

# Prairie Sky School

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

School Council Meeting – May 13, 2024, 5:45 pm,

## School Council Meeting

Minutes – May 13 2024

5:45 PM @ Prairie Sky School

\* indicates written report/attachment provided

1. Call to order meeting – 5:45pm – Britney calls meeting to order

Attendance

Executive:

Brittany - Chair

Laura – Vice Chair

Melody – Vice Chair

Leslie – Treasurer

Nina – Treasurer

Don – Secretary

Staff:

Mona – Principal

Uroog - Assistant Principal

Mike - Assistant Principal

Teachers – Grade 5 and 6 teams

2. 5:45pm - 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. April minutes approved



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#### 4. 5:43 pm – Teacher Share

- This month we hear from the Grade 5 and 6 teachers

##### - Grade 6 Learning Highlights

- a) Science - Concept Mapping – a visual note taking technique mixing words and images to illustrate and explain science concepts in more meaningful and efficient ways
- b) Experiment Time – Teachers lead an interesting experiment answering the questions “does air have mass?” fun and interactive experiments like these are essential for engaging students and sparking their interest in science
- c) Social Studies – Currently working through final unit in class now, that being Municipal Government and Provincial Government
- d) Students have been engaged in a simulated election exercise, assuming the role of party representatives they have been studying party platforms and participating in mock debates, while also examining how their views align or differ from their assigned party
- e) Provincial Achievement Tests – Why PAT’s matter? As a tool to determine student learning. Grade 6 and 9 will do PATs

##### - Grade 5 Learning Highlights

- a) English Language Arts – Novel comparison study, a chance to read and review different novels then compare different aspects between them like character traits and development, themes and writing styles
- b) Words Their Way – a spelling/word program scaled to student needs
- c) Persuasive Writing – write a convincing sales pitch for a bakery to purchase a doughnut, a fun and creative way to use words and build vocabulary
- d) Poetry – different activities and guest speakers have been exciting students with new ideas, exercises like “Make it Weird” where students pick a word and then find ways to describe what it is without using the chosen word
- e) Math – Examining concepts of Geometry, Perimeter and Area
- g) Asking students to determine and answer questions like “A farmer needs to fence off 100 Square Meter area, what different types of rectangles can be used to achieve this?”
- h) Science – A lot of fun chemistry-based class activities like crystallization experiments, expanding balloons and the classic baking soda and vinegar
- i) Social Studies – learning about fields of study like Anthropology and Archaeology, students have been involved with events with University of Calgary
- j) Collecting ideas and concepts of Algonquin culture, students have put together presentations in podcast form
- k) Field Trips – Classes recently visited The Confluence: Historic Site & Parkland, a fantastic opportunity to learn about early Canadian settlement

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#### 5. Principals Report 6:10 pm start

- a) Report card completion, process ongoing and will be available online June 26 2024
- b) Classroom Organizations, ongoing meetings and discussions with teachers to determine next year assignments
- c) PAT today, was a smooth process, some small issues but those were not isolated to only PSS
- d) Plan in the works for a fun end of year event, ideas like awards ceremony or talent show
- e) Work ongoing for front area, playground still under construction
- f) Welcome to Kindergarten event coming up in June, 50 students incoming to Kindergarten next year
- g) Book Fair was a success, will plan again for next year

#### 6. General Discussion – 6:20pm Start

- a) Call for materials – Britney asks if anyone has pictures or ideas they would like to share for a end of year roundup of council activities, please submit to her
- b) Planning next years meeting dates - September 16 2024, October 21 2024, November 18 2024, December 16 2024, January 13 2025, February 10 2025, March 17 2025, April 14 2025, May 12 2025, June 9 2025
- c) Council Executive Positions – 2-year terms will expire next year, consider what roles and positions to be filled for September meeting

#### 7. Next Meeting – June 10, 2024 @5:45pm

#### 8. Meeting adjourns – 6:25 pm – Britney adjourns meeting



Prairie Sky School Fundraising Society

Scheduled Meeting

May 13, 2024 @ 6:30 PM (Following PSSC meeting)

1. Welcome, Call to Order @ 6:23 PM
  - A) Britney Bennet opens meeting
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes - Approved
3. Fundraising
  - A) Fun Lunch dates, tentative for May 30 grades K-3, June 6 grades 4-9, September 18 grades K-3, September 19 grades 4-9
  - B) Open discussion around Fun Lunch provider options, what works best and satisfy the most people
  - C) Snack Shack – June 14 next event
4. Meeting Adjourned
  - A) Meeting Adjourned – 6:38pm – Next meeting will be June 14, 2024 following School Council meeting