

## **AMC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Jamie McLean (Principal), Karley Chafee (Staff Representative), Caitlyn Araya (Co-Chair), Chloe Richer (Co-Chair), Victoria Baranow (Treasurer), Laura Mulder (Secretary), Wendy Gibbons, Steve Gibbons, Spencer Gibbons, Sarah Drake, Abby Zaitley (Trustee), Amanda Faulkner, Melissa Garay, Laura Deboer, Michelle McIntyre, Mike McKim, Jordan Neudorf

New: Kori Ambrogio, Jacqueline Honeysett, Chantelle Bazowsky, Jessica Marcellus, Amy Stott, Jen Pohlman, Brad Leitch, Steven Rita-Procter, Morgan Tunzelmann

**ONLINE:** Kasey Furry, Hannam Namour, Erin Clark

### **Call to Order**

### **Attendance and Introductions**

- Attendees signed in and added email addresses. Everyone introduced themselves.

### **Housekeeping**

#### **Welcome and Introduction**

- Last year School Council had 15 voting members, and more community members that were occasionally involved. Voting members attend all School Council meetings, community members can drop in or help at events as needed.

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

- Minutes approved from June; moved by Caitlyn and all approved (Chloe, Victoria, Wendy, Sarah, Amanda, Melissa, Laura D, Mike). Laura to email minutes to new families and Jamie will post them on the website.

### **Trustee Report:**

Abby Zaitley

- Local trustees establish policy direction at the Board, and advocate for community members as they move through different channels (Principal, Superintendent, Trustee).
- Abby tries to attend most meetings, but also has commitments at Board meetings and attending other Ward 4 School Council meetings. Abby is one of two Trustee representative at the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) at the Board.

- There is a School Council support meeting on Tuesday October 14 to meet others, get ideas for fundraising and community events for School Council and Home & School.
- PIC applications open in March, it's a great opportunity to meet other School Council members.
- Follow Abby on Instagram for more information and updates.

### **PIC update:**

Abby Zaitley

- setting expectations for the year, elections, agenda setting, motion to write a letter to Minister of Education regarding Bill 33. Abby encourages us to investigate and understand what the Bill means for individual families.

### **Standing Reports**

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

Victoria Baranow

- June cut off date for reports so some items have not been processed yet
- \$6900, safe estimate of amount once outstanding items are processed is \$6000
- \$5000 for green initiative

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

Jamie McLean

- October meeting will discuss fundraising plan for the year. Funds raised in the school year should be spent in the school year. Jamie plans to focus on technology in the classroom for students with Pads for all grades, they can be carried over year to year.
- Finances sheet created for School Council and Office Admin to record purchases.
- Issues regarding specific children should be brought to classroom teacher, or make an appointment with Principal.
- Jamie plans to follow the proper policies, procedures and rules so things can be done effectively. Aiming for consistency with staffing and within the school overall. Collaborative, respectful dialogue, working through areas where people don't see eye to eye. Creating strategic plan for the school for the year.
- Land Acknowledgement to begin meetings.

- Jamie has been observing recess games led by Mrs. Lowery. He is beginning discussions about skill building, having fun, not concentrating on win/lose.
- Grade 1 field trip to Brentwood Farms. Trips should follow curriculum expectations and ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate.
- Teachers have been working hard to make students feel like they belong.
- Jamie plans to introduce weekly broadcasts, with real time updates. The website is updated.
- Jamie to connect with staff about Moccasin Identifier project.
- Track and Field is in June, volleyball and floor hockey are ongoing.

- **Important Dates**

- Terry Fox assemblies Wednesday September 23. Terry Fox Run Friday September 25.
- Swim team practices begin October 1 B&G Club, swim meet at Jimmy Thompson community pool.
- Cross Country Meet October 6.
- Orange Shirt Day September 30. Stickers for younger students, students encouraged to wear orange.

**Teacher Report:**

Karley Chaffee

- On behalf of staff, we are grateful to have a full time Principal. Things feel calmer, more stable, Mr. McLean is supportive. It feels like a fresh start, with good structures now in place. Classes feel good, the class building went well and needs are evenly dispersed.
- Miss Pierroz is beginning choir and wants to connect about Winter Concert.

**Elections**

- Nomination forms were sent out two weeks ago. Elected members need to have been on School Council for one year as a voting member.
- Co-Chairs, Treasurer, and Secretary are the elected members.
- Voting Members: Attend meetings regularly, assist on committees, have a vote.
- Quorum is majority plus one at minimum.
- Caitlyn Araya and Chloe Richer were re-elected as Co-Chairs. Victoria Baranow was re-elected as Treasurer. Laura Mulder was re-elected as Secretary.

