

Athlone School Parent Council Meeting

October 7th, 2025

6:00p.m. (In-Person)

Minutes

Introductions/In Attendance:

- Jane Couch Principal
- Melissa Maruca President
- Dana McTavish Vice President
- Melanie Pachal Secretary
- Amanda Jordan Treasurer
- Janna Thomson Attendee
- Katie McGregor Attendee
- Janina Gerbrandt Attendee

- 1) Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting (June 3,2025)
 - a. No errors or omissions
 - motion to accept the minutes as presented- Melissa Maruca
 - second- Janna Thomson
 - motion carried

- 2) Treasurer's Financial Report for June-September
 - a. No errors or omissions
\$16,248.00, \$250.00 cash flow
 - motion to accept the reports as presented- Melissa Maruca
 - second- Katie McGregor
 - motion carried
 - b. Grade 5 Camp Manitou deposit up to \$700.00
 - motion to accept- Janna Thomson
 - second- Janina Gerbrandt

3) Principal's Report (Mrs.Couch)

1. Staffing:

- a. 18 Teachers – NEW – Connor Yarish (Grade 5), Robyn Zajac (Grade 4)
- b. 13.5 EAs
- c. 6 Teacher Candidates

2. School Goals:

We will be finalizing our school goals in October. We will have a literacy goal, a numeracy goal, and an Indigenous Education goal.

3. We will be asking for parent participation on the following committees this year: budget committee

4. We continue to have our nutrition program again this year. We received a grant from Child Nutrition Council of MB and more recently, from the Province of MB. We will be serving fruits and vegetables primarily, as well as a few healthy snack items such as yogurt, cheese, and some sandwiches available each week.

5. Fundraising – please remember there is a fundraising policy and the fundraising form to fill in after doing a fundraiser.

6. We have had a great start to the year. It is so good to have students back in school. The staff love the beautiful noises of children in the classrooms, hallways, and playground. As a staff, we promise to implement the newest and best practices in education. I feel very fortunate to be a part of this school and community.

7. Playground update – We are invited to attend a meeting at the Board Office on November 4th at 6:30PM to hear a presentation about playground development.

Important dates coming up:

- Oct. 2: Yom Kippur- Jewish Day of Atonement
 - Oct. 5: World Teachers' Day
 - Oct. 6: Our Grade 3 Swim Program runs on Monday mornings until Nov. 10.
 - Oct. 7: Early Dismissal Staff Meeting at 2:45PM
 - Oct. 7- 13: Sukkot – Jewish Harvest Festival
 - Oct. 8: Annual Walk to School Day – We encourage students & families to walk/bike/roll to school all month! <https://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>
 - Oct. 10: World Mental Health Day
 - Oct. 10: Inservice Day – NO SCHOOL
 - Oct. 11: International Day of the Girl
 - Oct. 13: Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL
 - Oct. 20: Diwali
 - Oct. 21: Picture Day (Nov. 24 – Retake Day)
 - Oct. 21: Early Dismissal- PD
 - Oct. 22/23: Bus Ridership
 - Oct. 23: Parent Council Dance (6PM – 9PM)
 - Oct. 24: Provincial MTS PD Day/MANTE Divisional PD Day
 - Oct. 30: Orange Shirt Day
 - Halloween – is on a Friday this year! Students can dress up all day if they want. No weapons. Parade in the Gym at 1:00PM
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- Remembrance Day Assembly – Monday, **November 10 at 12:45PM (Grade 3 Swimming is in AM)**
 - Winter Concert – booked for Tuesday, **December 16th**
 - Follow us on our School Instagram: @athlonestjames

4) On-going Buisness

a. Sun shelter- we have over \$10,000 raised in the PC account.

Steps: get ideas from teachers and students, feedback from parents/community will be gathered, speak with designer, get quotes, and then apply for grants.

5) New Buisness

a. **Fun Lunch**- October 17th, Pizza Hotline, \$2.00 for 2 slices of cheese pizza, up to \$700.00

- motion presented- Amanda Jordan

- second- Melissa Maruca

- motion carried

b. **Fundraisers**- cash calendar: send out first week of November, back on November 28th, end on December 19th.

c. **Halloween Dance**- October 23rd, \$5.00/child includes entry and a glow stick/ DJ JPQ, doors open at 5:45 1 hour (6:00-7:00), pre-pay etransfer. List will be in alphabetical order. Mats and headphones in the hallway for a quiet space. Decorations: hanging streamers at entry to gym.

- motion for up to \$600.00 presented- Amanda Jordan

- second- Katie McGregor

- motion carried

6) Other Buisness

a. Ms.Morris is retiring, next meeting PC discuss getting her a gift.

7) Next regular Meeting: Wednesday, November 5th 6:00

8) Adjourn Meeting