

SAC Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2023

Present: Jean Paquin, Mike Walhout, Susan Coleman, Andrew McDonald, Renée Minville, Jill Walhout, Nick Appleton, Cindy Caverly, Theone Cooper.

Next meeting: December 4th, 2023 @ 6pm

1. Nominations

- There was a nomination for Mike to be the Indigenous Representative. Mike accepted the committee position.
- No nominations for Secretary. Renée was asked to stand, and she accepted the position.
- No nomination for Treasurer. Susan was asked to stand, and she accepted the position.
- No nomination for Chair. Andrew was asked to stand, and he accepted the position.
- It was noted that, to meet by-law requirements, a minimum of 4 meetings need to take place during the school year. Four meetings were deemed sufficient.

2. Expected Programs/Projects

- Milk program – There is currently only \$276.75 in the Milk account, and \$200/month is the average expenditure for this project. Requests for donations can be done with the local Lions Club, as well as with the regular donor (Women's Institute).
ACTION: Jean to email the Lions Club to ask if they wish to support the AIPS milk program.
- BBQ purchase – this is expected to be a simple project if an area in storage can be cleared for the BBQ.
- Bike racks – the old bike racks do not have the capacity to adequately hold the bikes of all the students who ride to school. More modern ones are needed.

3. Principal's Report

- The superintendent and Facilities workers toured the school. They advised that 1.2 million had been spent in the last 10 years to fix it up. They listed the items still on notice to be completed in the next 5 to 10 years:
 - windows on the North & West side
 - pavement at the back of the school (estimated at \$100K)
 - painting in the gym (to be completed in the next couple of months)
 - accessible bathroom
 - electric basketball net (\$5k)

- The issues regarding the bus ride for AIPS students and sharing with secondary school students have been considered. The bus line has advised that it comes down to staffing, and that they have a job advertisement out for drivers. They are currently training a driver that will be available for 4 weeks, but do not have a long-term plan at this point, though vans might be used instead of buses.

4. Teacher's Report

- The school year has started off well. No new students this year.
- Activities students are taking part in currently or in the near future:
 - Soccer – happening now and going well
 - Swim to Survive – started already
 - Cross Country – starting on October 13th
 - Picture Day – happening on October 13th
 - Field Trip to Agnes Etherington Art Centre – November 1st
- Superintendent & Facilities tour was interesting. They advised of a 30% budget cap for capital projects in a fiscal year.
- Open House & BBQ went well (thank you to Mike for bringing a BBQ and cooking burgers). All students who attended received soccer balls and Frisbees.
- The Terry Fox Run was excellent. The students broke last year's record of \$4000 by raising approx. \$4700 this year.

5. Treasurer's Report

- The General account is at \$1328.59, the LDSB Grant account is at \$531.23, the donations account is at \$614.59, and the Milk account is at \$276.75.
- Receipts for the BBQ Open House will be reimbursed from the General account.

6. Old Business

- The final amount outstanding to pay for the playground is \$8516, which will be requested from ISLE as fulfillment of their pledge to contribute financially to the playground.
- Robin Hutcheon to be invited to the next meeting on December 4th, as the school board trustee for AIPS.

ACTION: Renée to send out invite to Robin with correct date and time for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.