

Athlone School Parent Council Meeting

March 3, 2026

6:00 pm (In person)

Minutes

Introductions/In Attendance:

- Jane Couch Principle
- Melissa Maruca President
- Melanie Pachal Secretary
- Amanda Jordan Treasurer
- Laurie Schmitz Attendee
- Katie McGregor Attendee
- Shelley Cook Attendee

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

- a) Did not go through properly, Melanie will re-send tonight.

2) Treasurer's Financial Report

- a) Account Balance: \$21,026.28, need to deposit some kinder snack and healthy hunger money.
- b) No deposit for grade 5 field trip given yet, trip booked, Amanda will send deposit.
- c) \$1,834.38 field trip amount

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

1. Staff Appreciation week – Jane treated the staff during the week of Feb. 9th – 13th.
2. Our Kindergarten Information Night on February 3 went well.
3. Thank you very much for the sleds and crazy carpets. They are well used every recess! The sleds are holding up well.
4. I Love Literacy Month – February. We had a number of guest readers including MLA Logan Oxenham and Constable Lisa. Students had various reading activities throughout the month.

5. March is Math Month – We will have math activities around the school for the month of March. We will have a Spirit Week the last week in March.
6. The Dance-a-thon fundraiser will be on Thursday, March 26 in the PM.
7. Playground update: We will receive \$5000 from SJASD toward tree planting. Now we can move forward in planning. Next step is to figure out our total cost.
8. Parent Council Constitution: I have some examples of some schools' PAC constitutions. We can use these to make our own. We can work on this over the next few months possibly.
9. Upcoming dates:
 - a. Second term report cards go home – April 8
 - b. Open House Conferences – April 9 evening & Parent-Teacher Conferences – April 10 – AM
 - c. Spring Break – March 30 – April 3

Important Dates:

- March 3 - Early Dismissal for staff meeting @ 2:45PM
- March 3 - Parent Council meeting @ 6:00PM
- March 4 – Holi (Hindu Festival)
- March 8 – Daylight Saving Time begins
- March 9 – Grade 5 Photos – AM
- March 17 – St. Patrick's Day
- March 20 – Ramadan ends, Eid al-Fitr
- March 20 – Spring Equinox
- March 20 - Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL
- March 21 – World Down Syndrome Day
- March 26 - Dance-a-thon (2:00 -3:00PM)
- March 27 – Orange Shirt Day
- March 29 – Palm Sunday
- March 30 – April 3 – Spring Break

- 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
- April 7 – Parent Council Meeting @ 6:00PM
- 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 Buisness

- a) Staff appreciation lunch, Wednesday March 25th. Other options besides pizza? Shelly's Bistro, Greek market, Santa Lucia; check menus and pricing for Greek Market (Amanda)
- b) Fun Lunch Thursday, March 26th – Papa John's
- c) Movie Night March 19th -Cancelled

5) New Business

- a) April- Thursday April 9th: book fair, open house, and bake sale
Bake Sale- Money will be for end of year field trips
Everyone here Thursday, Friday am 3-4 people available, will discuss more at April meeting.
- b) Fun Lunch: April 24th KFC
- c) Fundraiser- Think of options, discuss at next meeting
Craft Sale, weekend before mother's Day (May 2), put out a message for vendors. Charge to get in, 50/50. Jane will check with Bruce to see if they are having one and how much work it is.

6) Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

7) Next Meeting April 7th 6:00 pm