MINUTES

AME PAC MEETING

**DATE:** February 26, 2018, 6:00PM – 7:00PM/ Meeting called to order by Saskia Battersby

**ATTENDEES:**

Brady Ibbetson, Jasmeet Virk, Saskia Battersby, Laura Hick, Kendal Shaw, Corey Anderson, Adrienne Cescon, Andrea Locke, Barbara Vaandrager, Nadine Bannister, Stacy Mutch, Judy Wan

**WELCOME:**

* Meeting called to order at 6:06pm
* Welcome and introductions by Saskia Battersby

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

* Approval of minutes from January 27, 2018
* Kendal motioned minutes, Corey 2nd, all approved

**PRINCIPAL WORDS:**

* Harmony Day went great, video to come soon.
* Opening ceremonies for Olympics, Mrs. Jerome and Uganda / India students sang, “Imagine” and the choir harmonizing was amazing.
* We had a drummer come for a week, visited each classroom for Chinese New Year.
* Its time for a computer refresh. Every 4 years computers are replaced. We received 30 new laptops in December, 60 Chromebooks and 40 Ipads. Teachers each received a laptop for each class. Tech guys from the district will come to provide support as needed.
* Discussion around change of report card systems. Shifting away from traditional report cards. Using words like expanding, developing, acquiring, instead of letter grades. High schools have been reluctant to shift over, as colleges look at GPA.
* In 5 years we won’t have letter grades anymore, so all schools will have to adjust.
* Not sure yet how this will affect our students. Grade 6 teachers to meet next week to discuss.
* Teachers to look into this for end of this year, beginning next year. Will need parents input.
* Brady asked about feedback regarding student led conferences:
  + Saskia Battersky said she felt like it was too long
  + Corey Anderson, Kyrin really enjoyed showing us around
  + Barbara Vaandrager – came from Chute Lake where they do fresh grade, so she’s more used to the structure. She would love to see this develop.
* Had ELF night, showed video on the new grading system. Praised for effort did better than praised for grade.
* Zumba started today grades 2-6. Two times per week.
* Ordered new uniforms, grey with blue AME logo. Brady to provide Kendal with receipt for $1000. Since Grade 6’s are leaving, ordered smaller sizes.
* September 2019 Grade 6’s will leave AME for middle school. We will be Kindergarten to Grade 5.

**BUDGET REVIEW:**

***BUDGET REVIEW BY KENDAL SHAW:***

* Gaming Grant – trying to spend $1200.
* $43,000 to spend does not include hot lunches and Fun Fair.
* $34,000 will be paid towards playground leaving only $1800; this should be paid off by June.
* Last year we paid $3800 in PayPal fees, this year $4600.
* Options: 2.9% + 30 cents per transaction.
* Someone asked again about E-transfer but this is not a secure option.
* Does anyone know a solution? Could we bill this amount to parents quarterly?
* We could do a poll and ask for parent’s feedback.
* It was suggested we do cheques again, Kendal said this is a lot of work for her as well less parents would be less likely to pay this way and profits will go down. People like the convenience of PayPal.
* Laura can send a newsletter to everyone asking for suggestions.
* Someone suggested asking the COPAC how they deal with it at other schools. Brady to look into this.
* Hot lunch going well so far $20,000 profit and still 2 more sessions to come. $34,000 projected after PayPal fees.
* A thank you to Bobby Jo who runs it and the volunteers that help.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

* Brady - Annual VP meeting to be held in May.
* Still looking for a COPAC rep – we need to get the word out via newsletter or Facebook.
* Also still looking to replace Leah Walton as she will not be here next year. Brady will get the word out in the next bulletin.
* Laura spoke on Mother’s day flowers, still two weeks to order. The plants are amazing. Cut off is March 9th, forms due March 8th. Flowers are delivered in May.
* Andrea Locke spoke on the Fun Fair. It will be May 25 from 5pm – 8pm: the theme is Superhero. Shelly to make announcement in the March newsletter. See attached notice from Andrea with all the details.
* Laura said she will assist with the gaming license.
* Brady is going to look into bringing in football players.
* Fee for fair will be $15, it was suggested that $20 is too high. Especially for those families with more than one child, it can add up quickly.
* Judy Wan offered donating pot stickers. It was suggested that these would be better suited to the movie night.
* Adrienne mentioned that movie night will be in June, the date to be confirmed.

**NEXT MEETING**

* Next meeting is April 16, 6pm (no PAC meeting in March) babysitting available.
* Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm