

**Austin Academy PTA**  
**Association Meeting Minutes**  
***Monday, August 24, 2015***

The meeting was called to order at 8:58 am by President, Marylee Lajoie.

**Attending:** Please see the attached sign-in sheet. A quorum was established.

\*PTA Board was introduced to all parents attending

**2015-2016 Budget:** Treasurer Maricela Saldana presented the budget for the 2015-2016 school year. Proposed Income and Expense are the same at \$27,899.90. Michele Tyler made a motion that the budget be approved. Kim Petty seconded. The motion passed.

**Membership:** We want all parents to join the PTA! The link for a membership form is on the AAE website under the Parents tab and on the AAE PTA website, <http://aapta.tripod.com>.

**PTA Reflections:** Eric Dacon presented the theme for this year's Reflections contest: "Let Your Imagination Fly."

\*Categories include: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Musical Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts.

\*Entries for local competition must be submitted to AAE by **October 2, 2015**.

\*Information can be found on the AAE PTA website and at the TX PTA website, <http://www.txpta.org/programs/reflections>

**Principal's Report:**

\*School Communication—In/Out through 6<sup>th</sup> period Teacher

\*AVID Binder: 3-ring binder (NO zipper), planner and all subjects will be kept in the binder

\*Extended Day Classes / Bus start soon—watch for details

\*BYODevice: Personal electronics allowed before and after school, in cafeteria at lunch, in class with teacher permission. NOT in hallway!

\*House System: EMPOWER, INTEGRITY, INSPIRE

-Same house all throughout AAE career

-Across all grades and staff (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, teachers, staff divided evenly into each house)

-Point System: Houses can earn points for things like binder checks, wearing House t-shirts on designated days, etc. Can redeem points for rewards such as House events/parties

## **Stay Connected:**

- \* AAE school website: [www.garlandisd.net](http://www.garlandisd.net) , click schools, click on Austin Academy
- \* Twitter
- \* PTA Website: <http://aapta.tripod.com>
- \* Skyward: can access log-in screen from GISD or AAE website

## **Upcoming Dates:**

***\*Meet the Teacher:*** September 16, 5:00 – 7:00 pm (Sell Spirit Wear, Membership Sign-ups)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer McKelvey, Secretary