



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 regular session on Monday, January 23, 2017, 12:35 p.m., Austin Elementary, 5435 Roberts Drive, Dunwoody, GA, 30338.

School Council Members Present:

Ann Culbreath
Christy Kramer
Lynn Feiman
Helen Knight
Marni Barrett
Despina Lamas
Callie Parker

School Council Members Absent: (list members absent)
Amy Rohan, Jason Martin, Jenny Shulman

7 members were present, representing a quorum.

1. **Call to Order**

Chairperson Helen Knight called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

2. **Recognition of Visitors**

Krissy Taylor
Debbie Boden
Heidi Hilbert

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Helen Knight made motion to add the Gifted Eligibility letter to our agenda.
Motion to approve: Callie Parker; 2nd motion – Despina Lamas

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Helen Knight distributed the minutes of the November 14th meeting of the School Council.
Moved, seconded, and carried that the school council approve the minutes of the September 7th meeting.
MOTION: Marni Barrett; SECOND ; L. Feiman VOTE: Unanimous 7:0

5. Old Business

a. SPLOST-V - Austin School Council will support project list for SPLOST recommendations; expansions for middle and high school

b. Construction Committee- Ann met with Dan Drake; Austin Elementary is now owned by the city of Dunwoody; new construction committee is still working on having a training with the chair of the council and Dr. Culbreath to determine how the committee works. Recommendation is for a 5 person committee – 2 from our current council; Dr. C recommended Alan Mothner and 2 more community members. We will ask for volunteers and then select from a pool of interested parties.

6. New Business

a/b. Enrollment/Attendance—Current enrollment is 663.

The chart below gives information on absences

171 students with perfect attendance

Enrollment since last meeting: 8

Withdrawals since last meeting: 19

# of absences	# of students
15+ (includes all categories below)	5
9+ (includes all categories below)	19
7+ (includes all categories below)	48
5+	118

Absences do have an effect on CCRPI scores, CCRPI scores are based on 6 or more absences. (Lose percentage points based on absences.)

c. **PTO/ Foundation Update:** Debbie Boden and Krissy Taylor

Spirit Night – Chick-Fil-A – no numbers yet

Wing Factory - \$280 from last spirit night

Plan to pick up Mellow Mushroom next year

Village Burger – most successful so far

Class Pictures Feb 10

Spring Pictures and 5th Grade pictures – April 12 (no uniform)

\$2700 raised so far; guaranteed to get \$4500

Yearbook orders close Feb 24th; still need to sell 30-40 yearbooks to break even

Hospitality - Feb 9 Conference Night – Italian theme

No lunch monitors needed during 4th and 5th grade

Feb 3rd – Nomination committee for next year PTO council

Need 2 parent liaisons to serve as go-between for DES for Golf Tournament for their fund-raising campaign for DHS football stadium; liaison role will be mainly the voice of communication for Austin; solicit donations for live auction, etc.

Golf tournament will be held in the fall, October, 2017. (Austin needs 2 foursomes)

Box tops – Feb 3rd

School Supplies – Amy Halligan starting to plan
International Families- Tea; planning Intl Stem night (May 4th, GA STEM Day May 5th)
2nd grade circus – March 23rd; all is going well
Spirit Wear – simplified options, new STEM shirt designed by 4th introduced at K registration
Field Day – We will have a rain date; DJ and Inflatables company offered rain date alternative at no cost
Walk to School Wednesday – 4 next year; 2 are Family Socials; 2 are Spirit Days instead of monthly. Sept, Oct, March, May – due to safety concerns
Teacher Appreciation week – 1st week of May (aligned with National Teacher Appreciation Week)

d. Austin CIP – Heidi Hilkert

Continuous Improvement Plan – sets goals for school achievement; it is a living document that guides achievement goals.
Hilkert presented a summary of the SMART goals.

e. Gifted Eligibility letter- Council plans to meet with Dunwoody Cluster Chairpersons to gather support for letter from Cluster to DeKalb County regarding gifted eligibility recommendations and MAP testing. Council is looking out for the best interests of our students, especially Kindergarten students. MOTION: H Knight, Approved: Unanimous

f. GOSA Awards- 97.1 CCRPI – Platinum Award; anything above 93% earns an award. Platinum Status- how state discerns between scores above 93%. GADOE looks at greatest gains, and meets or exceeds in testing. Double Platinum – Austin Elementary.

Received 2 certificates and a letter from Governor Deal; Dr. Culbreath looked at data from the whole state of Georgia; Austin is the only school in DeKalb County to achieve double Platinum. There were only a handful of schools statewide to get double platinum status.

Georgia Parent Survey impacts our School Climate score – we received 4 STARs for School Climate this year, 3 last year (improvement) – 95%; survey window for parents is open until March.

7. **Developed Agenda** for Next Meeting- Construction update, AdvancED updates

8. **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the school council, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

MOTION: H. Knight;

SECOND: D. Lamas

VOTE: Unanimous 7:0

**[The next meeting of the Austin School Council
will be held on March 13, 2017
at 12:30 p.m. at Austin Elementary.]**