MINUTES

AME PAC MEETING

**DATE:** Apr 15, 2019, 6:00PM – 7:30PM/ Meeting called to order by Saskia Battersby

**ATTENDEES:**

Saskia Battersby, Laura Wilson, Amanda Burns, Corey Anderson, Brady Ibbitson, Jasmeet Virk, Andrea Locke, Adrienne Cescon, Alyse Franklin, Helen Mariotto, Rebecca Dittmer.

**WELCOME:**

* Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm
* Welcome and introductions by Saskia Battersby.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

* Approval of minutes from Feb 25 Meeting.
* Corey Anderson made motion to approve minutes, Andre Locke 2nd , all approved.

**PRINCIPAL WORDS:**

* Jim Laird will be coming to AME to give empathy interviews to the grade 5 and 6’s. He will interview 3 at a time. Then he will interview the teachers.
* The ministry has decided to keep reporting the same for now.
* We will be losing 5 classrooms next year. All the temporary teachers will be leaving.
* Hopefully all the grade 2’s will be together now, no splits.
* No more portables on the primary side, except for music classes.
* Still no word on whether Brady and Jasmeet could move schools.
* All 3 schools losing students to Canyon Falls will now have more room. Students will need to go to the school in their catchment, unless they have a sibling at AME.
* Cross country running and track and field started intermediate grades.
* Stem classes starting again, this has been a huge success.
* Apple Bowl will take place on May 27th. All grades 4-6 will participate.
* Saskia inquired about the tent for the Apple Bowl. Brady was not sure, so Saskia will inquire with Laura Hick.
* Everyone loved the inline skating program. Could return again.
* Parkour was also a huge success, grades 2-6.
* I-ride cycling program will begin soon for Grade 3’s.
* Battle of the books taking place, grades 3-6.
* Our school won the chess competition at OKM.
* Last week of May, walk/bike to school week.
* Poultry in Motion coming to the primary side – travelling barn for kids to interact with farm animals.

**BUDGET REVIEW:**

* Amanda Burns has just started in this role, so there was no budget update for this meeting.

Brady provided an update on the outdoor learning space:

* Budget has still not been approved, hence no Grants can be applied for. Once we have a budget, we can start to apply for Grants. There will be a meeting about this next week with the teachers.
* There has been talk about not installing a fence around the learning space. We would then need a shed to store supplies, but would save money on the fence. Still to be decided.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mother’s Day Flowers: Laura Hick was not in attendance. Brady said he would send out an email when the flowers arrive.

Fun Fair Update:

* Helen Mariotto brought forward some ideas and asked our opinion on the budget for inflatables. Could we eliminate the inflatables and have outdoor obstacles instead?
* It was discussed and decided that there is some expectation to have some inflatables available for all the students, as well as younger siblings. Parents pay for their tickets, we want to provide an exciting event.
* We all agreed on a small bouncy house, a small obstacle course, and the zorbs and possibly a small slide to lower costs.
* Photo booth has been donated so no budget is needed for this.
* There was discussion around the issue of students cheating for tickets. Next year we may do a stamp map to eliminate the opportunity for cheating. We will reevaluate this for next year.
* It was decided that no classrooms will get the free pizza party, but we will continue with tickets and toy prizes for this year.
* There will be a need for parent volunteers on the day of the event to set up, games, etc.

Other Discussion:

* Canyon Falls will be looking to fill PAC positions end of May. Anyone interested, talk to Saskia.
* Canyon Falls cannot apply for the gaming grant this year as they are a new school. All schools with students leaving to attend Canyon Falls will have to donate a portion of our gaming grant to Canyon Falls. Something to keep in mind for next year’s budget planning.
* Also keeping in mind next year we will have less students, which means less hot lunch dollars.
* Saskia provided a brief update on the transportation meeting for Canyon Falls. There are some things that need to be worked out in terms of bussing, drop offs and crosswalks. Stay tuned as more information comes.
* Laura Wilson brought forward a complaint from the Grad parents that there have been too many fundraisers. Going forward all fundraisers should go through the PAC so the calendar can be planned in advance.
* There was also a discussion around the Grad Camping trip and fundraising. Brady let us know that each child costs $160 but with the fundraising that has happened, that cost has been reduced to $125. If a child or parent that wants to attend the camp cannot afford to pay the fee, the school will pay for their fee.
* It was also discussed that the PAC should not be paying money towards parent volunteers to attend the camp.
* It was discussed that the Grade 5 and 6’s should do a thank you to the school/parents, etc. for all the fundraising efforts and where the money raised has been used. This will be added to the Fun Fair Décor.
* There was a quick discussion around a new alternative to Paypal. No one is 100% sure about this yet, so there is still some research to be done. Amanda will look into it.

**NEXT MEETING**

* Next meeting is May 27th, 6pm, babysitting available.
* Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.