



Altadore Elementary School Council
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2025

Attendance:

Iikiinayookaa, Karlee Zelmer, Julia Hikita, Adam Revay, Kristi McAllister, Cameron McDonald, Casey James, Christiana Hawkins, Michelle Jung, Brian Brix, Susan Gray, Emma Geoghegan, Tim Saunders

Meeting opened at 6:35pm

Acknowledgement of the Land (Grade 5 Teachers)

- Grade 5 students participated in a land acknowledgment
- Mr. Mitchelson and Mr. Herchek introduced themselves as grade 5 teachers

Welcome (Julia)

- Approval of Minutes from February 19, 2025 Meeting – majority in favour - **approved**

Presentation by Grade 5 Teachers

- Tech Handling and Online Safety Presentation
 - Kids brainstormed ideas on what they think about tech handling and online safety
- Presentation overview of the ideas and concepts combined with school policy/guidance
 - Safe Handling
 - Online Safety
 - Interland was a website suggested for kids to learn/develop their internet skills on safe tech use
 - Question: Is there a school list of trusted sites? A: The CBE has some trusted sites, but the key is for kids to learn effective ways to research
 - Teachers often provide sites in google (National Geographic for kids etc.)
 - Question: How often does content get through the CBE internet filter? A: Not often, images are trickier to filter, but it's rare. Haven't had any real issues come through this year
 - Question: Admin has done work with each class in the past, do we still have them doing this? A: Grade 5 and Grade 6 have had chances to go through cyber safety and best practice

Reports

School Admin Update (Iikiinayookaa/Karlee)

Karlee:

Fun Fit Budget Update - Karlee provided an update of the Fun Fit activities to date

- Highlights coming up: (April – June) Details to come in Newsletter
 - Fit Set Ninja
 - Steam of Dreams – each child will get to paint a fish, and it will be added to the fence. Prior to the art, there is some environmental awareness
 - Swimming booked for two weeks (early May), more details and info coming
 - Saa'kokoto spring visit
 - TREX art exhibition
 - June National Indigenous Peoples Day
 - Sports Day
- Plan for next year: Considering that costs are increasing across the board, proposal from Admin to rotate different activities every couple of years. Could keep items like: Terry Fox, Sports Day, Seasonal Elder Visits & National Indigenous Peoples Day events as annual, then potentially stagger other events over a few years rotation
 - Haven't had a drama/theatre residency in a long time, could be a good focus area
 - Discussion on continuing with skiing, interest was there to continue trying to secure ski days (at ~\$55 a kid, its expensive, but billed out to families last year and can consider that)
 - Reflections on the Fit Fun accountability moving to Admin (no volunteer role), it has streamlined the booking process, but would be helpful to have idea generation come from parents
- Christiana and Sue volunteered to pull together the Sports Day Committee to support the half day
- Budget Recommendations from Altadore Staff – from the March Executive meeting asking for staff wishes for additional funding
 - Wishlist was compiled through teacher submission of ideas, largely fell into buckets: PE, outside other, additional fun/fit residencies, Tech, Resources for new curriculum, Music, Library
 - Discussion on ideas and next steps to prioritize and estimate budget for each
 - Administration agreed to provide cost estimates for these items by May 2.

Iikiinayookaa:

- RAM - Budget Update – Plans for next year are beginning
 - Question: Kindergarten enrollment current status? A: 49 registered at this time (2 classes as of today)
- Parent Lending Library – Andrew Silbert School does a basket at the door
 - Will discuss further at next meeting
- Tree Planting Update
 - CBE planting the trees this summer, 4 trees getting put in

Chairs Report

- Recruitment of Council members for 2025-2026 year
 - Will need Casino Chair

- Will need Fundraising Chair
- Vice- Chair will be vacant and required to be filled
 - Adam will be moving into Chair role
- We need a Hoot Chair & Hoot Committee
- Fun Lunch volunteer will be Casey
- Garden Committee in need of new members
- Update of School Council Handbook
 - Adam provided update on taking on School Council Handbook
 - Each role/position needs a description of the accountabilities
 - Ask for each council member to review/advise on their position descriptions
 - Draft updated Handbook to be ready by May 15

Edible Garden & Owl's Nest Coordinators (Emma & Katie)

- Room Parent can coordinate volunteers, the garden committee will be looking for more parent hours
- Potentially need volunteer help to write grant proposals etc. Adam offered to help
- May 5th the lessons start, weekly update will go out to the parents. Usually about 18 classes a week
- Potential for fundraising at Hoot – specifically funding for Garden Capital Plan
- April 27th clean up

Parent Grant

- Dr. Cheryl Parent Night: April 30 - update/planning – social media and screen time impacts on kids mental health
 - Currently planning to do live and in person, will look at school childcare as option if registration and interest is low
 - Admin has booked the gym for potential
- Idea submitted to host a parent/kid art engagement night to use the grant money, purchase loose parts for the full amount of grant, parent council hosts the engagement night and then we can keep the loose parts for our school. Council to pursue this idea

New Business

First week of May – Volunteer heavy week

- Stream of Dreams volunteers needed, the volunteers hanging the fish DO NOT need police clearance
 - Sign up times not submitted yet, but by this Friday Tori should have links/times and expectations. Assumption is that we will be doing fish installation by Thursday May 8. More volunteers equals faster installation time. Will need tons of volunteers.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08pm

Next Meeting: May 14, 2025

Please forward agenda items to Julia at altadoreparentcouncil@gmail.com



Altadore Elementary School Parent Association

Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2025

Welcome (Julia)

- Approval of Minutes from November 20, 2024 Meeting **MAJORITY APPROVED**

Reports

Chair (Julia)

Vice Chair (Adam)

Treasurer (Brian)

- Budget approvals from March, proposed further funding opportunities
 - March funding approvals for Library, Stream of Dreams, Recess Equipment and National Indigenous Peoples Day event

Fundraising Chair (Amy)

New Business

Adjournment 8:12pm

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