

Prairie Sky School

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

School Council Meeting – Feb 12, 2024, 5:45 pm,

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Minutes – Feb 12 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

Jenna – Social Media

Staff:

Mona – Principal

Mike - Assistant Principal

Uroog - Assistant Principal

Teachers – Music Program and Grade 9

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. Pending completion of January minutes, will review for approval next meeting



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4. 5:46 pm – Teacher Share

- This month we hear from the Music and Grade 9 teachers

- Music Learning Highlights

a) Introductions made, 2 music teachers at PSS

b) Overall learning expectations are to instill an enjoyment of music in students, enhance their awareness and appreciation of diverse styles of music and to establish musical skills and knowledge

c) Grades 4, 5 and 6 curriculum has a strong focus on music from around the world including African Drumming and Hip Hop, exploring how music can be a driving force for social change and how its influence can shape and change societies and cultures

d) Learning of specific musical concepts includes rhythm, harmony, melody, form and expression, exploring their differences and how they blend to create beautiful sounds

e) These concepts are expressed in different ways including practicing different vocal sounds, whisper to loud, fast to slow, as well as keeping beats with body movements

f) Exploring connections between music and celebration, how these things integrate with different societies and the kind of emotions they elicit

g) Illustrating to students how music can be a powerful narrative tool when used to tell stories and recollect historical events

h) Introduction to various instruments like recorders, xylophones and drums as students progress through grade levels, allowing them to try new things while also learning more about the instruments historical and cultural significance, applying aspects of Social Studies into the music program

i) Enhancing the message and power of mindfulness through music, exploring emotional responses while also teaching audience manners and respectful listening

- Grade 9 Learning Highlights

a) Introductions made, including a lovely photo of teachers holding yoga poses, peak mindfulness

b) Transition into High School – Students and Teachers are actively engaged in the process of preparing students for their next steps into High School, this includes open house visits to their future school to see firsthand the different scholastic options available, the building and classrooms they will be occupying and exploring various potential pathways of learning to reach their desired goals

c) PAT – Provincial Achievement Tests – preparing has been a strong focus in classroom, unique situation being that this will be students first exposure to this testing experience, as when they were in Grade 6 2 years ago PAT's were cancelled due to COVID lockdowns

d) Year end celebration – this being the first group of students to advance through grade 9 at PSS, a survey was sent out to determine interest in what kind of celebration to hold, a class trip away got a lot of votes so that's the plan.

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5. Principals Report 6:20 pm start

- a) Walking School Bus – Program continues, seeing increase in involvement, will continue and assess future viability, recognizing it is a extra ask of teacher time and commitments
- b) Gear Orders – New round of PSS clothing / gear orders are going to be opened up soon, new provider this time with a noticeable increase in overall quality
- c) Mona leads detailed presentation regarding 2024 School Development Plan and breakdowns of budget allocations and fee structure – more information can be found at
- <https://prairiesky.cbe.ab.ca/budget-registration>
- d) Survey link provided to all in attendance to participate in gathering feedback on PSS future planning
- e) Feedback from survey is used to guide ongoing assessment and review of SDP goals
- g) Results will be gathered and presented at a future meeting, likely April 2024

8. Next Meeting – March 18, 2024 @5:45pm

9. Meeting adjourns – 6:47 pm – Britney adjourns meeting



Prairie Sky School Fundraising Society

Scheduled Meeting

Feb 18 2024 @ 6:47 PM

1. Welcome, Call to Order @ 6:47 PM
 - A) Britney Bennet opens meeting, January minutes not yet complete, will review for approval in March meeting
2. Society Application Process
 - A) Application process ongoing, estimate of completion August 2024, application was submitted in October 2023
3. Fundraising
 - A) Healthy Hunger dates for March determined – March 7 and 14
 - B) Snack Shack dates for March determined - March 1 and 15, planning to avoid overlap with school assembly days
4. Meeting Adjourned
 - A) Meeting Adjourned – 6:52pm – Next meeting will be March 18, 2024 following School Council meeting