
School Council News

AMHS 2015-16 School Council Report
From Loren Thorburn, School Council Chair

The AMHS School Council has had a very productive year. Thank you to all of the families who supported our three **fundraising** initiatives this year: Registration Donation Collection, Book Drive and Sale, and Donation Drive. Watch for a new option in next year's online registration where a donation of \$20, rather than the usual \$10, will give you a receipt to be used for income tax purposes.

Each year, School Council uses the generated funds to **support specific initiatives** around the school. This year, funds were used to support the Breakfast Program, which offers a healthy breakfast to any interested students almost every day of the school year; purchase a display case for the Co-op department where workplace activities of the students can be highlighted; purchasing costumes for theatre arts, drama and school musical productions, which will reduce the cost of performances by reducing the need to rent costumes; purchase a Lighting Kit and Light Meter for film and photography courses; supporting the Student Council Teacher Appreciation Luncheon; funding two Graduation Gifts; covering the cost of the bus for AMHS students to attend the Best Buddies Prom; supporting the purchase of musical instruments; and supporting the Cross Country team.

Several council members **attended Board workshops** including the Parent Symposium and a talk on Resiliency by Dr. Gordon Flett. Other members represented School Council, greeting parents of prospective future students at the Grade 8 Open House and the Arts' Information Night.

School Council applied for and was granted PRO Grant funds from the province to support talks during the day for the students and in the evening for the parents by Social Networking Safety expert Paul Davis. Both students and parents found his information to be very enlightening. School Council is in the process of applying for grants next year and planning to bring in Talli Osborne to speak to students and parents during the day. Talli brings a very powerful and inspirational message that is not to be missed. In addition, Dr. Gordon Flett will deliver a talk in the evening on his latest area of study, perfectionism. These talks are tentatively scheduled for the third week in November. We hope you will join us during the day and/or the evening. Both talks promise to be very inspiring.

For detailed information regarding past council activities, please visit the School Council page on the school website. Parents are always welcome to sit in on council meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 19 at which time elections for next year's council will take place. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.