



**Altadore Elementary School Council
Annual General Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2025**

Attendance: Julia H, Emma G, Saul C, Larissa KC, Megan G, Kristi M, Brian B, Adam R, Amanda B, Christiana H, Caren M, Danielle M, Amy C, Iikiinayooka, Karlee Z

Acknowledgment of the Land: (Karlee)

Transitioning from Reconciliation to Reconciliation as we advance our commitments to TRC

Welcome (Julia)

Motion to Approve Minutes from May 14, 2025: all in favour with majority vote

Reports

Altadore Elementary School Council Annual Report 2024-2025

Review of School Year

We had a great start to the year with our Direct Donation Campaign and Casino this fall. The Altadore Elementary School Parents' Association exceeded its fundraising goal, raising \$48,412 from Direct Donation and \$82,956 from the Casino. Half of the casino funds have been designated for next year. These funds go to the school to enrich the student's educational experience with field trips, classroom support, Unity projects for families at Altadore School in need, multiple FunFit PhysEd residencies, Indigenous Elder Saa'kokoto residency, the Edible Garden, addition of new books for the school library, the purchase of new technology and more. A huge Thank you to our fundraising chair Amy Close for coordinating the Direct Donation Campaign.

A huge thank-you to our Casino Chair, Michelle Jung for coordinating the Casino. And thank you to all of the volunteers who worked the casino, particularly the late-night shifts! The Casino requires a lot of volunteers, but it raises a significant amount of money for the school. Our next casino is slated for Q4 2026.

In September, the Edible Garden charity bed donated Approximately 1035 lbs of produce to the Calgary Food Bank. A huge thank you to the Garden Committee: Emma Geoghagan, Katie Dodd, Kelsey Boudraa and Baiba Hesela and the Teachers and Students who nurtured the garden beds and participated in the harvest. We had our second annual Harvest Festival event where students and parents helped with harvest, participated in fun activities, and enjoyed some treats made from garden produce. We hope to expand this event next year.

The "Walk Safe" Committee looked into ways to address the safety concerns at the crosswalk in front of the school at 45 Ave. As a result, School Administration has put a focus on ensuring traffic cones are out at the crosswalk, and the City of Calgary has agreed to add new traffic calming measures around the crosswalk. We expect these to be installed before the beginning of the next school year. A Huge thank you to the Safe Walk Committee: Megan Gough, Adam Revay and Kristi McCallister.

The School Council continued to try to make it easier for parents to attend monthly meetings by investing in a webcam and microphone to improve virtual meetings. Thank you to Adam Revay for purchasing the technology and setting it up before all of our meetings this year. We organized a Spring Guest Speaker event at the end of April. Dr. Cheryl MacLeod from the Family Psychology Place presented on Impact of Screen Time and Social Media on Children's Development and Mental Health. It was an insightful presentation full of tips and considerations for parents and caregivers. Thanks to Dr Cheryl for donating her time for the event.

Alberta Education provided a \$500 grant to support the enhancement of parental involvement and engagement. With this, we started the Parent Lending Library. This is a resource for parents to borrow books on parenting, mental health, and technology use. The Parent lending library is located outside of the School Office. Please take some time to check it out!

The School Council funded Stream of Dreams this year. The students enjoyed painting their fish and now seeing them on display on the school fence. A huge thank you to Christiana Hawkins for coordinating the volunteers and the activities that week!

The School Council continued to organize staff appreciation lunches and snack days, Fun Lunch for the students this year, thank-you to Larissa Kennedy-Chan for her work coordinating Fun Lunch.

A huge thank you to our 2024/2025 Parents' Association and School Council Volunteers

1. Julia Hikita - Chair
2. Adam Revay - Vice-Chair
3. Kristi McCallister - Secretary
4. Brian Brix - Treasurer
5. Amy Close - Fundraising Chair
6. Michelle Jung - Casino Chair
7. Katie Mellon - Communications (Newsletter)

8. Lisa Kujath - Communications (social media)
9. Christiana Hawkins - Volunteer Coordinator
10. Larissa Kennedy-Chan - Fun Lunch Coordinator
11. Caren Moss - Unity Coordinator
12. Emma Geoghagan - Co-Chair of the Owl's Nest & Edible Garden committee
13. Katie Dodd - Co-Chair of the Owl's Nest & Edible Garden committee
14. Matt Hayles - Treasurer of the Owl's Nest & Edible Garden Committee
15. Jessica Brown - Auditor

Thank-you to Altadore School Administration for your support and guidance this year. Ikiinayooka, I have enjoyed getting to know you and working with you over this past year. We are glad you have joined Altadore School!

