

AMC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2024

PRESENT: Karley Chafee (Staff Representative), Ian Pellizari (Principal), Caitlyn Araya, Katie Janssen, Jordan Neudorf, Vanessa Dunn, Jill McKim, Adam White, Laura Deboer, Laura Mulder

ONLINE: Victoria Baranow, Chloe Richer, Abby Zaitley, Wendy Gibbons

REGRETS: Katie Moisse, Sarah Drake, Amanda Faulkner,

Welcome

Approval of minutes:

- Minutes approved from November 5 meeting; moved by Laura Deboer and all approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Bank account balance is the same.
- Spreadsheet is in Google Drive: amount of money we have, amount of GI money we have, Board money, payouts. Remainder \$2100 unspent not including Board money.

Teacher Requests:

- Karley is following up on decodable text/home reading programs.
- There is interest in a second outdoor classroom. One consideration is to not have it directly next to the kindergarten area due to distractions. Contractor glanced at drawing and offered what could be done for \$5000. More detail is needed to get an accurate quote. The Board needs to use approved vendors.
- No new teacher requests.

Principal's Report:

- The gym is open, but not finished.
- Parent Teacher interviews this week. Virtual option and online booking are appreciated options. Social media update about timeliness of interview slots. Larger conversations can be booked with teachers.
- Jersey Day: any sports/camp T-shirt is great!
- December 13 is comfy cozy day.

PRO Grant:

- Looked at nutrition, resiliency, a few other topics that are recorded in a document for future years.
- Settled on social media and online safety Paul Davis.
- Reached out to Memorial to co-host and were also talking to Paul Davis for a June presentation.
- Three sessions for Memorial as a K-8 school, focus on the parents.
- Co-submit applications with Tara the co-Chair of School Council at Memorial.
- Send email with info about Paul Davis - previous PIC speaker.

Holiday Event December 5:

- Mrs. Pierroz can't attend or have choir perform on December 5.

Hot Chocolate Event December 19:

- Cambro containers, outdoor burner, more for parents.
- Thursday December 19 at dismissal, bus kids and YMCA sent out first.
- Karley to ask Mrs Pierroz about choir attendance.
- QR code will be posted.
- Instagram posts.

Slack update:

- Communications team removed; as it was primarily for the newsletter

Social media update:

- Figuring out newsletter timing.
- More followers coming,
- Creating monthly content calendar.
- November 21 Jersey Day, November 22 PA Day, November 29 Pizza Day deadline to purchase, December 5 market, December 13 Pizza Day, December 9-18 Candygrams, Winter Concert TBA, Winter Break, Mabel's Labels - August before school starts, December, before March Break, June before camp.
- Please TAG Vanessa, Chloe or Abby when you need help/finalization/action items.
- Abby would like to see posts before they go out - will respond within the hour.
- School Council profiles - Caitlyn to follow up.
- Social Media Team is AWESOME and doing a fabulous job!

Fundraising Ideas:

- Little Caesar's - Chloe can take the lead with Laura Mulder helping. Visual aid of pizza slices, then toppings. Finish date TBA once Chloe gets more information.
- Social Media can clarify that this is for School Council.
- Quick ideas: 50/50, Bottle Drive, Big Box of Cards, First Aid Kits, veggie/herb seeds, MacMillans, Muskoka Coffee, etc.
- Take this conversation to Slack.

Winter Holiday Planning:

- Reached out to Cassandra Lyons for Mom Market and she is unable to help.
- Let's do a Spring Market and focus on a Kid Market right now.
- Deadline for vendor applications, application needs to be sent ASAP.
- Envisioned as an entrepreneurial, whereas classroom projects making stuff to sell confuses the event. Invite classrooms to provide decor. Teachers can provide support as needed or offer time at lunch hour at their discretion.
- So Chill, music, School Council, Raffle. Event in the gym 2 hours before end of school.
- Run an after school craft club to give opportunity to all kids.
- Blend Hot Chocolate Social with kid vendor market.
- How many tables are needed/do we have? TBD.
- Concern about inclusivity of timing.
- Vanessa motions to merge the events all agree.
- Deadline for vendor applications is Tuesday November 26 and vote on them by email.
- Vanessa: figure out music/food/canned good, summary to Wendy via email.
- Potential volunteer meeting Tuesday December 17.

ACTION ITEMS

PERSON RESPONSIBLE	TASK
Laura Mulder	Finish and circulate minutes
Caitlyn Araya	Follow up with members for profiles
Karley Chaffee	Follow up regarding decodable texts/home reading
Caitlyn Araya	Create PRO Grant application and send to Ian
Ian Pellizari	Submit PRO Grant

PERSON RESPONSIBLE	TASK
Chloe Richer	Gather Little Caesar's information
Katie Moisse	Kid vendor application
Karley Chaffee	Inform teachers about Hot Chocolate Kids Market
Ian Pellizari	QR code linking

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY DECEMBER 3 6:30