

ATMS PAC Meeting MINUTES
Thursday, January 10, 2008
7:00 p.m.

1. Welcome and call to order at 7:10 p.m.. 4 members present, inc. 2 exec. members. Insufficient for quorum.
2. Approval of the Agenda – agreed upon with members present. No vote due to lack of quorum.
3. Approval of December '07 minutes – not able to do.
4. Guest Presenter – Mr. Doug Williams. The group went upstairs to the computer lab, where 3 other PAC members joined us. Mr. Williams gave an impressive presentation of the iT lab our ATMS students participate in twice a week, year-around. Our computer/technology programs is a distinguishing feature for our Traditional program, and excels in comparison to others. We received a sample of some student work, as well as got an overview of some of the projects being completed at each of the 3 grade levels. We were also given an overview of the ATMS web-site, Mr. Williams own web-site, a look at the printers the PAC has purchased for student and staff use and were thanked for our support. Gratitude was shown by parents as well as Ms. Rama for Mr. Williams “above and beyond” service to our school.
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Treasurer – Lori. See Treasurer’s Report, attached. Very little change from November 30 report. The numbers have been updated to reflect samosa purchases and sales, the Gaming Report for the raffle was submitted, and student printers are being paid for.
 - b. Dress Code/Consignment – Stella. No report.
 - c. Principal’s report – Dal.

Highlights noted in just 10 school days since last meeting: Positive ATMS Christmas Band Concert; Admin/Staff Appreciation for Christmas luncheon provided by the PAC; “impromptu” Christmas caroling and sing-a-long by some district staff members enjoyed in our hallways by Gr. 6 classes; encouraging recognition assembly held before Christmas; fun Medieval Fair for Gr. 8 classes enjoyed; enjoyable staff vs. student floor hockey game last day before Christmas, with profits going to “our school” in Haiti; Columbian students to arrive on Monday, Jan. 14.; staff “Survivor Series” competitions to begin on Fridays at lunch – with admission price of \$.25 going directly to Haitian school; Supervision request for Jan. 18th field trip to see ATSS performance of Alice in Wonderland; Parent book Club beginning – “Hold On To Your Kids”, with both day and evening meeting sessions; Parent Satisfaction Survey has gone out for Gr. 7 parents to complete; Feb. 1st is enrollment date for new students to Traditional. March 1 is deadline for current elementary traditional students to reserve a spot at ATMS.
 - d. Chair’s Report – Rhonda
 - i. Playground update – no final word yet. Should hear recipients by Jan. 31
 - ii. SPC – going over the results of student survey
 - iii. Parent tours starting
 - iv. Geography Challenge – missed deadline to enter national competition. Would like any interested volunteers to help conduct an alternative – possible 2-week challenge.
 - v. Key Communicator info: virtual school is exciting, expanding option in our district and throughout the province. Options open for ALL ages. Early childhood education/statistics are being compiled in district, with surprising results.
6. Old business: Playground options. Good discussion held re: gathering input and desires of our school body re: playground equipment, as proposed drawings show or investigating further the idea of walking “track” that would go around our back field, yet not be a standard, athletic running track. Desire is to have decision made that is what the majority of our school community would like. Rhonda & Dal to pursue possible method of an on-line poll to gain input
7. New business: The PAC needs to be thinking ahead and planning for the future leadership of the PAC, as there has been changes in the lives of current Exec. members, Rhonda will not be able to be chair next year, and no one is apparently being mentored into that position.
8. Next PAC meeting Feb. 14th – 8:45 a.m. Meeting adjourned.