



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, March 20, 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
Jenny Schulman

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

8 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

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: Despina Lamas; VOTE: Unanimous 8:0

4. Approval of Minutes

Helen Knight distributed the minutes of the January 23rd meeting of the School Council. Moved, seconded, and carried that the school council approve the minutes of the January 23rd meeting.

MOTION: Despina Lamas; SECOND ; C. Parker VOTE: Unanimous 8:0

5. Old Business

a. Gifted Letter was sent to County with exception of CogAT information. No response from the District yet. Area schools responded favorably.

b. Construction Committee- Committee of 5 voting members in addition to Dr. Culbreath. The committee will consist of 2 current school council members, Jenny Shulman and Callie Parker, along with 3 additional people; Alan Mothner, Chris Pike, Dana Gaines, who were nominated to serve on the DeKalb ad hoc Construction Advisory Committee. The Committee will meet 4-5 times until rebuild completion and will provide updates to larger community. Dana Gaines will serve as recording secretary. Despina Lamas, made a motion to accept, Lynn Feiman 2nd VOTE: Unanimous 8:0.

6. New Business

a/b. Enrollment/Attendance—Current enrollment is 651.

The chart below gives information on absences

89 students with perfect attendance

Enrollment since last meeting: 3

Withdrawals since last meeting: 18

# of absences	# of students
15+ (includes all categories below)	11
9+ (includes all categories below)	54
7+ (includes all categories below)	119
5+	208

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 –

Wing Factory - no numbers yet from last spirit night. CFA coming up and Village Burger in May

Class Pictures –came back; Cady Studios is redoing class pictures since they weren't acceptable, not retaking but touching them up due to poor photo quality.

No spring pictures except for 5th Grade class pictures scheduled for April 12th.

502 Yearbook orders; 50 orders more than last year; plan to keep lower price.

Teacher Appreciation is first week of May- coincides with National Teacher Appreciation Week
Spirit Breakfasts – will be added to the calendar next year; grade levels will provide next year;
6 total

In process of filling other committees next year

Box Tops –April is final one for the year.

BOGO for Book Fair in April

Spirit wear available for purchase until the end of year. Will open again for new staff and families in August.

International Pot luck last weekend.

2nd grade Circus this Thursday, DVDs available

K Special Friends Day completed with STEM related theme.

Field Day – there will be a rain date; Friday, May 12th or rain date Monday, May 15th

Change in Walk to School days – there will be 2 fall Walk to School Weds and 2 spring Walk to School Weds – with spirit day themes.

d. School Council Elections – M Barrett, H. Knight and J. Martin are completing their commitment this year; Feiman rolls off as well. PTO will send an Eblast to call for nominations; stays open for 2 weeks. Nominations will close the day before elections. Open from now until April 11th. Elections are April 12-14th; Janie will post bios on School Website under School Council; PTO will send out a link to bios in Sunday eblast.

7. **Developed Agenda** for Next Meeting-

8. **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the school council, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: J Shulman;

SECOND: D. Lamas

VOTE: Unanimous 8:0

**[The next meeting of the Austin School Council
will be held on May 8th, 2017
at 12:30 p.m. at Austin Elementary.]**