

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

**PRESENT:** Jamie McLean (Principal), Karley Chaffee (Staff Representative), Caitlyn Araya (Co-Chair), Chloe Richer (Co-Chair), Laura Mulder (Secretary), Abbey Zaitley (Trustee), Mike McKim, Sarah Drake, Michelle McIntyre, Kori Ambrogio, Melissa Garay, Katie Janssen, Katie Schuessler, Jordan Neudorf, Brad Leitch  
**ONLINE:** Victoria Baranow (Treasurer), Chantelle Bazowsky, Wendy Gibbons, Amy Stott

### **Call to Order 6:33**

### **Land Acknowledgement**

### **Attendance and Introductions**

- Attendees signed in. Everyone introduced themselves.

### **Housekeeping**

#### **Welcome and Introduction**

- Introductions, minor minutes adjustments (Victoria as Treasurer and corrections to Karley Chafee's name) approval, (Caitlyn, Chloe, Mike, Michelle, Katie, Kori, Sarah, Victoria) 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**

#### **Trustee's Report:**

- school year calendar approved

- Delegation meeting was a success with three AMC parents delegating, 2 of whom are not affected by immediate changes to FI and the speeches were very impactful.
- Budget consultation is in review. In person session on Wednesday or go to engaged platform and complete survey
- Motion at last Board meeting to have City work with safety routes (crossing guards, speed bumps etc) to focus community on active transportation. Motion back on agenda for a vote at the next meeting, in Ward 4 for next school year.

**Treasurer's Report:** Victoria Baranow

- Office report: including recent fundraiser we have YTD \$21 000. Purchases include \$10 000 spent. \$6 600 has been distributed, including recent email votes.
- Approximately \$3500 unallocated funds.
- Victoria is happy to help an incoming Treasurer for the 2026-27 school year.

**Principal's Report:** Jamie McLean

- March 3: Raise the Dough Choir Fundraiser
- March 6: P.A. Day (staff training re duty to report, AI (when to use it, environmental impact, should be used through a Board approved platform)
- March 12: Staff Meeting
- March 13: Lucky Charm Day (green/gold/rainbow/wear something lucky to you)
- March 16-20: March Break
- Wednesday March 4, 11, 25: Popcorn Days
- March 23: Growth and Development Unit begins. Health teachers teach a unit that parents can opt out of.
- Thank you to Valentine's Dance. Staff feedback was very positive: perfect amount of time, decorations were perfect, kids loved it.
- Indoor Soccer Tournament: boys and girls in Grades 4 and 5 did a wonderful job competing, they were great sports, brought a student manager, kind to all students. Won first two games, lost the third, putting them in the quarter finals. From there played the returning number one team and returning champions.
- AGH trip last Wednesday Ms. Randazzo Grade 3/4: complimented the kids on being respectful and engaged. Teachers and volunteers said the trip was wonderful.

- 3 on 3 basketball league for Grade 4 and 5 students on nutrition breaks. Organized by Ms. Randazzo.
- Staffing is staying the same based on current enrolment. Recount in September. Teachers complete a form saying what they would like to teach (top three choices) and try to accommodate. For every full class there is 0.2 prep time and someone covers those periods (eg Ms Randazzo). Organization is done over two weeks, sent to Board and then sent back to teachers. Across the whole board that are surplus or not needed are posted and staff have an opportunity to apply for those jobs. After two rounds of posting a job, someone is placed. This is an ongoing process until June. FI waitlist is quite extensive (more than a whole class). Jamie has been speaking with the Superintendent. Abbey suggested connecting with Laura about the FI review.
- Lost and Found: lots of stuff out there, hope it's less with the warmer weather.

