



## MINUTES OF AUSTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The structure of the minutes of a meeting of the school council should reflect the agenda of the meeting.

The Austin Elementary School Council met in special session on Monday, September 7, 2016, 8:30 a.m., Austin Elementary, 5435 Roberts Drive, Dunwoody, GA, 30338.

School Council Members Present:

Ann Culbreath  
Christina Kramer  
Helen Knight  
Jason Martin  
Jenny Shulman  
Despina Lamas  
Callie Parker  
Marni Barnett

School Council Members Absent: (list members absent)

Debbie Boden  
Lynn Feiman

8 members were present, representing a quorum.

### 1. **Call to Order**

Chairperson Helen Knight called the meeting to order at 8:44 a.m.

### 2. **Recognition of Visitors**

Angie Smith	Heidi Hilbert
Jill Catoe	Kelly Patilla

### 3. **Approval of Agenda**

Helen Knight distributed the agenda posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. Moved, seconded, and carried that the school council approve the agenda as presented. MOTION: Jenny Shulman SECOND: Jason Martin; VOTE: Unanimous 8:0

#### 4. Approval of Minutes

Helen Knight distributed the minutes of the May 16th meeting of the School Council. Moved, seconded, and carried that the school council approve the minutes of the May 16th meeting. MOTION: Helen Knight; SECOND Jason Martin; VOTE: Unanimous 8:0

#### 5. Old Business

a. Rebuild- still negotiating location, plan to keep on Roberts Drive  
Hoping that the rebuild will be on the agenda for the Board meeting next month; everything is going smoothly. As of now, building plan is for enrollment of 900.  
Update from Dan Drake – Director of Planning- via Dr. Culbreath:  
No new information at this time. May ask him to next Council meeting.  
Next School Board meeting is September 12, 2016.

#### 6. New Business

a/b. **Enrollment/Attendance**—Current enrollment is 671 up from May 2016.

Student count	# of students
Pre-K	22
K	133
1 <sup>st</sup>	128
2 <sup>nd</sup>	115
3 <sup>rd</sup>	112
4 <sup>th</sup>	86
5 <sup>th</sup>	75

c. **Continuous Improvement Plan**- identify areas of need/improvement aligned with AdvancEd standards. School does internal review. Standards presented to council.

ii. Parents will be asked to take online survey – need 20% response. Mrs. Hilbert and Ms. Catoe shared AdvancED information with council.

We expect a visit to Austin March 12-15, 2017.

d. **MAPS Assessments**- new instrument used for assessment in the fall. Replaces ITBS. Results by end of September/ beginning of October. Scores also used for further assessment of gifted placement. Norm referenced test for Reading, Math also Science for upper grades.

e. **Dunwoody Cluster** - Letters discussed from Clusters to Dr. Green. All agree Dunwoody should stay within cluster and council will support Dunwoody cluster's decision. Reported that Option A results were overwhelming. We will sit and wait to see – not write specific letter from Austin.

**f. PTA/ Foundation Update:** Kelly Patilla:

\$140,000 in Foundation donations received as of date which is over budgeted amount of \$129,000. Best fundraising year so far. First year brought in \$100,000. Partners Village Burger and Wing Factory will have family nights. Continue to fund STEM Coordinator Mr. Coleman.

**i. Nomination of parent Council Member to Foundation Board-** Jenny Shulman alternate Despina Lamas.

**Austin Fun Run** - moved to October due to busy spring dates. Expecting 750-1000 runners.

**7. Developed Agenda** for Next Meeting

a. School council will continue discussing the status of Austin Elementary's renovation/rebuild. There will be 3 more Board meetings before next Council meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>. May receive more information at that time.

**8. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the school council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

MOTION: Jenny Shulman; SECOND: Despina Lamas

VOTE: Unanimous 8:0

**[The next meeting of the Austin School Council  
will be held on November 14, 2016  
at 12:30 p.m. at Austin Elementary.]**