

April 30, 2018
Austin Elementary School
School Council Meeting Minutes

School Council Members Present:

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

Visitors:

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| Nina Arnold | Krissy Taylor |
| Jennifer Westrick | Janie Kossak |
| Renard Walker | Amy Biggs |

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 March 12th meeting of the school council. The motion was moved, seconded, and carried that the school council approve the minutes of the March 12th meeting.

MOTION: Jenny Shulman SECOND: Callie Parker VOTE: Unanimous

Old Business

NONE

New Business

a. PTO Update:

The last cultural arts program was received well. The last day to buy spirit wear is this Friday (May 4th) for August delivery. Teacher Appreciation Week will begin next week. Book Fair sales were up 9% with \$500 profit for Austin. Our last spirit night will be May 10th at Village Burger. Final walk to school day is Wednesday, May 2nd.

Positions for next year are being filled.

b. Advanced Content/New Discovery Model

Mrs. Westrick provided an overview of the instructional model being used for gifted instruction. About 14 additional teachers are currently going through a program to receive gifted endorsement. The council discussed the acceleration process for elementary school students and discussed communicating the guidelines to parents.

c. Building Security

Renard Walker, supervisor from DCSD Safe Schools team, provided an overview of Safe School's responsibilities concerning school safety (infrastructure). He also presented the new lock process in which key holes are on the exterior and interior of the door. The council presented concerns/ the need to have campus supervisors (on site security). Mrs. Lamas will present the council's plan for action at the next Peachtree Gateway Council meeting. Security procedures for building entry at the new building were also discussed. CAC will investigate the process for requesting the building entry upgrades.

d. Enrollment/Attendance

Current Enrollment = 643

Pre-K: 22

K: 101

1st: 126

2nd: 125

3rd: 105

4th: 87

5th: 77

Enrollment since last meeting: 3

Withdrawals since last meeting: 5

Perfect Attendance – 59

Students with 5+ absences – 304

7+ absences – 173

9+ absences - 104

15+ absences - 17

Total Absences - 3247

Total Tardies – 1584

e. Construction/ CAC Update

The council discussed the process at the site. Construction is currently on schedule for August 2019 opening.

f. Foundation Liaison Representative

Jenny Schulman nominated Amy Sand to be the Foundation Liaison Representative, Callie Parker seconded the nomination.

g. Election of New Representatives

Elections will take place in the fall. Mrs. Lamas also gave an overview of the Peachtree Gateway Council.

The next meeting is will be in the fall for 2018-2019 school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.