

November 13, 2017
Austin Elementary School
School Council Meeting Minutes

School Council Members Present:

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

Visitors:

Nina Arnold	Krissy Taylor
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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 September 18th meeting of the school council. The motion was moved, seconded, and carried that the school council approve the minutes of the September 18, 2017.

MOTION: Jenny Shulman SECOND: Callie Parker VOTE: Unanimous

Old Business

NONE

New Business

PTO Update:

Tomorrow night we are having a thank you event for all parent volunteers. All current fundraisers went well over the past few months. Dunwoody Dash was a huge success over \$18,000 raised and book fair brought in over \$10,000 with the book fair. The PTO elected to collect this through Scholastic Dollars.

This week teachers will receive a "We are Thankful" gifts later this week.

Special Friends Days have gone well. Cultural Arts programs are scheduled in December (one for PK-2 and 3-5).

Mount Vernon School put on a program last month. Ms. Kramer reviewed the process and shared the highlights from the program, "The Magic Paintbrush."

Enrollment/Attendance

Current Enrollment = 645

Pre-K: 22

K: 104

1st : 127

2nd: 122

3rd: 106

4th: 87

5th: 77

Enrollment since last meeting September 18/17 - 8

Withdrawals since last September 18/17 - 8

Perfect Attendance – 147

Students with 5+ absences – 101

7+ absences – 46

Austin Rebuild

The groundbreaking is scheduled for December 15th at 10:00 am. The construction advisory council and Dr. Green will be in attendance.

School Improvement Plan

Guided Reading and Guided Math will continue to be an instructional focus. This will be available on the school's website.

Mrs. Lamas reviewed the School Council Compliance Checklist that she received at the last district training meeting. Training sessions must be done by December 8th. Online options should be available next year so that all members may be trained.

Mrs. Lamas shared that a new person should be nominated as the foundation liaison. Mrs. Lamas and Mrs. Sand nominated themselves for the position. Mrs. Lamas will be the liaison.

CCRPI (College and Career Readiness Performance Index)

Dr. Culbreath shared an article about understanding the CCRPI score and how it is calculated. Dr. Culbreath detailed the initiatives monitored through the building leadership team (BLT). These included programs unique to Austin, including the balanced literacy framework, professional learning communities, Literacy Collaborative framework training, STEM program, Advanced content instructional design, academic mentors for identified students, and reduced class models. All homeroom teachers are either gifted endorsed or working toward obtaining their gifted endorsement.

Austin's CCRPI score dropped as a result of progress points. However, Austin increased in the area of achievement and earned more achievement points. The team spent considerable time examining the CCRPI report and the factors that determine Austin's achievement and progress points versus other schools in the region.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2018 at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.