

## **Athlone School Parent Council Meeting**

December 2, 2025

6:00pm (In person)

### **Minutes**

#### Introductions/In Attendance:

- Jane Couch           Principal
- Melissa Maruca      President
- Melanie Pachal      Secretary
- Katie McGregor     Attendee
- Shelley Cook         Attendee

#### 1) Review of minutes from previous meeting (November 6, 2025):

##### a) No errors or emissions

- motion to accept the minutes as presented- Katie McGregor
- second- Melissa Maruca
- motion carried

#### 2) Treasurer's Financial Report:

#### 3) Principal's Report (Mrs.Couch):

1. Playground update – I have a rough plan drawn out and have contacted our Maintenance Department to work on details. I will apply for the \$5000 SJASD playground grant. Can we match that grant with \$5000?
2. Our Winter Concert is on December 16 from 10:15 – 11:00AM for K – AM & Gr. 1 - 3; 1:00 – 2:00PM for K – PM & Gr. 4/5s; then at 5:30 – 6:15PM for K – 3s; 6:45 – 7:45PM for Gr. 4/5s
3. We continue to have our partnership with Sturgeon Creek 1 Retirement Home. Our “Grandbuddies” visit with Mrs. Andrews & Room 4 once a month. They alternate each month between visiting at the school and at the Retirement Home.

Sturgeon Creek 2 has reached out to the school and we are working on another partnership with them.

4. On December 1, Mrs. Jensen & Room 9 went to The Christmas Cheer Board to help pack hampers for people in need.
5. Athlone staff really enjoyed seeing all our families at the Student Led Conferences last week. We chose the Open House format in order for families to come to the school when it worked for them. As well, we want to give families a chance to make connections with each other. We welcome any feedback from families.

### Important Dates coming up:

- Dec. 2 – Early Dismissal for staff meeting @ 2:45PM
- **Dec. 12 – Orange Shirt Day** (new date due to Spirit Week the following week)
- Dec. 14 - 22 – Hanukkah
- Dec. 16 – Early Dismissal for Professional Development @ 2:45PM  
Dec. 16 – **WINTER CONCERT** @ 10:15 – 11:00AM for K – AM & Gr. 1 - 3; 1:00 – 2:00PM for K – PM & Gr. 4/5s; then at 5:30 – 6:15PM for K – 3s; 6:45 – 7:45PM for Gr. 4/5s
- Dec. 21 – Winter Solstice
- Dec. 25 – Christmas
- Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 - Kwanzaa
- Dec. 22 – January 2 – **WINTER BREAK**
- Jan. 5 - SCHOOL RE-OPENS
- Jan. 6 – Early Dismissal for staff meeting @ 2:45PM
- Jan. 20 – Early Dismissal for Professional Development @ 2:45PM
- Jan. 30 – Orange Shirt Day
- Feb. 2 – Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL

### 3) On-going Business

a) Cash calendars- draw every Friday, 2 people at draw.

- Cash Calendar prizes and raffle drum up to \$415.00

- motion presented- Melissa Maruca
- second- Shelley Cook

- motion carried

b) Bake sale- no list for sign up, no nuts, drop off the day before. Open up throughout the day. Hand out based on what they want. Have plates and Ziploc bags.

c) 50/50: 3 for \$5 or \$2 each

d) Donuts (4 dozen), coffee, and tea for staff on fun lunch day Dec.12, up to \$150

- Motion presented- Melissa Maruca
- Second- Katie McGregor
- motion carried

d) December fun lunch info gone out. IHop, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### 4) New Business

a) Gift for Mrs.Morris, retiring. Basket with her favorite things. Last day December 19<sup>th</sup>. Up to \$200 (basket from Costco, \$100 Shelmerdines gift card and Starbucks gift card- Shelly getting) give to her on fun lunch day.

- Motion presented- Katie McGregor
- Second- Melissa Maruca
- Motion carried

#### 5) Next Meeting- Tuesday, January 6, 2026