

AAG School Council meeting minutes  
Sept. 26, 2024

**Approval of May minutes**

Motioned – Jen

Seconded – Ashley

**Council elected**

Chair – Shayla Harbridge

Fundraising committee – Jennifer Valeri

Treasurer – Linda Slayer

Community Member – Diane Valeri

Secretary - new member each meeting

**Fundraising committee**

Co-chairs: Jennifer Valeri and Shelley Pillar

Motioned – Jen

Seconded – Shannon

**By Law Committee**

No motion

**Communications Committee**

No motion

**Principal Report**

- introduced temporary vice principal (covering Mr. Reid’s parental leave) and teacher representatives: Ms Robinson and Ms Hamilton
- Parking lot safety changes: the drop off lane is single file for improved flow and school bus accommodation. Improvements such as repainting the crosswalks and added signage are scheduled with the facilities department.
- Reorganization
  - need 3 more classrooms
  - 90 students affected
  - New classes will be kindergarten, 2/3, 7
- Sabrina asked about accessibility for strollers and wagons up the hill. Answer: This has also been shared with the facilities department for both community entrances.

- Erin asked when the families will be notified about the change in classrooms.  
Answer: the first half of the phone calls began that day and will be completed by the end of the day tomorrow (Friday). The vice principal was calling every affected family directly.
  
  - Megan asked if there were 3 classrooms available.  
Answer: no, but there is 1 empty portable onsite already, a room was identified on the main floor, and the library would become a temporary classroom. Library services would remain available to students using a mobile cart system and classes would have scheduled time to visit the library.
  
  - Linda mentioned the previous plan included additional portables.  
Answer: yes, additional portables have been ordered and there will be a total of 6 portables by the end of this school year.
  
  - Erin asked where the portables will be placed.  
Answer: there are two portables coming soon. They will back up to the existing ones and the space between will be blocked off for safety. The ground will be paved under them and there will be a paved walkway to access the back portables.
  
  - Jen asked why the portables will go there and if parents were consulted.  
Answer: the school administration is told where they will go. The blacktop next to the high school is not allocated to AAG.
- Sup. Lee added that the placement of portables is determined by several factors and departments including the allocated space for the school from the city, fire department access requirements, bylaw policies, and hydro accessibility.
- Ashley asked how big the new pathway and paved space will be.  
Answer: approximately 24 feet into the field to have the most level ground. The pathway in front of the portables will be 6 ft wide for accessibility.

### **Treasurer Report - Linda**

There is \$557.76 left from last year to be transferred to this year.

### **Unfinished Business**

**AAG Milk Program – Erin**

We can get a grant to purchase a fridge

The cost is \$800.00 and the school admin and facilities department will have to find a new location for it due to the reorganization changes.

- Jen asked if the Milk program will make money for fundraising or be sold at cost.
- If the school even makes one penny it should go under the fundraising committee.

### **Hess Street School – Shelley**

AAG donated \$1,000 for their snack program.

They are in need of outdoor equipment.

- Jen mentioned if anyone has extra balls they can donate them. Soccer, football, and volleyballs are all needed, but not basketballs since they do not have a hoop.
- Linda mentioned that Play It Again Sports in Hamilton has balls to donate.
- Erin mentioned to look at community grants for them.
- Jen said maybe we could do an event, such as popcorn or freezes, there instead of at AAG.

### **Motions**

#### **Blacktop Funds**

Reabsorb the allocated \$5,600.00 allocated for the blacktop fund.

- moved by Jen

- seconded by Erin

Passed

#### **Food days Fundraising**

Tuesday – pizza

Thursday – pasta

Friday – Sub

- motioned by Jen

- seconded by Diane

Sometimes it is a lot of work for the office. Is there anything we can do to help them?

- Ms. Hamilton mentioned the Guy Brown uses a program Cheddar up. There is also a program called school lunch box.
- Jen mentioned that these third-party programs usually take a percentage of money, which reduces amount we would raise.

- Food days will now have captains, and all questions or issues will be directed to them instead of the office. Shannon will captain pizza days, Jen will captain pasta, and Diane will captain subs.
- Diane offered to come in the school and do paperwork for the orders.
- Ms. Hamilton asked about the kids who do not get any food items and mentioned that maybe the teachers can let us know which kids are in need.
- Shayla said maybe the surveys can be used to identify who needs help.
- Julie said maybe ask if families would like to donate an extra slice of pizza with their school cash purchase.
- Jen mentioned that maybe they can ask the supplier to donate extra food instead of asking families to donate since they are already supporting fundraising.
- Erin asked if we know of families that need help and is willing to help.
- Jen asked if they need help to contact a certain person at the school.
- Cohen (online) said it would be helpful for families to reach out to the teachers.
- Another suggestion was to reach out to local food banks so they can help connect families of students to support options.

### **Meeting Dates**

Council meetings should be monthly and the schedule for the full school year need to be selected. There will be no meetings in December, March and June.

This school year's dates are:

September 26th, 2024

October 17th, 2024

November 21st, 2024

January 16th, 2025

February 20th, 2025

April 24th, 2025

May 15th, 2025

September 25th, 2025

- motioned by Jen

- seconded by Linda

Meeting adjourned by Shayla