- Voting members are: Kori Ambrogio, Laura Deboer, Sarah Drake, Amanda Faulkner, Melissa Garay, Wendy Gibbons, Jacqueline Honeysett, Mike McKim, Steven Rita Procter.

### **Teacher Requests:**

- Ms O'Marra requests bus transport to Brantwood Farms \$1130 for all Grade 1 and Grade 1/2 classes (100 students). Brantwood Farms entry is \$30/student.
- Discussion about field trip costs in general: Can SC approve half the cost? Schools can subsidize a dollar amount per student but that is sometimes difficult to track.
- Jamie to speak to staff at meetings about trips 1) being reflective of the curriculum and equitable and 2) spreading field trips over the year. In June, buses are at a premium, with commencement, Track and Field, and staff spread thin.
- Chloe moves to allocate \$1130 for bus fee for field trip. Mike, Corrie, Victoria, Wendy, Laura D, Melissa, Amanda, Chloe, Cait, Laura, Steven and Cait voted yes. There were no opposed. Jacqueline abstained.
- Kinder teachers request \$100 for soccer balls - school will pay for this.
- Tri Toss Hoop: Cait getting a price, vote for next meeting.

### **Open Items**

#### **By-Laws**

- Caitlyn to circulate for voting at next meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **2025-26 Grants**

- PIC Grant \$500 each academic term to fund local solutions for parent engagement, encouraging participation in SC or other events.
- PRO Grant \$1000 deadline November 11.

#### **Upcoming Dates**

- Meet the Teacher October 16, Family Picnic 5-6
- McMaster Speaker Series Tuesday October 21 and Tuesday November 4. EventBrite to register for free event in gym. Facilities set up the chairs, SC set up projector.
- Movie Night Thursday October 23: Abby connected Caitlyn with other schools who have done movie nights. Jamie will purchase the license. ACF movies have a lot of choice but not super recent. \$600. Jamie suggests not charging an entry fee, fundraiser with snacks and donations. Eventbrite for free event. Gauge interest. Invite Grade Fives to fundraiser

for Farewell event with a concession stand. So Chill can provide a bike stand. Caitlyn to follow up with Wendy and Grade Five teachers.

- Craft Market Thursday December 4: 50 vendors, hope for more this year. 50/50 raffle in the hallway Jamie to check on raffle rules. Silent auction. Timing to fundraiser pickup.

## **Fundraising**

- Three suggestions to choose from for a fall fundraiser:
  - Muskoka Coffee: bags of coffee 20-30% return \$20 bags paper ordering form
  - Mitchell's Soup Co: bags of soup 35% return, online and paper ordering \$99 delivery fee for 250lb of soup, free if less than that
  - Purdy's Chocolate 25% return \$7-40, online
- Abby suggested Krispy Kreme - easy/quick, money maker. Concerns about US-based company, picking up from Krispy Kreme and ensuring orders are picked up at school.
- Cait talking to Erin about meat fundraiser.
- Align fundraisers to NOT overlap with school led fundraising; check in with Miss Pierroz about her fundraising plan.
- A fundraising committee can meet separately to create and send a plan to the Board with initiatives, expected profit, etc. we can tell families to prepare.
- Earmark funds for Grade 5 Farewell.

## **Open Floor**

- Amanda: concerned about lack of supervision at lunch - parent volunteers? Amanda to meet with Jamie.
- Steven: anxious teachers about reorganization. No shuffle this year!
- Jen: sharing slides about meetings. Handbook. Slack
- Michelle: field with grass - Facilities has filled some. City field has some holes. Jamie to double check.
- Amanda: playground rules in the morning. If used respectfully, it's ok.
- Michelle: after care has free rein of entering school after bell time. Jamie spoke to Superintendent, there are no ID checks. Y has own phone, parent calls and they are given entrance.
- Mike: kids climbing on the shed in the kinder pen. Researching options to fix.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>TASK</b>
Laura Mulder	Finish and circulate minutes; send June minutes to new attendees/members.
Jamie McLean	Post June meeting minutes on website
Jamie McLean	Connect with staff about Moccasin Identifier stencils
Caitlyn Araya	Circulate by-laws to members for next meeting
Jamie McLean	Staff meeting discussion about field trips
Caitlyn Araya	Follow up with Wendy and Grade 5 teachers about Movie Night concession stand.
Jamie McLean	Investigate raffle rules
Jamie McLean	Follow up on holes in field

**NEXT MEETING: Monday October 6 6:30**

**Meeting adjourned**