

Anna Maria Elementary School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2024

In Attendance: Katie Fradley, Pidge Barreda, Christine LaBranche, Janae Rudacille, Chris Culhane, Julie Sawyer, Sandy Fisher, Ali Warbington, Adrienne Carter, Nikita Fosmore, Jenny Moore, Jessica Patel

1. Call to order Katie Fradley 3:45 Welcome
2. Introductions each member parents, staff and community members
3. Review and approve minutes with name spelling corrections.
4. School recognition funds sample ballot for distribution. Typically shared equally among all staff members. The committee agreed that monies received would be distributed evenly to staff members who worked during the 2023-2024 school year. Ballot to be distributed to staff members to vote on options of distribution.
5. Updates on damage to campus and repairs. Moving forward for completion January 2025. Art room receiving brand new furniture, modern, clean lines all mobile with wheels. The large deck is almost complete. Three lower decks possible February completion. The dock development all government entities working together.
6. Mr. Ray has chosen a new career path. His job is posted as Head Custodian.
7. Feedback from Parent Survey after storm responses overall with potential changes for 2025-2026 school year.
Before school care onsite.
7a) School buses were eliminated due to bus driver shortage in the past. Interest in having bus service return. Bringing this back would increase enrollment that is needed. Open house-in January for community to learn what AME is a unique and special school. This will highlight all grade levels. Social media exposure Janae Rudacille recommended a committee for marketing campaign lead by parents. What makes AME Special highlight our school to increase enrollment next year. Discussion more about the possibility of being a magnet school. Discussed Rowlett and their success and the diversity of the population. Students zoned for and school choice. Continue the ecology focus and further the Guy Harvey program.
7b) Resources were possible next year to support PE daily. Stewart did not include PE in daily rotation. Stewart's plan included teachers attending PE on a rotation basis. Discussion for changes next year.
7c) School clubs' interest for next year. The chess club has a volunteer working with Becky Demo assisting in setting up.
7d) Bussing hub in Bradenton for busing to AME
7e) Musical instruments incorporated into music class. 90% response in favor of.
8. Additional comments the Dolphins Make a Difference Awards a positive program. Discussion with Janae Rudacille to get the committee for the January Marketing Enrollment Campaign.
9. Next meeting is January 30th.
10. Meeting adjourned at 4:30.