

Athlone Parent Council Meeting

April 7, 2026

6:00 pm (In person)

Minutes

Introductions/In Attendance:

- Jane Couch Principle
- Melissa Maruca President
- Melanie Pachal Secretary
- Amanda Jordan Treasurer
- Janna Thomson Attendee
- Shelley Cook Attendee

1) Review of Minutes from previous meeting (March 3,2026)

- a) No errors or omissions to report
 - Motion to accept the minutes as presented- Melissa Maruca
 - Second- Janna Thomson
 - Motion carried

2) Treasurer's Financial Report

- a) Camp Manitou Deposit paid (\$458.72)
- b) \$20,406.00 in account
- c) School to be paid \$220.00 from e-transfers for dance-a-thon

3) Principals Report (Mrs.Couch)

1. March was Math Month – We had many fun math challenges including weekly Estimation Stations and problem solving. We had our Divisional Math Coach visit every classroom and share a math story book and activity based on the story. Our

Supply Teacher, Gina Carter coordinated our Math Month committee and all of the activities.

2. The Dance-a-thon fundraiser was on Thursday, March 26 in the PM. We managed to raise over \$3000.
3. Upcoming dates:
 - a. Open House Conferences/Book Fair/Bake Sale – April 9 – 4:00PM – 7:00PM & Parent-Teacher Conferences – April 10 – 9:00AM – 11:00AM
 - b. In April, our staff will begin planning with Dimitry Melman, a tile artist, for students to work on individual tile pieces, through the Integrated Arts Program, sponsored by SJASD.
 - c. On April 16th, we will have Kevin Settee come teach our whole school about “Boys With Braids”
4. Field Trips – The school can pay for classroom field trips (charging families \$5 for each field trip), and then have Parent Council reimburse the school. Thank you for supporting field trips once again this year, as well as the Grade 5 trip to Camp Manitou.
5. April is Earth Month – We will have some Earth Month challenges and do community and playground clean ups (as long as the weather cooperates).
6. Playground update – We will continue to try to organize tree planting for this spring or next fall.
7. Please see attached for proposed Parent Council Constitution. We can all review it and then approve it at a future meeting.

Important Dates:

- April 1 – 9 – Passover
- April 3 – Good Friday & Orthodox Friday
- April 5 - Easter
- April 6 - SCHOOL RE-OPENS
- April 7 – Early Dismissal for Professional Development @ 2:45PM

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 - April 8 – 2nd Term Report Cards emailed home
 - April 9 – Open House Conferences @ 4:00PM – 7:00PM
 - April 9 & 10 – Scholastic Bookfair
 - April 10 – Inservice Day – NO SCHOOL (Parent/Teacher Conferences in AM; Staff Professional Development in PM)
 - April 12 – Orthodox Easter
 - April 14 – Baisakhi (Sikh New Year)
 - April 21 – Early Dismissal for Staff Meeting @ 2:45PM
 - April 22 – Earth Day
 - April 24 – Orange Shirt Day
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- May 1 – Inservice Day – NO SCHOOL
 - May 5 – National MMIW Day & Red Dress Day
 - May 5 – Early Dismissal for Staff Meeting @ 2:45PM
 - May 5 – Parent Council Meeting @ 6:00PM
 - May 10 – Mother’s Day
 - May 13 – WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN event at school – 6:00PM
 - May 18 – Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL
 - May 19 - Early Dismissal for Professional Development @ 2:45PM
 - May 20 – Grade 4/5 Track & Field Day
 - May 27 – Eid-al-Adha
 - May 29 – Orange Shirt Day
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- June 2 - Early Dismissal for Staff Meeting @ 2:45PM
 - June 2 – Parent Council Meeting @ 6:00PM
 - June 12 – Inservice Day – NO SCHOOL
 - June 17 – Whole School Celebration of Learning & Grade 5 Farewell – PM
 - June 18 – Grade 4s at Lower Fort Garry
 - June 21 – Father’s Day
 - June 21 – Summer Solstice
 - June 22 – Grade 5 Camp Manitou Day
 - June 26 – Orange Shirt Day
 - June 29 – Last Day of School – 3RD TERM REPORT CARDS GO HOME
 - June 30 – Administration Day – NO SCHOOL

4) On-going Business

- a) Playground: Dana to reach out to Shelmerdine's for tree planting. How many we could get \$10,000 (trees, installation, etc.)
- b) Staff appreciation lunch went well, 10 Pizza's from Little Pizza Heaven
- c) Book Fair- set up after school Wednesday. Janna and Melissa 3:15
- d) Thursday:

Book Fair: Janna 4-7 and Melissa

Bake Sale: Laurie and Dana will set up at 3:00. Katie available 3:30-5:45,
Shelley 4:45-7:00

Amanda will bring the float in case, cash box will be at the book fair.

Friday:

Ms. Adams will do book fair, Melissa can help Friday for bake sale or help at book fair if there is no baking left. Laurie Available Friday as well.

5) New Business

- a) Buy cash box up to \$30.00 for parent council
 - Motion- Melissa Maruca
 - Second- Janna Thomson
 - Motion carried
- b) Golden ticket book idea up to \$300, 1 student/class on Thursday, when they come through with class they can pick a book, write child's name and name of book on ticket and leave with Ms.Adams.
 - Motion- Amanda Jordan
 - Second- Janna Thomson
 - Motion carried
- c) KFC fun lunch- April 24th
- d) May fun lunch- Friday May 22nd- McDonald's

6) Meeting Adjourned 7:10