**Teachers Report:** Karley Chaffee

- Year end trips have been booked with more being planned. A few classes are going to the Gage Park Greenhouse. Grade 4 and kinder classes are planning to go.
- For our radar as parents: some staff have noticed reevaluating the nutrition program. It is very appreciated and SC has been generous in their support. Karley sees how the kinder and older classes - lots of students taking snacks that they maybe don't need them. Loaded discussion with listening to your body/knowing what you need). Kids still chewing and holding food asking for the snack bin. Parents discussing at home whether their kids need items from the snack bin. Sometimes there is not enough for kids truly in need. Snack program is paid for donations from community organizations. Encourage snack only after lunch is finished and they are still hungry. Classroom discussion can happen and a communication blast. Rename it to nutrition bin.

**Sub Committee Report: Bylaws** Mike McKim

- Updates are completed, we just need a majority vote. Most of the work that was included was the mandatory Board language. Chloe motioned, all approved. Thank you to Mike!

### **Teacher Requests:**

- Mme Brooks-Bittle: organizing a play Duffle Bag Theatre for all FI classes on April 22 Snow White. A grant from French enrichment fund at the Board covers most of it. Requesting \$585. All 270 FI will attend. Cait motioned, all approved.
- Mr Kiely: Robotics registration fees for 2 teams over Grades 4 and 5s to take part \$1060 in Lego League event. Jamie will speak to Mr Kiely and look at school budget. They could run a pizza night. We could help Mr. Kiely by facilitating the fundraiser for them. Postpone the vote.
- Mr Kiely: Bus transportation to Dundas Valley Conservation Area \$1356. 130 students. Cait moves to approve, all approved.
- Grade 5s have raised \$700 for Grade 5 Farewell. Last year it cost \$1500 for cake, decorations, T-shirts.
- Last fundraiser is butterflies, \$30/kit, we get 35%.

### **Open Items**

- Mitchell's Soup Co Fundraiser: Profits \$1789.42 Parent pick up Tuesday March 10 (after school-6pm). It has been delayed and will communicate. 450 units sold.
- Future: Butterfly Journey Kits in April, Grandad's Donuts September 2026/early October delivery. Big Box of Cards is a possibility. Cait to circulate list of potential fundraisers.
- PIC Grant: Site visit for Little Library  
Facilities is not supportive of an outdoor little library. Proceed with a portable indoor one. Up cycled newspaper box. Grant covers \$800, cost is \$1289.36. Hoping to have SC cover the remaining cost. Mabel's Labels stamp with school name.

### **New Items**

- HWDSB Program Strategy Review. The Board is reviewing possible changes to French Immersion: changing the entry point to Grade 2, and moving Math and Science Instruction to English. Everyone is encouraged to talk about this issue, attend Board meetings (in person or online), delegate, research for delegates etc.
- Principal Placement Survey  
Sent from the Board to SC about what we look for in a Principal, school values etc. Complete, due by April 24.

- AMC Movie Night Friday April 24: Walle The Lorax. Move forward with The Lorax. RSVP change: pre-emptive Registration will open on Tuesday. Not all families have not had an opportunity to attend. Need juice boxes, sell cups for water. Remind people to bring water bottles. Cait will send volunteer list out
- Earth Day Vote: Electronics Recycling, Community Garage Sale, Swap (Clothing, Book), Yard Clean Up, Garden clean up? Jamie to look into it. Steven RP wants to look into it. School can make a request. Embedding what we do in the community - recycling, conserve water.
- Looking Ahead to Year End
  - Staff Appreciation Breakfast was done last year but we are not allowed.
  - Discretionary funds available to appreciate staff.

### Open Floor

- Lifetouch. Canada has separated. Edge Photography is Canadian owned and are packed as schools leave Lifetouch. Jamie to investigate.

### ACTION ITEMS

PERSON RESPONSIBLE	TASK
Laura Mulder	Finish and circulate minutes; send corrected February minutes to Jamie
Jamie McLean	Post February meeting minutes on website.
Jamie McLean	Follow up with Mr Kiely about robotics club
Caitlyn Araya	Circulate fundraising list of ideas

### UPCOMING DATES

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**NEXT MEETING: Monday April 13 6:30**

**Meeting adjourned 8:13**