

Prairie Sky School Fundraising Society

Scheduled Meeting

April 14, 2025 @ 6:30 PM (Or following PSSC meeting)

1. Welcome, Call to Order @ 6:32 PM
 - A) Britney opens meeting following PSSSC Meeting
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes –
 - A) March 2025 Minutes approved – Britney motions, Melody seconds
3. General Discussion
 - A) Bottle Drive – discussion around this possibility, timing and avoiding conflicts with other local organizations doing similar activities at same time
 - B) Texas Donuts - Keeping up the tradition? Always a fun one, get's good response, determine pricing and order collection details
 - C) Care Closet – Leslie continues to engage with community associations to benefit PSS in many ways, this among them, organizing donations and collection, maintaining supplies, this initiative has seen great success
 - D) Bluegrass – Order notifications are popping, not certain of overall numbers at this time but can see this fundraiser has been active
 - E) Lacrosse – PSS has organized a event to bring lacrosse coaches into the school and introduce them to this traditional Canadian sport, this event has been co-sponsored by PSS Fundraising Society and is surly to be a memorable day for students
 - F) Teacher Breakfast – Discussion around organizing a appreciation event for teachers in the form of catered breakfast, surly a time when it will be most appreciated, great start to the day, dates in May discussed
 - G) Fun Lunch – Dates and vendors are setup online, orders open and continue to be received, will review and determine popular food providers to use again
4. Meeting Adjourned
 - A) Meeting Adjourned – 6:52pm – Next meeting will be March 10, 2025, following School Council meeting

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Minutes – April 14, 2025

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

Harmeet - Incoming Chair

Laura – Vice Chair

Melody – Vice Chair

Leslie – Treasurer

Nina – Treasurer

Don – Secretary

Jenna – Social Media

Staff:

Mona – Principal

Uroog - Assistant Principal

Mike - Assistant Principal

Grade 6 team

2. 5:43pm - Review of the Agenda – Copies of agenda made available for attendees to review

3. 5:43pm - Approval of the Minutes, as presented (OR as amended) – Britney motions, Melody seconded
 - a. March minutes passed



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4. Teacher Share – 5:44 pm start

- This month we hear from the Grade 6 team

Grade 6 Learning Highlights Include

- a) Science curriculum, teachers are actively working newly introduced aspects of Alberta Education's curriculum updates into daily class activities, keeping students engaged via tasks like concept mapping, visual note taking and summarizations
- b) Science Experiments – Hands on learning continues to unify and inspire classrooms as teachers demonstrate science applications through exciting and meaningful experiences, we can all remember the first time we saw the baking soda / balloon reactions experiment, and demonstrating those reactions creates a great opportunity to take science outside and get a bit messy
- c) Virtual Reality – Utilizing VR technology teachers can reveal places rarely seen and immerse students into richly detailed environments like the International Space Station, different planets of our Solar System as well as Earth's deep oceans and dense jungles
- d) Matter Unit – current focus in class has been learning about different states of matter and how they can change, factors that influence that changing process like temperature, volume and pressure, these topics often lead to open and engaging conversations in class as students and teachers partake in question-and-answer sessions further fostering the value of classroom learning and the opportunity it creates
- e) Social Studies curriculum, teachers have utilized the upcoming Canadian federal election to educate students on government, party platforms and representatives, and how those views align with their own. Alongside the actual election the classroom has become its own mock political battleground as students role play as politicians and advocate / promote their mock campaigns
- f) Teachers have made fantastic use of current events like elections and increasing trade tariffs to engage students with constructive debate sessions, capturing their curiosity this way enlightens student understanding by connecting real world issues to classroom topics
- g) Telus Be Brave – Field trip event organized and executed by our Grade 6 teachers saw the class attend a promotional anti-bullying campaign Calgary Hitmen hockey game night, carrying the message of kindness on and off the ice PSS students were able to enjoy an exciting experience with a positive message
- h) ELA – Learning areas and uses for how to apply writing skills, things like headline writing, tools and techniques for catching an audience's attention, design aesthetics like font and layout, as well as information collection and direction writing practicing step by step sequencing of processes
- i) Foundational storytelling elements of who, what, when, where and why? These traditional narrative questions allow an easy full assessment tool for students to insert prose and narrative into their various works
- j) Provincial Achievement Tests – PATs are upcoming and Grade 6 students at PSS will be writing them, teachers have been implementing new curriculum elements and working with students to ensure they are confident and prepared when taking these tests

5. Principal Report – 6:05 pm start

- a) Modular Classrooms – Update on construction progress, work proceeding on schedule, units are anticipated to be functional by end of the year and administration staff are working on plans for best use of this newly created classroom space while accounting for the unique challenges presented staff will continue to provide the best possible learning experience for PSS students
- b) Updates on enrolment numbers, 1172 current projection for next year, administration are actively monitoring with the purpose of efficient resource allocation for the coming year
- c) Budget – Speaking of resource allocation, another key task our PSS team puts tireless efforts into for the benefit of all our Stars. Work and learning environments coexist here and we all want the best

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d) Bussing / Walk Zone – the anticipated changes for how CBE will define walk and bus zones is likely to have an impact on our current bell time / class dismissal schedule, much TBD here but stay tuned for more information as it becomes available

e) Nutritional / Diet – PSS maintains and promotes many healthy eating programs and is dedicated to allowing students the availability time necessary achieve nourishment throughout the day, this can take many forms for different students and age groups and pose unique challenges, but PSS staff remain committed to this crucial part of student learning success

6. Open Floor – 6:25 pm start

a) End of year celebration ideas, things like food truck / ice cream truck are often fun and successful ideas that give students a chance to spend more time outside and engaged together as a student body

b) Volunteer Call outs – Laura discusses the shared online folder and availability schedule tools in place to better assist with handling this information

7. Next Meeting – May 12, 2025 @ 5:45pm

8. Meeting adjourns – 6:32 pm – Britney adjourns meeting

