



Altadore Elementary School Council
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2025

Attendance: Kristi M, Adam R, Sarah W, Michelle J, Cara S, Brian B, Christiana H, Tori W, Danielle M, Amy C, Abbey P, Kayley F, Alexis B, Rob M, Karlee Z, Iikiinayooka YH, Stephanie KW, Caren M, Katie M
Meeting opened at 6:34pm

Welcome (Adam)

- Provided an overview of the two governing bodies (School Council and Parent Association)
- Introduction of the School Council members

Motion to approve Minutes from June 9, 2025 - *motion passed*

School Administration Update (Iikiinayooka & Karlee)

- G.6 presentation - acknowledgment of the land & presentation (Miss Hutton & Miss Bigelow)
 - Outdoor School October 14-17
 - Bussed out to camp
 - Sept 24 Mandatory Parent Meeting
 - \$370 per student last year- \$70 funded by Council last year
 - Lots of curriculum tied education, science, social studies, indigenous studies
 - Community bonding, lots of opportunities for the kids to become independent and work as a team
 - Camp runs until November, then it closes, and re-opens in May
 - Question: If teachers are on strike what happens to camp? Answer: Unsure at this time, the camp is booked up most of the year, so unclear if we would be able to re-book
- Photo Day was today Sept 10
- Staffing and class configuration update
 - Learning Leading Team: Mrs. Predika and Mr. Mitchelson
 - Admin provided update on staff changes
 - Current Enrollment 353 (-22 from forecast)
 - For budget: changed one FTE from .6 to .5, EA's decreased from 25 to 20 hours, vacant lunchroom supervisor position not filled
 - Shared teacher class list
- Edible garden and Owl's Nest
 - Currently have an interim chair of the garden (Kelsey Boudraa)
 - Garden Chair can connect with teachers to see if we can have a volunteer harvesting with the kids in the fall. Reminder in the fall, Safeway is happy to give us boxes, we should do this again next year.
 - Question: What is the plan for other gardens? Grade 5/6 will go out this week, Friday is last day.
 - We need garden chair to get moving on harvest
 - Katie, Byba, Michelle, Kelsea
 - Olds college or schools with green thumb for summer student

- Does the summer person have to be a student?
- ***Call for volunteers*** We need people to volunteer to keep this work going
- Welcome back picnic feedback - No meet the teacher night this year
 - Open house format
 - Want to consider this format moving forward, night was well received
 - Question on trucks: Could we have more variety of food trucks next year?
- Teacher communications: Teacher inquiry about moving the newsletter to bi-weekly?
 - Questions: Why did recess go to 1,3,5 together and 2,4,6 together?
 - Answer: Aligned hallway exits with supervisors for ease (evens on one side, odds on the other side), easier logistics, and benefit has been amazing as grade 5&6's have taken on leadership roles, less behaviour issues on the playground
 - Questions: Phys-ed in gym: 3x30 minutes a week for each class plus more outside etc.

Communications Update (Katie Mellon -Newsletter Coordinator)

- Weekly Newsletter
- If parents want to learn more about What's App Parent Groups or Social Media, please reach out to Parent Council as it isn't a school sanctioned forum.
 - Call out to all Room Parents, please reach out to Christiana with your contact information

Volunteer Update (Christiana)

- Volunteer call outs can be in separate emails
- Newsletter will have call outs
- Terry Fox coming up – looking for one more volunteer!

Edible Garden Committee

Fun Lunch (Casey)

- We are going to wait until October to have our first fun lunch as September feels crazy and there is so much uncertainty around a looming strike
- Fun lunches will happen on Wednesdays
- The following lunches have been booked and confirmed with the school admin and the vendors. This will take us to the end of 2025.
 - Wednesday, October 15 - Panago Pizza
 - Wednesday, November 5 - The Lunch Lady
 - Friday, November 21 - Saucy Bread (soft pretzels) *** This is our first trial of a Fun "Snack" now that we have longer Fridays at school. Also to note that there are no lunch room supervisors so the volunteers will need to help clean after and take out all garbage. If the fun "Snack" is a success we could use this as a fundraising opportunity in the new year by adding a couple dollars to each order.
 - Wednesday, December 10 - A&W
- Lunch times are no longer by division and are broken down by the following. We used to have 9 classes in the first lunch time and only 6 in the second. Now we are 8 classes and 7 classes so the volunteers for each time will be a similar number.
 - Lunch Time 1 - Grades 1, 3 and 5 11:45 - 12:05
 - Lunch Time 2 - Grades 2, 4 and 6 12:35 - 12:55

- As a result of new lunch time groups, coordinator is working with Healthy Hunger to update the groupings in their system. Once that is complete, fun lunches will open up for ordering and communicate this in the weekly newsletter along with a call out for fun lunch volunteers

New Business

Fun Fit Idea

Residency for Photography in Willow park, kids learned how to use chrome books to take photos, idea put forward, share to Karlee!

Meeting Adjourned 7:41pm



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Meeting called to order at 741pm

Reports

Chair – Reminder of the association role - fundraising for the school

- Parent Council does a lot of great things for the school, we enrich the experience

Vice Chair –

Treasurer – Fiscal Year Wrapped Up it was a strong year

Fundraising –

One and Done Campaign

Direct Donation Campaign – Parent Council Update

- 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**.
- Parents will see information in the newsletter, posters at the school, and letters in backpacks the first week of October. But you can give starting today!
- We'd love everyone's support in spreading the word and participating!

Hoot Chair

- The Hoot is now looking into the new year after a mix-up with facility
- It's our "every second year" fundraiser, tons of fun for parents, great way to raise money,
 - o Hoot Committee
 - Secretary
 - Communications

- Decor
- Sponsorship
- Silent Auction
- Email our Hoot Chair
- Thehootchair@gmail.com

Meeting adjourned at 748pm