

Prairie Sky School

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

School Council Meeting – Nov 20, 2023, 5:45 pm,

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Minutes – Nov 20 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

Jenna – Social Media

Staff:

Mona – Principal

Mike - Assistant Principal

Uroog - Assistant Principal

Learning Leaders – Teacher Group

Parents in attendance

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)

- a. Motion to approve minutes made by Britney, 2nd by Jenna

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4. 5:45 pm – Teacher Share – Grade 7 Team and Physical Education Team

- Grade 7 Learning Highlights Include

- a) English Language Arts – ELA learning involves students developing their listening, speaking and writing skills by exploring various thoughts and ideas
- b) Establishing the definitions and differences between Academic Writing and Casual Writing.
- c) Goals include teaching critical thinking and learning skills, evaluating information and how to respond to it
- d) Attempting to foster a spirit of reading for pleasure as well as for gaining knowledge
- e) Mathematics – utilizing the 4 Strands method focusing on topics of Number, Patterns and Relations, Shape and Space, Statistics and Probability
- f) Science – Consisting of 5 units of study consisting of Planet Earth, Structures and Forces, Heat and Temperature, Plants for Foods and Fibers and Interactions with Ecosystems
- g) Social Studies – Learning focus on key events and outcomes, using history as a adventure through time allowing students to introspect upon early settlement, leading towards Confederation and the period of time that followed. Also spending time learning about local and current affairs that are impacting the world today, creating great environments for open classroom discussions

- Physical Education Learning Highlights Include

- a) PhysEd Team has been active on social media accounts, giving a photo diary of daily activities and growing the spirit of PSS through sport and group participation activities
- b) K-6 grade curriculum consists of programs aimed at combining body movement and personal wellness, schedule has students in gym 3-4 times per week
- c) 7-9 grade curriculum consists of more specific focused activities aimed at skill development and personal empowerment; pictures are then presented to illustrate what classes are like, class schedule has students in gym 4 times per week
- d) The Health and Wellness program is delivered in weeklong sessions, with 10 sessions planned for school year
- e) Week 6 introduces Human Sexuality curriculum, notices informing parents will be sent out prior to starting
- f) Physical Education team reiterates their commitment to establishing learning opportunities that are built around the AHS and AB Education curriculum with the goal of giving students a framework to establish and culture of overall positive health and wellbeing
- g) PSS Stars team tee-shirts will be available for purchase during upcoming Parent – Teacher conferences

5. Principals Report 5:56pm start

- a) PSS has begun engaging in The Active & Safe Routes to School program (ASRS) in partnership with Ever Active Schools (EAS)
- b) Surveys have been developed and distributed with the intention of collecting information relating to their personal experiences with walking to school, this information is being collected by our EAS representative and they are engaging with different levels of the community
- c) Action Plan upcoming after reporting steps completed, final report could lead to suggestions of area infrastructure changes could be included in suggested actions
- d) Playground Update – Structures have been erected, we are now waiting for completion of the foundations and grounds areas, this will require time for sods and matting to settle before they are ready for opening up to students, progress has been made and we are almost there! Current ETA is early spring.

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- e) Playground construction contractor is located out of town in Edmonton, but administration has been diligent with requesting updates and communications have been active and consistent
- f) Open discussion regarding current fencing and walkway clearing situations, snow has been light so far this year but everyone is aware that will change as we move further into winter, the current arrangements for snow clearing for PSS grounds lies with a maintenance group withing CBE assigned to multiple sites, this can mean they are sometimes not able to get to our location early in the day, staff will monitor situation and escalate snow clearing requests when needed
- g) Parent Teacher Conference appointment time booking emails sent out providing instructions on how to register for time slots
- h) Bamfield, BC trip planning and fundraising ongoing, this is a popular trip destination for CBE Schools and PSS staff hope to establish this as an annual event that senior grades can look forward to, a destination trip that gives them a chance to further build their independence and experience unique aspects of Canada
- i) Prairie Sky School grand opening celebration scheduled for April 12, this later date was chosen to avoid overloading students and staff early in the year, as this is already a busy and exciting time

6. Fundraising – 6:12pm start

- Snack Shack selection dates – 1 planned for Friday during conferences, another for December 15, won't look further than that at this time, will re-visit schedule in January
- Snack Shack feedback has been positive so far this year, minimal disruptions, menu options satisfactory and sales have been good
- Conference snack shack event will allow chance for council members to interface with other parents, informing them of council activities and providing volunteer forms for them to fill out in a effort to increase PSS volunteer availability
- Fundschrift – Setup continuing, goal of having program ready to go for December holiday shopping rush
- Healthy Hunger fun lunch scheduled for November 30, orders are due in by November 22
- Options for December Healthy Hunger event, Lunch Lady suggested as meal provider, good range of dietary options to meet student needs and Mona has seen it be successful in the past, HH date for December TBD
- Bank Balance check - \$7653.83 as of November 20, 2023
- Motions made by Leslie for following expenses, seconded by all council members
 - a) Snack Shack and Candygrams supplies - \$2500
 - b) Learning Leaders special speaker event - \$500
 - c) PSS branded canopy event tent - \$1400
 - d) Society incorporation fee - \$50

7. Next Meeting – December 11 5:45pm

8. Meeting adjourns – 6:23 pm – Britney adjourns meeting