

March 12, 2018
Austin Elementary School
School Council Meeting Minutes

School Council Members Present:

Dr. Ann Culbreath	Jenny Shulman
Christy Kramer	Amy Sand
Krystle Gardner	Grant Turner
Despina Lamas	Callie Parker

Visitors:

Nina Arnold	Krissy Taylor
Pam Talmadge	Janie Kossak

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm.

Recognition of Visitors

Approval of the Agenda

Despina Lamas distributed the agenda posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. Jenny Shulman moved to accept, Amy Sand seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

MOTION: Jenny Shulman SECOND: Amy Sand VOTE: Unanimous

Approval of the Minutes

Despina Lamas distributed the minutes of the January 29th meeting of the school council. The motion was moved, seconded, and carried that the school council approve the minutes of the January 29th meeting.

MOTION: Jenny Shulman SECOND: Grant Turner VOTE: Unanimous

Old Business

NONE

New Business

PTO Update:

New Spirit wear is in the display case. Teachers will pay the same price as families.

Book Fair is coming up in April. The last two cultural arts programs with authors were received well by everyone. Walk to School day went very well. There will be one more walk to school day in May. There will be a spirit night this week. About 500 yearbooks were sold. Teacher Appreciation Week will be in May.

Positions for next year are being filled.

Enrollment/Attendance

Current Enrollment = 643

Pre-K: 22

K: 101

1st : 127

2nd: 123

3rd: 106

4th: 87

5th: 77

Enrollment since last meeting January- 4

Withdrawals since last January - 7

Perfect Attendance – 80

Students with 5+ absences – 268

7+ absences – 134

9+ absences - 62

15+ absences - 8

Total Absences - 2768

Total Tardies – 1229

Flexible Seating

Dr. Culbreath and Mrs. Kossak went to Charlotte in January to see how flexible seating is used in two schools there. Dr. Culbreath discussed the benefits of this type of seating as well as potential barriers to implementation. Mrs. Kossak added how this is geared toward student centered instructional models.

Austin Rebuild

The CAC will continue to meet as needed.

2018 National Blue Ribbon School Nomination

The school's leadership is working on the application. The school has chosen to highlight balanced literacy framework in the application.

Fall/Winter MAP Update

The council reviewed the Winter Map performance and predictor/trends connected to performance on the Milestones.

Nomination Timeline for 2018-2019 Principal's Advisory Committee

The committee also discussed the new process of electing school council members. This will take place in the Fall.

Building Security

Due to the power outage, the discussion on building security was tabled.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 30th.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.