



Altadore Elementary School Council
Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2025

Attendance:

Iikiinayookaa, Karlee Zelmer, Julia Hikita, Adam Revay, Rolf Haensel, Kristi McAllister, Amy Close, Danielle Marshall, Kristen Desilets, Susan Vukadinovic, Rita Watterson, Christiana Hawkins, Katie Dodd, Fedja Krtolica, Andrea Tambay

Meeting opened at 6:35pm

Acknowledgement of the Land (Karlee)

Welcome (Julia)

Motion to approve Minutes from January 15 - *motion passed*

School Administration Update

1. 2025 School Planning

- Video was shared that talked about what school planning is
- Importance of planning, why we share school planning updates. School plans include;
 - School Development Plans (includes school goals)
 - School Budgets
 - School Fees

Question: How do we confirm that there is consistency in the classrooms, in the sense that what is supposed to be getting taught, is. Etc.

Answer: Administration visits each class every day, lots of conversations with kids about what they are learning etc. If they are concerns, contacting teacher or phoning admin is a great way to address any concerns.

Question: Is the per student funding increasing year over year?

Answer: \$9054/student in 2019, \$8889/student in 2024

Question: Are these budgets numbers only covering staff?

Answer: Correct, operations, maintenance, overhead etc. are different budget

Question: What portion of the Alberta funding can be put towards administration vs direct to school

Answer: Google "CBE Board of Trustees, Advocacy" scroll down to the Loonie that says "every cent of funding" to see breakdown of every dollar spent.

Question: Per Student Funding still going up or stagnant?

Answer: Significant cut in 2019,

Admin shared overview of the school budget and high-level breakdown of spend (based on Sept 30 enrollment of 372 kids)

- 17.6 FTE
- Support Staff 3.1
- Admin 3.5 FTE
- Total 24.2 FTE

More information at the October Parent Council Meeting
November 30 publishing the SDP for 2025/2026

2. Upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences

March 20 evening and morning of March 21

- a. Plan is for these to be child led, and be a bit of mix between 'sharing night' and child-led conference
- b. Encourage parents to be asking teachers for feedback throughout the year

Edible Garden Committee (Katie)

\$15k budgeted for this year

Lots of idea shared – actions moving forward include more communication in newsletter

Need more volunteers – lots of roles becoming vacant

Vacant Roles: Treasurer, Chair, Volunteer Coordinator, Sponsorship

Walk Safe Committee

Update from Admin on CBE Safety, City of Calgary commitment to install traffic calming measures at 45th ave crosswalk.

- Traffic calming measures expected to be installed
- Discussion on what could help with congestion at drop off
 - Idea of longer stager time of school being open

Meeting Adjourned: 7:44 pm

Parent Grant (ASCE – Alberta School Council's Engagement)

- Parent idea on child pediatric speaker: social media, parenting concepts etc.
- Funds need to be used by June 15
- Grant is quite restrictive; we can provide feedback to the Minister of Education to ask for different parameters for use

New Business

- Q&A with Susan Vukadinovic
- Susan provided overview of her top 3 areas people tend to have keen interest:
 - Funding re: Class Size and Complexity
 - Space: 33 schools in overflow

- 90% of families agree that ideally kids can stay in their community schools, and stay with their cohorts from junior high
- What is the plan for aligning with densification of city with schools?
- Recently opened Windsor Park and this has helped alleviate some full schools, is there a plan to re-open any inner-city schools that would alleviate the current junior high crunch?
 - Not that she is aware of, but the planners/chief superintendent makes these decisions
- Middle school expectations: is there a forecast for mt.royal enrollment/lottery
 - Can ask the junior high principal directly, they have best numbers
- School Utilization Calculations:
 - Provincial Government uses calculation that has a formula based on square footage, this includes hallways, stages etc. (a bit of a broken formula)
 - This creates a narrative that there are half empty schools (not really, but because of the school utilization calculation). If this calculation is below 85%, the government doesn't give full operational funding, so CBE has to pull funding from other areas
- Quality of our education is incredible
 - Really strong data from CBE results, Alberta

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 847pm

Next Meeting: April 9, 2025

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