

Austin Elementary School Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2024

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

1. Call to Order by Diana Peters
2. Acceptance of Agenda – Motion: Jeff/Tamara: that the agenda be accepted as presented.
Carried.
3. Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2023 meeting: Motion: Roxy/Diana: that minutes be accepted as read. Carried.
4. Treasurer's Report: see attached report
-Motion: Tamara/Diana: 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 has found someone to do this, just need to set up a time.
 - b. Signing Authority – has all been taken care of.
 - c. Parent Teacher Supper – everything was excellent.
 - d. Pancake Breakfast – we made \$835.00, thank you to Shanley for arranging all the donations and to everyone who helped out to make it successful.
 - i. Coffee creamer, margarine and cooking spray were things forgotten but did get it sorted by grabbing some from the school.
 - e. Yearbook – Michelle has talked to MES to see who they have got in the past.
 - i. Spoke with Caroline Wiebe
 - ii. \$12.49 for 20 pages, 28 cents per additional page

- iii. Free shipping over 75
 - iv. Would APAC cover some of the cost for every family at AES to receive 1 yearbook?
 - v. Student Council to discuss further potential costs, pages etc.
 - vi. No final decision has been made, will re-visit
- f. School Lunches – for the time being APAC does not need to help with this

7. New Business

- a. Yarn club request - \$300.00 for more yarn supplies. Motion: Shanley/Nadine. Carried.
- b. Food Handlers Certificate – does APAC want to pay half of the bill for Christina Doerksen. Motion: Tamara/Roxy. Carried.
- c. I love to Read Month – February 15th Random Act of Kindness Day
 - i. Would APAC be willing to pay for supplies for sundaes for the whole school.
 - ii. APAC is willing to pay \$150-200 for supplies.
 - iii. Motion: Tamara/Martha. Carried.

8. Round Table

- a. Is there Games Club – yes games club is offered to different grades throughout the school.
- b. School pictures – class photos will be given out for free again next year! Will try to book earlier in the school year.

9. Next meeting date: Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment – Motion: Jennifer

Secretary (Jennifer Friesen)

Chairperson (Diana Peters)

Austin Parent Advisory Council
 Monthly Treasurer's Report
 As of Jan. 25/24

OPENING BALANCE (MONTH 1st): \$12,144.96

INCOME (Deposits):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11/30/23	Interest	2.00
12/31/23	Interest	2.04
01/22/24	Deposit - Pancake Breakfast (float, profit)	1135.00
		\$
		\$
TOTAL INCOME:		1139.04\$

EXPENSES (Cheques written):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cheque #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12/18/23	549	Pancake Breakfast Float	300.00
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
TOTAL EXPENSES:			300.00\$

ENDING BALANCE (DATE): \$12,984.00

OUTSTANDING CHEQUES:

<u>Cheque #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
TOTAL OUTSTANDING:		N/A

Principal Report – January 25th, 2024

- Thank you to Diana, Christina, and Martha for all of the work at the Christmas Dinner. Also, thanks to the APAC parents for providing desserts.
- The pancake breakfast was enjoyed by students and staff. Thank you to APAC for that as well. The leftover sausages were used at the hot breakfast for students in January.
- Basketball practices are underway for students who have signed up in grades 6, 7, and 8.
- Curling practices have been happening after school as well.
- High school French students and Ms. Finch-Chambers presented to the grades 7 and 8 students about what to expect if they take French in high school. The students also went to MCI and shadowed some French classes.
- The grade 5 and 6 students learned a lot from their tour of the legislative buildings.
- The grade 6, 7, and 8 students went to a performance of the Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers at MCI.
- Swimming has been rescheduled due to poor weather and storm days. January 19th – Grades 2 to 4; January 30th – K, ½; February 20th – Grades 5 to 8.
- Lunch provided for all students on January 30th – ham or chicken wrap.
- The students have been enjoying skating and curling during PE class.
- Make it Sow fundraiser is happening.

Upcoming:

- Kindergarten registration is from February 5th to 9th.
- February is I Love to Read month. There are lots of activities planned. A calendar will be sent home.
- Basketball teams will play games throughout the month. Curling divisionals will be in Plumas on February 27th.
- Students will go to Valleyview for tubing on February 28th.
- Annie Beach will visit the school on February 26th and March 4th. She will do some teaching about the circles/cycles in the natural world in relation to the medicine wheel. Students will have the chance to create their own piece of art that reflects on this and she will assemble into a large art installation for the school.
- We will have a school lunch (soft tacos) on February 13th. Hot breakfast on February 7th.
- Mom's Pantry fundraiser is coming up as well.