

# Prairie Sky School

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

School Council Meeting – January 12, 2026, 5:45 pm,

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Minutes – January 12, 2026

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 – Incoming Chair  
Melody – Vice Chair  
Don – Secretary  
Jenna – Social Media  
Manpreet - Member

Staff:

Peter - Principal

Mike - Assistant Principal

Uroog – Assistant Principal

Grade 7 and Music Teams

2. 5:48pm - Review of the Agenda – Copies of agenda made available for attendees to review
3. 5:48pm - Approval of the Minutes, as presented (OR as amended) – Britney motions, Laura seconded
  - a. December minutes approved



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### 4. Teacher Share – 5:53 pm start

- This month we hear from the Grade 7 and Music Teams

#### Grade 7 Learning Highlights Include

- a) Literacy – Quality Control J5 – Letters make words and sentences make paragraphs guiding students on essay structure, exploring culture through writing exercises, spoken word podcast format listening and reflection, concise summarization techniques blending visual sketch noting skills with narrative components
- b) Persuasive writing, vocabulary building utilizing descriptive writing to tickle the senses to make you smell that gingerbread house so much you need to have it, the power of words nouns and verbs on full display as students share ideas and collaborative communication skills
- c) Calgary Philharmonic – Teachers successfully organize and execute a wonderful trip allowing students to visit and engage with the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, then taking that experience into writing exercise exploring how music can shape and influence feelings, moods, enhance closed eye imagination and challenging students to verbalize those moments via presentation and journal writing
- d) Social Studies – Classes are actively researching distinct local native groups and collecting information from various sources then summarizing into verbal presentations paired with slid show visuals compiled with the goal of conveying further relevant information
- e) Mathematics - Students are currently working though sections such as integers, transformations, linear relations and working with positive / negative numbers
- f) Teachers approach mathematics with the overall goal of making it meaningful and finding ways to connect with other subjects to greater engaging classes and share the idea of how art, science and math can be observed around us in many ways and merged to make beautiful things possible
- g) Science – We see that same approach here with exploring planet Earth and guiding students to make real world connections with features present around us from local fauna and minerals, rocks and fossils, compiling findings and summarizing that information with infographic techniques and tools
- h) Experiments! Always highly engaging and rewarding teachers have kept students busy with different experiments involving heat and light, how heat moves and disperses, how it can be insulated and retained and what allows it to radiate out, all topics met with positive feedback from classes as learning continues into future units of forces, structures and ecosystems

#### Music Class Learning Highlights Include

- a) Kindergarten and early learning – Continuing classroom lessons and re-enforcing them with musical education through oral learning and listening, call and response engagement, beat progression and line reading
- b) Grade 3 introduces sheet music reading and symbol education, as well as singalong books the continue the literacy into music themes teachers aim for to keep lessons familiar
- c) Performing – Ms Singh and Ms Tryon guide students through elements of production as they prepare grades in various ways for their designated assembly nights, allowing everyone a chance to come together with an audience, upcoming Spring celebrations eagerly discussed
- d) General learning expectations – Enjoyment of music, awareness and appreciation of its cultural impact and diversity, to instill meaningful activities that students can learn from with shared singing and drumming circles
- e) Musical skills and knowledge – Introducing various instruments as students' progress across grade levels, this exposure further enriching their awareness and understanding of music, sheet music interpretation skills building foundational theory skills giving students skills to progress in their playing
- f) Singing Chart – A fantastic metaphoric visual for students confidence grows from seeds to trees over their singing voice development journey, each tier on the path is further detailed to summarize the objectives and goals involved in these lessons

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- g) Rhythm and Beat – Getting active with incorporating dance with music, active learning, timing and playing as a group being key aspects for sustained sessions
- h) Upcoming Events - Students will bring their choir to the residents and Generations for a performance in Feb and April, Grade 4 – 6 Choirs are meeting regularly and Recorder Karate will begin in February for Grade 3 - 5

#### 5. Principal Report – 6:10 pm start

- a) What's New? Peter leads discussions around upcoming field trip events for different grade levels including Grade 5 to Camp Henry which is highly anticipated among staff and students. Teacher conferences are coming up Feb 12 + 13, report cards are live for online access after Feb 24, report card structure further detailed by Peter and Mike
- b) Uroog leads discussion on the learning value and beneficial impact the recent addition of technology equipment as had for PSS, more hands-on learning and computer science-based lessons available for teachers to deliver computer user skills essential for success in all areas of education
- c) Public Notice Equipment – Plans are being developed to expand PSS public address system, more public displays and audio improvements potentially in the future
- d) Peter informs attendees about recent staffing changes, familiar people in new roles, recruitment and hiring for support roles ongoing as administration aims to provide students with a sustainable supportive environment
- e) Registrations – Kindergarten lottery opens soon, a process Britney is familiar with from previous years, always an exciting topic as we welcome new families and students into our school and council, information regarding available spaces and how the new walk zone boundaries may impact these classes
- f) Week Ahead emails have been composed and continue to provide valuable information summarized for upcoming weekly events

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#### 6. Open Floor –6:18 pm start

a) Grade 5 Team – Present today to talk about fundraising ideas and appeals for assistance and funds from Prairie Sky School Fundraising Society, ideas of a Hot Chocolate event where big mugs with lots of marshmallows can be sold for a fun experience, and a Candy Gram idea as we approach Valentines in February. Sounds fantastic we love it, see PSSFS minutes for motions made

b) Traffic Safety – Ongoing discussions continue around this topic, it's important to keep it relevant and various programs are talked about and promoted to hopefully work with in the future, in school sessions around bicycle / pedestrian safety and navigating heavy congestion areas such as school drop off and dismissal

c) Signage Improvements - Crossing areas more defined and highlighted, perhaps a digital map can be created and distributed to outline the various traffic and parking zones around PSS

#### 7. Next Meeting – February 9, 2026 @ 5:45pm

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



## Prairie Sky School Fundraising Society

### Scheduled Meeting

January 12, 2025 @ 6:30 PM (Or following PSSC meeting)

1. Welcome, Call to Order @ 6:25 PM
  - A) Britney opens meeting following PSSSC Meeting
  
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes –
  - A) December amended meeting minutes approved, Britney motions Jenna seconds
  
3. General Discussion
  - A) Volunteer – Discussion around volunteer recruitment and information distribution, maintain email communications and regular meeting schedule to achieve this. Google Calander tool platform in development to also assist in this goal
  - B) Kernals check-in – Fundraiser currently ongoing, orders have been received so far and on track for positive results here
  - C) Casino night – fast approaching dates Feb 16 + 17, volunteer recruitment ongoing, emails sent and position details available, speak with Leslie for more information – currently estimate about 15 positions required to fill
  - D) Fundraising - Spring ideas, Blugrass Plants, Purdys, CoCo Brooks, once Casino night has been completed, we can focus more attention here
  
  - E) Motion made by Britney to spend up to \$150 for Care Cupboard items, Leslie seconded, motion passed
  
  - F) Motion made by Britney to spend \$1000 for Field Trip dues / fees support, Laura seconded, motion passed
  
  - G) Motion made by Britney to spend \$650 for support towards Mahegun Tails event organized by Ms Furgeson, Manpreet seconded, motion passed
  
  - H) Motion made by Britney to spend \$200 for Grade 5 Team hot chocolate / candy gram event ideas, Leslie seconded, motion passed

i) Trustee Cordova is planning to attend our February meeting along with our Area Director

4. Meeting Adjourned – 6:50pm – Next meeting will be Feb 9 2026, following PSSC meeting