

Prairie Sky School

201 Skyview Ranch Rd NE Calgary, AB, T3N 2E7

School Council Meeting – June 12, 2023, 5:45 pm,

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Minutes – June 12 2023

5:45 PM @ Prairie Sky School

* indicates written report/attachment provided

1. Call to order meeting – 5:44pm – Britney calls meeting to order

Attendance

Executive:

Brittany - Chair

Laura – Vice Chair

Melody – Vice Chair

Leslie – Treasurer

Nina – Treasurer

Don – Secretary

Parents:

Jenna Gutierrez

Natasha Ishani

Azhar Ishani

Staff:

Mona – Principal

Mike - Assistant Principal

Uroog - Assistant Principal

Grade 7 Team

2. 5:44pm - Review of the Agenda – Copies of agenda made available for attendees to review

3. 5:45pm - Approval of the Minutes, as presented (OR as amended)
 - a. Motion to approve minutes made by Britney, 2nd by Melody

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4. 5:45pm – Teacher Share

- Staff have prepared presentations of classroom activities, this month we heard from the Grade 7 team
- **Grade 7 learning highlights include**
 - a) Teachers share a collection of photos and examples of student work, chronicling the beginning of the year to the end, sharing stories and examples of student learning and development
 - b) Assessments focused on literacy and reading learning strategies have been implemented and enhanced the classroom experience.
 - c) Increased lab work after move to new PSS building, exploring scientific concepts like heat and light
 - d) Career and Technology Foundations (CTF) learning models that encourage hands on practice and exposing students to potential career paths withing technology fields
 - e) Cycle of CTF – Plan, Create, Appraise, Communicate – a workflow tool that is open to where you start, yet allows each step to lead to the next and encompass the entire cycle over time, growing students perspectives and awareness of career possibilities
 - f) CTF can be further broken down into Clusters, which include Technology concepts like fabrication, trades, utilities and construction. Human Services concepts like food service and tourism. Art Exhibition concepts like planning, collaborating and presenting and a mock project centered on graphic design simulating a client / service provider interaction.

5. Principals Report – 6:00pm start

- a) Mona introduces new assistant principal Mrs. Uroog Quraishi, Mrs Quraishi then takes floor to further introduce herself and background experience, excitement expressed for new journey with PSS and she is a welcome addition to the team
- b) Mona then provides a end of year wrap up, detailing the challenges faced and how everyone involved has grown and learned from the experience, further strengthening the PSS school spirit and community
- c) Mike then adds his appreciation and acknowledgement of councils efforts to improve the student experience
- d) Concluding with forming goals for next year, how can we best utilize funds raised?

6. Fundraising – 6:10pm start

- Snack Shack – Pop has been an issue, it's easy to spill and can sugar rush the kids a bit causing uptick in class disruptions, based on this feedback decision made to no longer sell pop, also considering pulling Gatorade for the same reasons, while re-sealable to reduce spill messes, the quantities are large and can cause distractions, perhaps we can look for smaller size bottles?
- Scheduling still needs some work, ideas proposed of alternating days for which class groups go down, so not all 1-9 are doing it in same day and leading to big crowds in commons area, option proposed to try as a snack cart that travels to classrooms and make that the point of sale

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- continued advertising and keeping parents informed of upcoming events, Britney notes that we really tried to fit a lot of activities into a short amount of time after taking occupancy in new building, next year we can take a more staggered approach to reduce demand on staff
- Perhaps limiting menu options can make things more efficient, we are already on track for collecting data on what items are more popular than others, dropping the less popular stuff should reduce decision making time and get students back in their seats sooner.
- Brainstorming ideas for next year fundraisers – Read-athon / Spell-athon – goal setting activities for students to achieve and benefit from their dedication and work. Gift Card fundraiser, perfect for holiday gift buying seasons
- Feedback from recent Healthy Hunger (McDonalds) Overall well organized and executed, portions easy to hand out, previous Healthy Hunger (Subway) was more challenging with multiple packages that needed to be consolidated before handing out
- Still have pencils and stickers left over from previous events that can be utilized next year
- Establishing a mission for these funds, how can we best use them, ideas like bussing / field trip subsidy to make them more inclusive for students. Breakfast / early start programs? Can we assist families in and give students a healthy breakfast start for their day? Research other schools spending models that have found success and build from their ideas. Charity donations? Instilling pride and purpose for students by giving to others in need.
- Bank Account check – balance of \$7248.18
- Freezie's handing out at last day of school Carnival, Leslie makes motion to spend \$210 for freezies, Melody seconded, motion carried
- Texas Doughnuts costs motions – Motion to spend \$70 on ziplock bags for handing out doughnuts – Laura makes motion, Don seconded – motion carried
- Volunteer situation – can we improve process of informing and onboarding volunteers? Prepare and document of guidelines for completing process? Some visual aids to make it more accessible and hopefully get more parents involved and build community?
- Tied to this plan to increase volunteer outreach, let's also re-visit our social media presence next year and see how that can be utilized for meeting our goals

7. Next Meeting Schedule – 6:36pm start

a) Sept 18, 2023 @ 5:45pm (Monday) - First meeting of 2023/2024 school year

8. Meeting adjourns – 6:36 pm – Britney adjourns meeting