

Prairie Sky School

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

School Council Meeting – November 18, 2024, 5:45 pm,

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Minutes – October 21 2024

5:45 PM @ Prairie Sky School

* indicates written report/attachment provided

1. Call to order meeting – 5:43pm – Britney calls meeting to order

Attendance

Executive:

Brittany - Chair

Incoming Chair - Harmet

Laura – Vice Chair

Melody – Vice Chair

Leslie – Treasurer

Nina – Treasurer

Don – Secretary

Staff:

Mona – Principal

Uroog - Assistant Principal

Mike - Assistant Principal

Grade 2 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) – Britney motions, Laura seconded
 - a. October minutes passed



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4. Teacher Share – 5:45 pm start

- This month we hear from the Grade 2 team

Grade 2 Learning Highlights Include

- a) UFLI – A phonics-based program for building foundational skills necessary for proficient reading
- b) Teachers have been successfully utilizing UFLI as the core literary teaching program, activities like Sentence A Day, Themed Vocabulary Building and Oral Storytelling are keeping students engaged and improving in their literacy education
- c) Robert Munsch – Legendary author of children's books and member of the Order of Canada, teachers have included his works into the curriculum and having students form their own personal narratives and oral storytelling exercises encouraged by Munsch's unique style
- d) Mathematics – Students continue to practice and build skills with tally, measurements and other data collection techniques. Counting and graphing with standard units and non-standard units
- e) A lot of hands-on activities around mathematics, allowing students a visual representation of math in their environment, and teachers continue to find creative ways to include our natural surroundings and indigenous cultural influences into lessons
- f) Science – Strong focus on properties and types of materials, many experiments done to determine their applications in different situations, where they can best be used and combined for even stronger and more useful materials
- g) Teacher's Pet – Teachers organized and executed a successful in class field trip day with the assistance of parent volunteers. Students were able to participate in various science-based activities themed around concepts like light, reflection, sound and vibration
- h) Social Studies – Lessons structured around personal identity and symbolism, sharing with peers things that represent us and collecting them in a Identity Jar
- i) Looking at local Calgary history and comparisons between past and present, and how our own personal stories can shape and take form into where Calgary is now
- j) Popcorn Fundraiser Update – 3330 bags sold! Amazing effort everyone, congratulations teachers and students for your efforts and looking forward to the upcoming amazing week planed with Campus Calgary / Open Minds

5. Principal Report – 5:53pm start

- a) Administrative staff have received valuable feedback from recent survey's distributed to students and Mike presents early results and impressions of the data collected
- b) Areas of concern exist in questions asking things related to sense of belonging and connections in their experiences at Prairie Sky School, and actions to improve this align with the School Development Plan. As staff continue to address this more information will be presented later
- c) Fostering Positive Relationships – Staff are active in a relationship mapping exercise with the goals of identifying students that may be lacking in a positive, safe adult figure they can comfortably approach within the school. This initiative also stems from survey feedback and is a fantastic representation of PSS commitment to providing a positive learning environment for all students
- d) The majority of survey feedback gathered so far does align with national averages so that is an overall reassuring reflection of early success for our recently opened school

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- e) Attendance / Absence – PSS does identify a significant issue with overall consistent attendance among students, and when scaled against CBE classification would be considered Chronic. Currently PSS around 20% average absence daily
- f) Mike shares data on studies concluding how important regular attendance is to student success, and metrics of how a small amount of time missed can equate to significant issues with success in classroom subjects and curriculum
- g) These issues can be connected, fostering those connections to PSS may also improve the overall attendance of students
- h) Traffic issues continue to exist, which can also attribute to the large number of students who arrive late, while small amounts of classroom time missed may not seem significant, Mike re-iterates how that scales up over time to also negatively set students back in their learning
- i) Local partners including AOJ School and City of Calgary continue to be engaged about the traffic situation and meetings are scheduled to collaborate on possible improvements
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6. General Discussion – 6:15 pm start

- a) Open discussion further exploring the ideas of attendance and school success, ways parents can actively participate to improve that score and keep their children on the best path for future success.
- b) Topics around how important that strong parental representation and involvement is in increasing student achievement, how setting that example of commitment to learning can make massive difference in student attitudes

7. Next Meeting – December 16, 2024

8. Meeting adjourns – 6:27 pm – Britney adjourns meeting



Prairie Sky School Fundraising Society

Scheduled Meeting

November 18, 2024 @ 6:30 PM (Or following PSSC meeting)

1. Welcome, Call to Order @ 6:27 PM
 - A) Britney Bennet opens our second meeting of the year following the PSSC meeting
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes –
 - A) October 2024 Minutes approved
3. General Discussion
 - A) Fundraising - A lot going on, currently 3 active fundraisers going on as we move into holiday season
 - B) Updates on the Coco Brooks, Purdy's Chocolates and Indigo (Cookie Dough) are discussed, current order #'s, order due dates and expected delivery dates after orders are submitted
 - C) Further to order forms, there was a box received at office containing Indigo order forms, great visual graphics that will surely make more people want cookies! Forms will be distributed to students
 - D) Also review of online order options for active fundraisers, promoting via email and providing links for easy access
 - E) Eager to evaluate what products seemed to attract most attention and order volume, data collection that can be valuable for the planning of future fundraisers
 - F) Snack Shack – Will turn attention more here after active holiday fundraiser efforts are completed, however plan is in place to have table open for upcoming Teacher Conferences and funds form that will be split 50/50 with the Grade 2 team for their fundraiser
4. Meeting Adjourned
 - A) Meeting Adjourned – 6:42pm – Next meeting will be December 16, 2024, following School Council meeting