

Athlone School Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

5:00pm (In person)

Minutes

Introductions/ In Attendance:

- Jane Couch Principal
- Melissa Maruca President
- Melanie Pachal Secretary
- Dana McTavish Vice-president
- Katie McGregor Attendee
- Janna Thomson Attendee

1) Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting (December 3, 2025):

a) Amend Profit amount: \$5,709.66 from Cash calendar (\$4,011.40), 50/50 (\$304.00), Bake sale (\$1,039.52), and Halloween Dance (\$354.74).

- motion presented by Melissa Maruca
- motion second by Janna Thomson

2) Treasurer's Financial Report:

a) Account balance \$21,002.23 with a \$50 cheque that still needs to be cashed, account will then be \$20,952.20

b) We spent \$792.54 on sleds and crazy carpets. We purchased 33 crazy carpets from Canadian tire and 12 sleds from Costco.

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

1. Staffing: we will begin to look at staffing for next school year in the next few months. We should remain the same, as our number of students hasn't changed much.
2. We wrapped up our Wellness Month last week. We have had a good month of focusing on hydration, physical fitness, mindfulness and kindness.

3. February is I Love To Read month – Please see note that was sent home for events. Teachers welcome having parents as guest (in person and virtual) readers. Please reach out to your child’s teacher if you are interested.
4. Our Kindergarten Information Night is February 3 at 7:00PM. Kindergarten Registration Day is February 6. If you know of any families with a child born in 2021, let them know to come to the school to register on this day. If families need to register on a different day, they should call the school to book an appointment.
5. In the past, we have celebrated Teacher Appreciation week in February. There is another week in May. Jane will celebrate staff in February.
6. Do you want to consider covering some Field Trip costs again this year?
7. The SJASD Budget meeting is on February 26 at 7:00PM at the Board Office.

Important Dates coming up:

1. Feb. 2 – Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL
2. Feb. 3 - Early Dismissal for staff meeting @ 2:45PM
3. Feb. 3 – Parent Council meeting @ 5:00PM
4. Feb. 3 – Kindergarten Information Evening @ 7:00PM
5. Feb. 4 – Global School Play Day
6. Feb. 14 – Valentine’s Day
7. Feb. 15 – Nirvana Day (Buddhist Celebration)
8. Feb. 16 – Louis Riel Day – NO SCHOOL
9. Feb. 17 – Chinese New Year (Year of the Horse)
10. Feb. 17 - Early Dismissal for Professional Development @ 2:45PM
11. Feb. 18 – Ramadan begins
12. Feb. 25 – Pink Shirt Day
13. Feb. 27 – Orange Shirt Day
14. March 3 - Early Dismissal for staff meeting @ 2:45PM
15. March 3 - Parent Council meeting @ 6:00PM
16. March 8 – Daylight Saving Time begins
17. March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day
18. March 20 – Ramadan ends, Eid al-Fitr
19. March 20 – Spring Equinox
20. March 20 - Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL

- 21. March 21 – World Down Syndrome Day
- 22. March 27 – Orange Shirt Day
- 23. March 30 – April 3 – Spring Break

4) On-Going Business:

- a) School Dance- a-thon March 26th, 2-3, DJ booked
- b) Field Trips, parent council will help to subsidize.
- c) Haven't heard back about trees or grant
- d) Movie Night, discuss at next meeting. Look at easier way for payment.

5) New Business:

- a) Staff appreciation pizza lunch March 25th, will discuss more details at next meeting.
- b) Wayback fun lunch February 27th, Kinder snack: keep bear paws, change flavor.
- c) Fundraiser ideas, popcorn? Gift card? 50/50? (Funding change). Will have to look into our license. Will discuss more at next meeting.
- d) Fun Lunch March 26th Pizza, Papa John's

6) Next Meeting March 3 at 6:00

7) Meeting Adjourned at 6:15