

## **AMC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Karley Chafee (Staff Representative), Ian Pellizari (Principal), Sarah Drake, Caitlyn Araya, Amanda Faulkner, Melissa Garay, Jill McKim, Katie Janssen, Chloe Richer, Abby Zaitley, Steve Gibbons, Wendy Gibbons

Online: Victoria Baranow, Laura Deboer, Andy and Bella Lloyd

**REGRETS:** Vanessa Dunn, Katie Moisse

### **Approval of minutes:**

- Minutes approved from October 21 meeting

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Balance \$5067.57.
- The Green Initiative will cost \$4988.77.
- One transaction of \$102 for guest speaker.
- \$2300 allocated for blacktop plans. If trailer gets moved work can be done before snowfall.
- We also have the \$500 startup grant.

### **Principal's Report:**

- Green Initiative: reached out to area Supervisor Kelly Smith who provided a drawing, which is a rough draft of a plan. Kelly reached out to a HWDSB contractor. The cost for implementing drawn plan would cost \$18-24000; the range is due to the fact that the drawing is a draft. Kelly said we would start with \$4350 to provide a gravel pad, and relocate existing medium sized armour stone in configuration with the drawing. There would be an additional outdoor classroom beside the kinder area. The stones could be broken while being moved. Karley can ask about what part of the plan is most needed. A community garden needs partnership with a community organization or parents. An outdoor learning space would be used.
- We received trees as part of the renovation.
- A work order can be put in for landscaping concerns that pose a safety risk. The wildflower gardens are not maintained by the school. Can we connect with a community garden? Perhaps one of them could assist with a plan to maintain the garden. Unsure whether we have access to water in the front. Central School has an incredible garden but the concern is who will care for it long-term. Can we plant shrubs/trees? - is it a City issue?

- Gym renovation: tomorrow movers will move the equipment from the container back into the gym. Mrs. Lowery will be organizing and preparing gym for occupancy next week. Outstanding work items: Floor lines aren't painted, holes for nets need to be installed after basketball nets get installed and mats installed on the walls. As things come in they will be done. Under stage roll out storage still to be done.
- Back playground: bench steps and tree stumps were removed, nothing will replace it.
- November 21/22: teacher and parent interviews. A link will be sent a link to select teacher's names and available times for interviews. Confirmation sent via email to parent and teacher, option for virtual or in-person, reminders sent.
- Pizza, popcorn, robotics, swim meet, choir, newspaper club, health action team.
- Remembrance Day: no formal plan for a ceremony. Moment of silence, classroom activities done by teachers if they choose.
- Mrs Pierroz: plan was to make School Concert virtual. How can SC help assist and pass on suggestions. Settle on the date ASAP.

#### **Teacher Requests:**

- Some teachers would like decodable texts UFLI, Science of Reading, back to phonics. Decodable texts help kids focus on specific sounds. Classroom or home reading. Grades 1-5 and French/English. Question whether consistency across grades/classrooms is more important than teachers choosing individual programs.

#### **Bus requests:**

- Parents concerned about busing can reach out to the company and Mr. Pellizari

#### **PRO GRANT:**

- create a Slack channel, tag everyone, add website info.

#### **Holiday Event:**

- December 3 or 5 indoor/outdoor evening event. Fundraising with raffle. Choir event. Mom Market. Reach out to Ottawa St vendors for door prizes.
- Applications for vendors, approved by SC. Small fee for vendors for accountability. Vendors would be named in the raffle - posts on social media, business cards.
- Hot chocolate from So Chill and lights in kindergarten area
- School Council table with items eg books, coffee.
- QR code to scan and donate. No cost to attend but opportunities to donate.
- Food drive to local pantries eg Ottawa St

- Costs would be a roll of tickets, QR code printing
- Application for gym and kinder pen - Abby to set up a meeting to determine number of vendors.
- Food truck? Hot dog truck from So Chill contact

**After School Event :**

- hot chocolate from So Chill, choir invited to sing
- Either in-school total or after school - Abby will connect with Shane re: last year's plan regarding bus kids having early dismissal
- Slack started for prep/on site volunteering/ideas

**Slack update:**

streamline it

**Social media update:**

- 71 followers on Instagram.
- Archive rather than delete posts so future people don't have to create from scratch
- Karley to inform teachers of Instagram account to promote events

NOTE: Abby Zaitley is running for Ward 4 School Board Trustee - wouldn't be able to vote/have an active role in School Council if elected.

**ACTION ITEMS**

<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>TASK</b>
Abby Zaitley	Contact Mr. Pellizari re: permits for holiday event
Laura Mulder	Finish and circulate minutes
All	Set up PRO Grant channel in Slack
Karley Chaffee	Inform teachers about Instagram

**NEXT MEETING:**

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 19 6:30**

