program - begins February 4th (list of participants to get them to Mme Kahana's room. Dismissal is at front doors at 3:40.

**Teachers Report:** Karley Chaffee

- Thank you to School Council for support with Read-a-Thon. Students were very excited and there were lots of snuggle up and read activities.

**Sub Committee Report: Bylaws** Mike McKim

- Purpose of update: inform by-law review will do three things: ensure continued compliance with Board language, strengthen our governance and clarify roles and responsibilities, fostering collaboration with parents, staff and school community.
- Law: what government requires. Policy: how the organization complies. Bylaw: how we govern ourselves. Procedure: how things are done day to day.

- Summary of update: Council Membership - additional clarification and language. We can include a non-teaching representative and a student representative. No changes to voting rules.
- Ensure updates comply with Board standards.
- Election Procedures and Terms: required to use all Board language, we are doing this but ensure it is in writing.
- Meetings and Quorum: Land Acknowledgement is required. Chair and Principal must attend meetings in person. Hybrid meetings are allowed. Quorum language was updated.
- Conflict Resolution and Code of Conduct. New language around declaration of conflict of interest.
- Financial Accountability. Council finances are managed through HWDSB-administered accounts. Expenditures are approved in advance. Annual reporting is more explicit in its language.
- Definitions and Document Clean up: Adding Missing Definitions, Typographical Corrections, removed duplication and non standardized formatting.
- Next Steps: Final Draft Review, Council Presentation and Adoption, Implementation Phase

### **Teacher Requests:**

- Mme Brooks-Bittle: All Grade 1 and Grade 1/2 classes going to AGH on March 25 and 27. Subsidize cost \$14/student plus bus. Karley to request bus cost. Vote via email.
- Indoor Soccer Tournament Grade 4 and 5 led by Mrs Cooper, Mrs Randazzo and Mrs Urfey. February 20 co-ed tournament \$140 for entire tournament. Chloe moves to approve, all approved.
- Mrs. Abraham: money for clipboards, wipe board markers, graphic novels (\$200 ideal) - Mr McLean to pay.
- Mrs Chaffee: for all kindergarten classes attending RBG May 19 \$12.43/student plus \$452 for the bus. \$1145 from SC to reduce cost to \$5/student. Cait moves to approve \$1145 to cover bus and reduce ticket cost all approved.
- The buses are very expensive, help from School Council is appreciated.
- School can purchase clipboards wipe board markers.
- \$3000 in Scholastic money that can be used for graphic novels.
- We do need to spend money before the End of Year (EOY) \$1000-2000 can be carried over.

- Traditional Indigenous Games, In-School Instruction: 2 days for 4 different groups, ~\$1600 waiting on additional costs. Grades 3/4/5. Vote via email
- Mme Cliffe: French levelled readers Grade 2 class - Mr McLean to pay.
- Bus Transportation to Crawford Lake February 21 \$1130 Mme Randazzo Grade 5 English and French. Chloe moves to approve bus cost, Cait seconds, all approved.

### **Open Items**

- Mitchell's Soup Co Fundraiser: begins Monday February 9 online. Only soup, no add ons. Distribute on day of delivery, exceptions for larger orders.
- Movie Night Post-Mortem: more change is needed. Grade 5 volunteers and parent volunteers were very helpful. Needed at start of movie. Feedback that it's difficult to get tickets. April movie night - send an email with a date and time for registration. Request for shorter movie - stick to 90 minutes.
- **Valentines Day Dance** Friday February 13: Parent volunteers for decorations. Focus on the entry door, very simple decor. Katie has cut out hearts. Planning team looking for \$200 on decor, glow sticks and stickers. Periods 1, 2, 3, 4 - 30 minutes for each group. Jamie to check if people want games in the Learning Commons. Chloe moved to approved \$200 spending, all approved.

### **Open Floor**

- Sarah follows Dana K White to help children declutter "Winnie's Pile of Pillows" to help kids understand decluttering as a life skill. You can keep anything but not everything. Ages 4-8. US author. Fundraisers - haven't heard from nurseries yet. Batches Bake Shop fundraiser was very popular. 15% pretax returned. Paper order forms - name, email, phone. Batches contacts you to pay and do pick up at Aberdeen and Dundurn. Wants to know by end of February for Easter timeline. Great option for Thanksgiving?
- Little Free Library: curate a list, send suggestions to Chloe. Members building? Facilities? Etsy? Order a book stamp from Mabel's Labels.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>TASK</b>
Laura Mulder	Finish and circulate minutes; send December minutes to new attendees/members.
Jamie McLean	Post January meeting minutes on website.
Karley Chaffee	Follow up with Mme Brooks-Bittle on exact cost for bus.
Caitlyn Araya	Circulate volunteer sheet for Valentines Day Activities
Caitlyn Araya	Connect with Sarah re: Batches Bake Shop

### **UPCOMING DATES**

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February 13 and 27	Pizza Days
February 16	Family Day
February 20	Indoor Soccer Tournament Grade 4 and 5
February 25	Pink Shirt Day AGH Field Trip (34A/45A)
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**NEXT MEETING: Monday March 2 6:30**

**Meeting adjourned 8:06**