

AMC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 5, 2026

PRESENT: Jamie McLean (Principal), Karley Chafee (Staff Representative), Abby Zaitley (Ward 4 Trustee), Caitlyn Araya (Co-Chair), Laura Mulder (Secretary), Amanda Faulkner, Mike McKim, Sarah Drake, Melissa Garay, Melissa McIntyre, Laura Deboer, Brad Leitch, Chantelle Bazowsky, Kori Ambrogio

ONLINE: Victoria Baranow (Secretary), Chloe Richer, Jenn Pohlman, Wendy Gibbons, Sarah Ward

Call to Order 6:30

Land Acknowledgement

Attendance and Introductions

- Attendees signed in. Everyone introduced themselves. Icebreaker game “hit and miss gifts given or received”.

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 December moved by Cait and all approved (Mike, Sarah, Kori, Melissa). Laura to email minutes to new families and Jamie will post them on the website.

Trustee’s Report

- Thank you to all those who reached out about French Immersion waitlists. Please follow up with Jamie. Abby has been speaking to the Superintendent about communication around the waitlist. Families with questions/concerns can speak with Abby on the phone. Abby will follow up with anymore survey information about FI program and opportunities for feedback.

STANDING ITEMS

Standing Reports

Treasurer's Report: Victoria Baranow

- \$7381 unallocated funds.
- Moccasin Identifier has gone through.
- AMC ornaments: \$290 cash on line, \$150 market
- Expenses went through, some items we are still waiting on.

Principal's Report: Jamie McLean

- January 13 Lockdown Drill 2
- January 16, 30 Pizza Day
- January 22 Comfy Cozy Day
- January 22 Movie Night
- January 23 PA Day
- January 26-30 Read-a-Thon Day ending with Snuggle Up and Read

- Lunchroom monitors in portables and Grade 1 classes. Offered to Grades 4 and 5 and discussed responsibility and commitment. Two students are in each room, each student does one day/week. Monitors are there to support not discipline (help with lunches, bathroom, clean up, play games and find a teacher for support). Students who didn't sign up now want to be involved. Goal is to have monitors be comfortable and branch out to more classes. There will be an end of year celebration for the monitors.
- Staff updates: Ms. Shamoun doing prep work on an LTO. Caitlyn Vibler has returned, Ms Shamoun did a transition day. EA Amanda Daignault in Ms Abraham's class is off for January and Ms Valentini is covering the absence.
- Construction crew coming January 9. Kelly Smith did a walk through. Part of the build is the elevator, with a roof inspection first. They will mark out different spaces for potential elevator sites. As of now it is a go for this school year. When the Ministry funds a project it is for a particular time period and it can't necessarily be approved again. Upcoming information will be communicated to families. Curious if elevator will go to basement.
- Thank you regarding the School Concert. Kinder had great rotation and support. Miss Pierroz did a lot of set up. Thank you to all volunteers and

especially those at the doors; transitions went really well. Rent chairs for next year!

Teachers Report: Karley Chaffee

- From Miss Pierroz: grateful for all the help and support from School Council.

Teacher Requests:

- Mrs. O'Marra Grade 1/2 for her class, possibly for other classes. Indigenous education, indigenous outdoor education opportunities. In person program \$400 for one class, \$800 for full day, game kit costs. The Board has Indigenous Education programs so Mrs. O'Marra should contact Abby first. Original email request for two full days (\$1600) plus travel plus supply costs. Cait to gather information and put it to an email vote. Dates are tentatively held (April 28-30).
- Ms Urfley Worden: 5 toboggans and 10 kid shovels for kinders \$200. Cait motioned to vote all approved.

Open Items

- **PIC Grant Lending Library** was approved. Curating a list of books. Question of where to house. Please share suggestions or donate books.
- **Movie Night** January 22 4:00-8:00pm: Cait to circulate volunteer sheet.
- **Read-A-Thon** January 26-30: Cait to update with more information
- **Valentines Day Dance** Friday February 13: Feedback from teachers: Lots of teachers are open to it but don't need it to happen, a couple of staff are strongly opposed, and there are a couple of strong yeses. Gym is a classroom, this is an extracurricular. Consideration for sensory needs if its very loud, tone down the decorations and lighting. An alternate space should be provided. Mindfulness about song choice. They appreciate grouping by age. The time slots close to nutrition breaks and end of day didn't work - need transition time to make the time equitable. Ideas: Poll students about what they want. The goal is to foster a sense of community, belonging and joy. An area on stage that is well lit and quiet. Three sessions Kinders Grade 1/2/3 and 3/4/5. Invite families to bring headphones. Jamie can reach out to Sensory Team. Offer the Learning Commons with cooperative games available.

New Business

- **Mitchell's Soup Co Fundraiser:** February 9 for 2 weeks all online. Possible to send home with the kids. Goal to raise \$1400 with \$11 price point. Handouts sent home with students is the best way to communicate.

Open Floor

- Bylaws: committee to form, verbal updates to School Council. Reluctant to propose changes when we haven't gone through a school year yet.

ACTION ITEMS

PERSON RESPONSIBLE	TASK
Laura Mulder	Finish and circulate minutes; send December minutes to new attendees/members.
Jamie McLean	Post December meeting minutes on website.
Karley Chaffee	Follow up with Mrs. O'Marra
Jamie McLean	Follow up with Facilities about library.
Caitlyn Araya	Circulate volunteer sheet for Movie Night
Caitlyn Araya	Send information about Read-a-Thon
Jamie McLean	Reach out to Sensory Team about headphones and suggestions or Valentines Day Dance

UPCOMING DATES

DATE	EVENT
January 13	Lockdown Drill 2
January 16 and 30	Pizza Day

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December 3, 10, 17	Popcorn Day
January 22	Comfy Cozy Day and Movie Night
December 8	Hold and Secure Drill
January 23	PA Day
January 26-30	Read-a-Thon ending with Snuggle Up and Read

NEXT MEETING: Monday February 2 6:30

Meeting adjourned 7:47