



AMS School Advisory Council

MINUTES

January 29, 2020 @ 7:00

Present: Gina Miller, School Advisory Chair Laurie Kradovill
Heidi Ayers Coralee Rahn
Joe Cartwright Penny Wihnan
Tara Barabe, Teacher Stephanie Werner, Teacher
Amanda McGarry, Vice Principal Jill Miller, Support Staff

1. Welcome and Introductions

Miss McGarry introduced herself and advised that she would lead this meeting on behalf of Ms. Gust.

2. Approval of the Agenda

A Motion was made by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Rahn, to approve the Agenda. **CARRIED.**

3. Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting - November 27, 2019

A Motion was made by Mrs. Ayers, seconded by Mr. Cartwright, to adopt the November Minutes. **CARRIED.**

4. Reports

A. Financial - Ms. Miller

The balance in the School Advisory account as of January 29, 2020, is \$2,522.99. A discussion took place regarding School Advisory's financial commitments. Parents were advised that they have supported the annual AMS Awards Ceremony in the approximate amount of \$150. As well, this parent group has also organized, prepared food/snacks, and operated the concession for the AMS Track & Field day in May with any profits being considered as a fundraiser. This parent group seems interested in providing some financial support to a worthwhile project.

B. Chair - Mrs. Miller

No Report at this time.

C. Teacher Representative

No Report at this time.

D. Administration

Miss McGarry advised that report cards will be coming out on Friday. The core subjects will show marks and comments. The elective subjects will show marks but no comments. She also shared information regarding the PowerSchool Parent Portal being open to families.

5. New Business

A. New picture of AMS School Advisory

Miss McGarry asked the Parent Advisory group to bring "their best smile" to the next meeting as the school would love to have a group picture for our website.

B. Upcoming Town Hall on budget planning for 2020-2021

a. February 26 at 7:00 PM in the AMS library.

Miss McGarry provided a copy of a letter that will be provided to parents regarding the upcoming Town Hall meeting.

b. Feedback collected on the following areas:

i. Having considered your school's goals and your hopes for children in our school division, what do you feel we need to PROTECT or PRIORITIZE in upcoming budgets?

ii. As you consider future planning needs and challenges that may impact your child's learning, what do you anticipate might require additional or targeted support?

iii. As you summarize your group's discussions, is there any other advice/feedback that you would like to give the Board?

Miss McGarry shared with members present that Mr. Rick Massini, MHPSD Board Trustee, will be attending the next School Advisory meeting which is also the date for the Town Hall meeting so that he can provide information about the above questions as well as acquire parent feedback. (See attached letter.) She also shared that the goals specific to AMS as being Wellness and Collaboration. There was a dialogue about budget, what that entailed, and how it impacts the above questions.

C. Nutrition Grant - Breakfast Program

Miss McGarry advised that our school had applied for, and received, a \$10,000 Nutrition Grant which she has been using to build our Breakfast Program. She indicated that the money does not carry over and must be spent by the end of June. She will be required to do a final report on how the money was used. It is unknown whether this same grant will be available next school year. Examples of some of the products being purchased are granola bars, cheese strings, yogurt, fruit cups, cheese/nut snacks. Miss Gust and a few volunteer students have been baking muffins and protein bars.

D. 2020-21 Registration

a. Begins February 6.

Miss McGarry shared that the registration process for next year will begin on February 6. The majority of this process will take place online.

Mrs. Rahn inquired about an "Open House" for the incoming Grade 7 students and when that might take place. Miss McGarry believes that the feeder schools will be visited in March or April. The grade 7 orientation date will be April 23 as a Showcase/Open House.

b. All parents will need to be signed up for the Parent Portal

Information is in the process of being delivered to families in the district regarding this process. Families encountering difficulties with this process can contact their school or the support person at the board office.

i. The APP will not support the registration process ... web-based only.

The PowerSchool Parent APP will not support families trying to register online. A computer or laptop would be best.

c. Tuesday, Jan 28 MHPSD will do a division-wide school Messenger call out. This message will indicate that if you didn't receive an email from the school division yesterday regarding registration for next year to please contact the school.

d. Fundraising goals:

i. New circulation desk in the library.

Ms. Gust and Mrs. MacArthur have been discussing the possibility of a new circulation desk for the library. Currently the Library Technician's desk is so far back in the library that it is not conducive to a productive area. The approximate cost for this piece of furniture is between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Mrs. MacArthur has been researching possible solutions and will provide the administration with some options.

ii. New score clock for the gym.

Miss McGarry advised that through "scrimping and saving" in our school district budget, we should have enough to purchase a new score clock for the gym. Mr. Fisher, Vice Principal, has obtained a number of quotes from companies and has chosen the quote that fits our budget as well as fits our needs.

The possibility of sponsorship from a company to help offset the costs of these items was discussed. Further inquiries will be made regarding this possibility. School Advisory members will consider a possible donation towards the circulation desk. They would be interested in seeing a quote for the desk and then will come to the next meeting with a possible offer.

6. **Next meeting** - Wednesday, February 26, 2020

7. **Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned by 7:55 PM

Upcoming Dates

- February 5: Winter Walk Day
- February 7: PD Day @ AMS - no school for students
- February 13: AMS Band Concert @ 7:00 PM
- February 17: Family Day - no school
- February 18 & 19: Teachers Days In Lieu - No School
- February 20 & 21: Teachers Convention - No School
- February 26: AMS Town Hall Meeting
- February 26: AMS School Advisory Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- March 4: Section 5 ends for electives
- March 5: Section 6 begins for electives
- March 19: AMS Celebrations of Learning - 2:30 to 6:00 PM
- March 20: PD Day @ AMS - no school for students
- March 25: AMS School Advisory Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- April 1: MADD Presentation @ 1:15 PM
- April 6: Section 6 ends for electives
- April 7: Section 7 begins for electives
- April 8: Progress Reports go home
- April 10: Good Friday - no school for students
- April 13 to 17: Easter Break - no school for students
- April 23: AMS Open House for incoming Grade 7 students
- April 24: PD Day @ AMS - no school for students
- April 29: AMS School Advisory Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- May 5: Grade 9 English Language Arts Part A Exam
- May 8: Vaping & Cannabis Mini Fair - Lunch/Workshop Period
- May 15: Section 7 ends for electives
- May 18: Victoria Day - no school
- May 19: Section 8 begins for electives
- May 20: AMS Track & Field Day
- May 21: Drama Production @ MHHS 6:00-7:30 PM
- May 22: Drama Production @ MHHS 10:00-11:00 AM and 1:00-2:00 PM
- May 26: Cities Track & Field Event
- May 27: AMS School Advisory Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- May 28: AMS Pep Rally
- May 29: PD Day @ AMS - no school for students
- June 12: Year End Celebration
- June 17: Grade 9 English Language Arts Part B Exam
- June 18: Section 8 ends for electives
- June 18: Last day of regular classes for students

- June 19: Math Part A Exams
- June 22: Math Part B Exams
- June 23: Science Exams
- June 24: Social Studies Exams
- June 25: Grade 7/8 English Language Arts Exams
- June 26: Exam Conflict Day
- June 29: PD Day @ AMS - no school for students
- June 30: Report Card Handout