There is a new group of Council volunteers for the 2025-2026 School Council. They will be:

1. Adam Revay, Chair
2. Danielle Marshall, Vice Chair
3. Kristi McAllister, Secretary
4. Katie Mellon, Communications (Newsletter)
5. Lisa Kujath, Communications (Social Media)
6. Christiana Hawkins, Volunteer Coordinator
7. Casey James, Fun Lunch Coordinator
8. Caren Moss, Unity Coordinator
9. TBD - Co-Chair of the Owl's Nest & Edible Garden committee
10. Michelle Jung - Treasurer of the Owl's Nest & Edible Garden Committee
11. Newly created role of Community Spirit Coordinator - Amy Close

Thank you to all of those who have volunteered for next year's Council. It truly makes all the difference to the school and enriches our childrens' education.

Lastly, I will be stepping down as Chair of the School Council at the end of this School year. Thank you for the honor of allowing me to Chair the School Council for the past two years. I have truly enjoyed getting to know and working with the volunteers, parents and School Administration. Your generosity, energy, and creativity is beyond measure. Altadore students are incredibly lucky to have this group.

Update from Admin (Ikiinayooka, Principal and Karlee, Assistant Principal)

- Possible activities for 2025-26 year were shared;
 - Fledge – Mindfulness & Movement, Green Fool Theater, Terry Fox, Elev8 Lacrosse, Trex – Art Exhibition, Netball, Frisbee Rob, Work to Wonder – Literacy and Art, Sports Day, Skating Div 1 (k-3), Skiing Winsport Div II (4-6), Swimming,

Little Red Riding Hood Opera – Music, National Indigenous Peoples Day, Elders:
Sa'kokooto, Metis Knowledge Keeper, Indigenous Author

- Year-end activities:
 - Thursday June 19 – National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration, lots of several meaningful activities planned
 - Monday June 23 – Summer Splash (5-7pm)
 - Thursday June 24 – Grade 6 Celebration Farewell
 - Wednesday June 25 – Sports Day 1230-315pm
 - Thursday June 26 – Last Day of School & Talent Show (early dismissal at 1210pm)
- Yearbooks: Expected to be ready by the fall, QR code's at school and will be in newsletter

Volunteer Coordinator (Christiana)

Thank you to all volunteers – stay tuned for further opportunities to volunteer in the last 3 weeks of the year

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

- Sept 18 for potential harvest festival
- Need volunteers, happens right after school
- Selling baked goods as an option
- School clean up with be August 23
- Opportunity for School Spirit Committee to get involved with Garden Committee
- Possibility for us to sell the organic produce to try and off-set budget

New Business

Volunteers needed for next year: Garden Committee Chair, Hoot chair and Hoot committee members.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: All Approved; Adjourned at 7:13pm

Next Meeting: September 2025

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



**Altadore Elementary School Parent Association
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Welcome (Julia)

Motion to Approve Minutes from May 14, 2025: all in favour with **majority vote**

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President (Julia)

Dissolution of Current Association Board

At this time, I would like to thank the 2024-2025 Parents' Association Board for their work. There are three members of the Association Board who are not returning: myself (Julia Hikita), Amy Close, and Michelle Jung.

Outgoing members are relieved of duty starting July 1, 2025. Please ensure that all documents pertinent to positions are handed over to successors.

Executive Elections

- Continuing Board members for 2025-2026:
 - Kristi McCallister, Secretary
 - Brain Brix, Treasurer

New Board members, or Board members with new positions for 2025-2026:

- Adam Revay - President
- Danielle Marshall - Vice President
- Megan Gough - Fundraising Chair
- Amanda Bruni - Casino Chair

Motion to acclaim these candidates to the Board of Directors for the Altadore Elementary School Parents' Association starting July 1, 2025.

Vote - All in favor **APPROVED**

Michelle Jung - please inform AGLC of the changes to the Board before your step down at the end of the month.

Change of Signing Authorization

Motion that effective July 1, 2025, the new signing authority for the Altadore School Parents' Association account shall be any 2 of: Adam Revay, Brain Brix, Danielle Marshall, Kristi McAllister, Megan Gough and Amanda Bruni.

Vote - All in favor **APPROVED**

Proposed budget for 2025-26 School Year:

Brian shared some highlights, including:

\$41k carried over from casino

\$20k carried over from operating funds

\$40k from direct donation

\$35K from HOOT

Expected revenue of \$140k and expenses of \$136K

Motion to approve the Parent Association budget for 2025-2026 School Year

Vote – All in favor **APPROVED**

New Business

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Adjourned at 7:24pm

Next Meeting: September 2025

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