Austin Elementary School Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2024

Attendance: Diana Peters, Tamara Sokolosky, Jennifer Friesen, Roxy Kneeshaw, Michelle Marriot, Jeff Dickson, Diedrich Toews, Christina Doerksen

1. Call to Order by Diana Peters
2. Acceptance of Agenda – Motion: Tamara/Jeff: that the agenda be accepted as presented. Carried.
3. Approval of Minutes from AGM on October 2, 2023 : Motion: Jennifer/Roxy: that minutes be accepted as read. Carried.
4. Treasurer's Report: see attached report. Motion: Roxy/Tamara: that the treasurer's report be accepted. Carried.
5. Principal's Report – see attached report
6. Chairperson's Report:
    a. Big thank you to the APAC committee for all the help throughout the year!
7. Business Arising from the Minutes
    a. No business.
8. New Business
    a. Election of council:
        i. Chairperson – Diana would like to step down as chairperson
        ii. Vice Chair – no vice chair
        iii. Treasurer – Roxy Kneeshaw – Tamara nominates Roxy second by Christina
        iv. Secretary – Jennifer Friesen – Tamara nominates Jennifer second by Jeff

v. Council Members – Jennifer, Roxy, Nadine, Tamara, Christina, and Jeff

vi. Motion to cease nominations – Motion: Roxy/Christina

b. Jeff will shadow next meeting as Chairperson with the hopes of someone stepping forward at Chairperson

c. Designation of cheque signing authority – Jennifer and Roxy

d. Yearbook – will be closed by the end of September and will hopefully arrive mid-October.

i. Agreed last meeting that APAC to contribute $1,000 and Student Council to pay the rest

9. Regular Business Meeting – to approve contributions from APAC to school

a. Tabloid Day freezies, juice boxes – Motion: Roxy/Tamara

b. Grade 8 Grad cake and ice cream – Motion: Jennifer/Jeff

c. Invoice for service at Memorial Lunch - $100 create invoice

d. DFS fundraiser – possible option for APAC fundraising

10. Next meeting date: Wednesday, November 13, 2024

a. Will discuss Christmas in Austin – December 19th – Pancake Breakfast

11. Adjournment – Motion: Jennifer

Secretary (Jennifer Friesen) Chairperson (Diana Peters)

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Monthly Treasurer's Report

As of June 30/24

OPENING BALANCE (Jan.25/24): **$ 12,984.00**

INCOME (Deposits):

Date	Description	Amount
01-31-24	Interest	$ 2.07
02-29-24	Interest	$ 2.00
03-31-24	Interest	$ 2.12
04-16-24	Shareholder Dividend 2023 Payout	$ 3.58
04-30-24	Interest	$ 2.04
05-31-24	Interest	$ 2.06
06-30-24	Interest	$ 2.00
	TOTAL INCOME:	**$ 15.87**

EXPENSES (Cheques Written):

Date	Cheque #	Description	Amount
01-25-24	550	Diana Peters - teachers supper	$ 120.94
01-25-24	551	Food Handler Certificate/Yarn Club	$ 357.47
4-10-24	552	Diana Peters - teachers supper	$ 136.92
5-01-24	553	AES Student Council - ice cream sundaes	$ 196.01
		TOTAL EXPENSES:	**$ 811.34**

ENDING BALANCE (June 30/24): **$ 12,188.53**

APAC Financial Summary
July 1/ 23 - June 30/24

Income

Fundraisers - Income

Pancake Breakfast	$	835.00

Other Income

Interest	$	26.57
Dividend Payout	$	3.58
Total Income	**$**	**865.15**

Expenses

Field Trips (2023)	$	160.87
Food Handler Certification	$	57.47
Yarn Club	$	300.00
Teacher Suppers (Nov & Apr)	$	257.86
Ice Cream (I Love to Read)	$	196.01
Total Expenses	**$**	**972.21**

Principal Report – October 2nd, 2023

September update:

- AES enrollment is 134 students (last year was 131).
- New staff: Connor Nichol (grade 6/7); Michelle Warkentin (literacy support); Stephanie George (Educaitonal Assistant); Quinn Knelsen (Educational Assistant)
- Strong Beginnings assessments (focused on literacy and numeracy) have been completed and help teachers plan instruction and intervention.
- Events in September included Orange Shirt Day, Terry Fox Run and BBQ, Book Fair, and Back to School Supper.
- Communication will continue in same formats (School Messenger, Week at a Glance for upcoming events, school calendar and newsletter). We will also continue to send paper copies of newsletter and calendar home with each family.
- School continues to make breakfast available to all students each morning. We will also have one Subway day per month (students order and pay) and one lunch provided to students each month.
- The grade 6 science class ventured to Nichol Honey Farm to learn about bees and their importance in our ecosystems.
- Student council is open to students from grades 5 to 8 with a lot of participation from students. They have helped with the Terry Fox Run and have plans for upcoming events in October.
- Sports: Grades 5 to 8 students participated in divisional soccer in Langruth. Volleyball practices have started for students in grades 6 to 8. Cross-country run practices have also been happening.
- Peak of the Market vegetable sales is the first fundraiser for student council.

Upcoming:

- Students in grades 4 and 5 will enjoy a virtual science presentation with hands on activities to complement their study of ecosystems and human body systems.
- Divisional cross-country meet in Austin will be held on October 7th.
- October 8th - Classroom mapping meetings take place between resource teacher and each classroom teacher in order to put proactive planning in place to address literacy, numeracy, behavioural, and social emotional needs of students.
- School picture day is coming up on October 17th.
- The volleyball teams will participate in tournaments at MES. AES will host volleyball tournaments.
- Visit to the Archives display in MacGregor at the library – October 24th.
- Thanksgiving lunch on October 29th for all students.