

## ATMS PAC MEETING

March 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.  
Multi-Purpose Room @ ATMS

Agenda for tonight's meeting available at meeting.

Minutes from January 10 '08 and Feb. 14 '08 also available, in print.

Attendance: 7 parents, including 3 PAC Exec. members.

- Minutes approved from Jan. 10 & Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> meetings. (L. Toews/ P. Robinson)
- Treasurer's report: L. Toews – Review. Nothing new to report since 2/14/08 meeting.
- Principal's report: Mr. Jason Parker - included information/report/updates on: Rice Raiser project; Scholastic Book Fair; the staff development day on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> that included staff, admin and parents and focused on history of traditional, courtesy code and bullying dynamics (notes/summaries of day available); FSA results from Gr. 7; Gr. 6 "On the Radio" performance; Gr. 8 Global Awareness evening; Anti-bullying campaign and hand-out; response from Ms. Rama re: student suspension reporting; and the presence/purpose/policy on kirpans worn by some of our students (handout also available).
- Chair's report: Rhonda Pauls
  - i) Playground grant update: one of the grants we applied for (the "lottery-style draw grant") was not granted to ATMS and we are still awaiting decision on the other "matching" grant.
  - ii) SPC is still going over the results of the student survey they initiated. One in-service has been attended, with one to go in April.
  - iii) 2 of the 4 scheduled ATMS parent-tours have occurred, with good response. Dates: Feb. 20; Mar. 5; April 9 and May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. The transition days for upcoming, current Gr. 5 students have been positive, with good leadership and organization by Ms. Tamboline.
  - iv) Process reviewed and encouragement given for parents to seek clarification and make effort to find out facts re: any issues of concern. Discussion and clarification is needed for effective problem-solving. Note: All-school parent/staff forum planned for Pro-D day on Sept. 19, 2008.
  - v) Brief explanation given re: new appeals process and provincial new position of "Superintendents of Achievement" to mediate between district superintendents and the Ministry of Education.
  - vi) PLC's are "Professional Learning Centre's", formed at ATMS, focusing on writing (sentence structure, grammar, meaning and form. Stay tuned for the S.M.A.R.T. reading and more information after Spring Break.
- Continued discussion re: pros and cons of the playground vs. running track option. Brainstorming, notes and comments made by those in attendance and will be collated by Rhonda for future meetings. Questions to consider when making a decision: Who will use it? What students will benefit? How often will it be used? Does one option outweigh the other?
- New Business: nominations are needed to carry on PAC tasks. ALL parents encouraged to ask themselves if they are able to contribute, as we will have important vacancies that need to be filled.
- New Business: at upcoming PAC meetings, PAC to be thinking of values that are important to families and strategies that WE can implement at ATMS in which parents and the school can partner to target, teach and achieve the presence of these common values in our school.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

NEXT PAC MEETING: Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.