



Altadore Elementary School Council
Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2026

Attendance:

Meeting opened at 6:42pm

Kris Reinhart, Danica Burrows, Adam Revay, Kristi McAllister, Jessica Brown, Casey James, Jill Coxford, Danielle Marshall, Megan McKay, Kelsea Boudrea, Amanda Bruni, Michelle Jung, Abbey Pinder, Satah Whitton, Lauren Covington, Monica Hoy, Marlene Javan- Sehati, Megan Gough

Welcome (Adam)

- Approval of September Minutes will be deferred to November Council Meeting so that we can have time for all members who would like, can review, then make motion for approval

Reports from Admin

- Acknowledgment of the Land – Grade 5 – video was shared
- Classroom Sharing - Grade 5 – newsletter from Brianna Miller (Grade 5) was shared to demonstrate the learning in her classroom and all the areas they are focusing on
- Update about AMA Student Patrols – we do not have enough students who signed up to participate, so we will not pursue at this time
 - Acting Principal Kris mentioned we should table on the agenda in the new year and see if there is more interest at that time
- Staffing update:
 - Overview from Admin on the nature of how many leaves are happening across the system (CBE), highlighted 2 short term leaves are happening
 - **Question:** The rate of leaves and exits has been alarming, it seems it has been a very challenging start to the year for the school, harder than COVID and last year's work stoppage, is there something else going on at the school?
 - ANSWER; Admin said the leaves are higher across the CBE and that substitutes are hard to come by with the funding increases that have resulted in lots of subs taking full-time roles. Mentioned that the return-to-work order from last year is still lingering at the backs of teachers' minds and could be connected to
- Update about Music Reorganization
 - **Question:** How did the decision get made on the music room being used for grade 1 vs the library?
 - ANSWER: There was a staff meeting and we thought we were going to create another noisy half class and make the decision to give them their own class, and so the decision was made to put grade 1 in music room and music teacher is displaced
 - **Question/Comment:** Can we keep the openness coming, the parents appreciate honesty and transparency. What else can we do to support teachers? Parent Council has expressed its

support for teacher wellness and would like to direct funds and support to help the teacher morale and make their days easier. Can we buy cutlery for the staff room?

- **Question:** Can a few parents come to the Friday teacher/admin meeting to hear directly from teachers about their wants/needs list?
 - ANSWER: Yes, we can do that.
 - Admin suggested that sound system/microphone/large projector screen for gym would all be helpful for the gymnasium
- Winter Concert Plans – working on this modified version:
 - Parent Council suggested an evening holiday concert, half inside and half outside, hot chocolate and no chairs inside, just risers for kids and we do Div 1 then Div 2 switches
 - Parent volunteered that her husband is a professional music teacher and could support
- Early Year Grade 1-3 Literacy & Numeracy, and Grade 4&5 Screening Assessments
 - Hard copy universal screener reports will be printed at the school and distributed between October 26 and November 29
 - CBE will send a message from the system and school messenger to share information on how to read/understand the reports
 - The reports will be sent home in students backpacks
 - **Question:** How often should we hear from our teachers?
 - Teacher bi-weekly reports should be the main point of connecting parents with what is happening in the classroom
- Parent Council Bulletin Board
 - There is a council bulletin board outside the office, council can take a peek and share information

Casino Chair (Amanda)

- Thursday Dec 17 and Friday Dec 18
 - We are awarded a casino every two years, and we end up fundraising about \$80,000 (we allocated \$40,000/year)
 - We need 36 volunteers for two days – 3 shifts per day (day time, evening, and late night)
 - Please follow the link in the bi-weekly update to sign-up, if you have any questions email the casino volunteer email
 - Goal is to fill as many shifts as possible

One and Done Promo

- This year's main fundraiser will be promoted as the **One & Done Campaign** — one donation that supports programs and experiences for Altadore kids all year.
- For those new to the school - this is how we fundraise! Instead of selling products (like apples or frozen cookie dough), we ask families for a **suggested \$200 per child** (but any amount is welcome, give what feels comfortable). **Funds go directly to enrich our children's school year — things like field trips, in-class residencies, cultural programs, library books, gym/music equipment, and community celebrations.**
- **Tax receipts are provided**, donations can be set up as **monthly gifts**, and many employers will match donations.

Edible Garden and Owls Nest (Sarah and Jenn)

- Do we need approval to replace the fence around the charity bed? Chair of Garden and Owls Nest
- Thank you to Dylan for taking over the treasury role for the garden/owls nest
- Thank you to Michelle for her years of service and the robust hand off of work
- Discussions with likinayooka have been underway about the shed, looking for confirmation

Meeting Adjourned 7:54pm



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Meeting called to order at 7:55pm

Reports

Chair –

Vice Chair –

Treasurer –

Fundraising –

One and Done Campaign

Secretary –

Societies Insurance Renewal Application has been completed, we require payment to be made directly to Marsh

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm