

# Austin Elementary School Parent Advisory Council

## Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2024

Attendance: Diana Peters, Shanley Jarvis, Tamara Sokolosky, Jennifer Friesen, Nadine Key, Martha Rempel, Roxy Kneeshaw, Michelle Marriot

1. Call to Order by Diana Peters – motion: Nadine/Tamara.
2. Acceptance of Agenda – Motion: Roxy/Tamara: that the agenda be accepted as presented.  
Carried.
3. Approval of Minutes from January 25/24 meeting: Motion: Nadine/Jennifer: that minutes be accepted as read. Carried.
4. Treasurer's Report: see attached report. Motion: Shanley/Roxy: that the treasurer's report be accepted. Carried.
5. Principal's Report – see attached report
6. Business Arising from the Minutes:
  - a. Financial Audit – Jeff was not at meeting, will revisit this next meeting.
  - b. Yearbook
    - i. Around \$16-18 for 76 pages.
    - ii. Rough estimate of cost \$1,216.00.
    - iii. Lindsay/Sheridan are in charge of the yearbook and can give us more final details as we go.
    - iv. School would help cover the cost for each family to receive one yearbook, any additional yearbooks, families will need to pay for.
    - v. APAC is willing to donate \$1,000 towards yearbooks. Motion: Nadine/Martha.  
Carried.

## 7. New Business

- a. Parent teach supper – went over well. Subway cost \$136.92. Motion:  
Nadine/Jennifer. Carried.
- b. PCTA supper – Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Does APAC want to cater event?
  - ii. Usually between 40-50 people in attendance.
  - iii. Location: Austin.
  - iv. Martha will head this up and come up with a game plan, if moving forward. Will confirm details at next APAC meeting.
  - v. Christina Doerksen would help out with this event.
- c. Class Field Trips
  - i. Does APAC want to continue helping with funding for class field trips?
  - ii. Yes. Motion: Roxy/Nadine. Carried.
- d. Tabloid Day
  - i. In the past APAC has donated food for this event.
  - ii. Tabloid day will happen, no plans have been made yet for event.
  - iii. Once details are made, Michelle will let APAC know if we can donate anything for event.
- e. Fundraiser Ideas
  - i. We haven't had many fundraisers as of late for APAC.
  - ii. Round table discussion on possible fundraising ideas.
  - iii. Talked about the following ideas: chips, taking over the summer plant orders, cards, chocolate, town-wide garage sale, table at markets, etc.
- f. Grade 8 Grad Celebration
  - i. Nothing is planned as of now.
  - ii. When Michelle has an idea, she can let APAC know.

iii. Diana has some left-over decorations she is willing to lend out for event.

8. Round Table

a. Thank you letters to APAC were shared.

b. Michelle updated us on Austin's new teachers.

9. Next meeting date: Thursday, May 23, 2024

10. Adjournment – Motion: Jennifer

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Secretary (Jennifer Friesen)

Chairperson (Diana Peters)

- Basketball and curling have wrapped up for the school year. Mr. McMillan will coach badminton for grade 7 and 8 students.
- Valleyview tubing was canceled due to lack of snow. The grade 7/8's and Mr. Dickson organized a winter activity afternoon instead.
- We had two artists visit the school. Local illustrator Kyla Wiebe worked with three different classes while Annie Beach will work with all classes to create an art piece for the school (one of her days was rescheduled due to weather).
- Hot lunch and daily breakfast continue to be popular among students.
- Mom's Pantry fundraiser was successful. Upcoming fundraiser will be one we have not done before. Colibri Canada (St. Adolphe) features reusable products (ie, lunch bags, snack bags, bowl covers, etc.).
- Students in grades K to 4 enjoyed Manitoba Theatre for Young People.
- We have 13 students registered for kindergarten next year.
- Grades 5 – 8 students will attend a presentation on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at MES given by National Geographic photographer John Donne about his experiences in the Arctic.
- New staff members include Olivia Sokolosky and Raelyn Young (educational assistants). Mrs. Hiebert has retired but will continue to contribute as a guest educational assistant and volunteer baker.
- Report cards will go home on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Student-led conferences will be Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> (evening) and Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> (morning).