

Prairie Sky School

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

School Council Meeting – November 28, 2022, 5:45 pm, at Hugh A. Bennett School

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Minutes Template – Nov 28 2022

5:45 PM @ Hugh A. Bennett School

* indicates written report/attachment provided

1. Call to order – Nov 28 2022 Meeting – 5:45pm – Britney opens meeting

Attendance

Executive:

Brittany - Chair

Nina – Treasurer

Don – Secretary

Laura – Vice Chair

Leslie – Treasurer

Melody – Vice Chair

Parents:

Jenna Gutierrez

Staff:

Ms. Bains – Principal

Mr. Pierce - Assistant Vice Principal

Ms. Sanghera

2. Review of the Agenda - Britney has sent out via email prior to meeting for review, focus on recent survey communications and fundraising methods / goals.

3. Approval of the Minutes, as presented (OR as amended)

- a. Oct 24 2022 Meeting Minutes – copies distributed to attendees
- b. Minutes approved



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4. Prairie Sky School Operating Procedures – 5:55pm start

- Britney waiting for small clarification from Suzane RE: Bylaw Clarification - Operating Procedure passed and signatures collected

5. Communication - Discussion of recent social media survey results – 6pm start

- Responses have been largely split on whether to utilize and on what specific platform, so no final decision as of yet, primary use for announcing meetings and informing parent community of future events and fundraising activities.
- If utilized in future, will comments be on or off? How to moderate if on
- Suggested can also present Prairie Sky School Council on the existing Skyview Ranch Community FaceBook Group, a way to introduce ourselves to community and advocate engagement.
- Noted some School Councils have their own websites created – our group being only recently formed this is more of a long term consideration.
- Can prepare and include a School Council introduction piece to be included in upcoming school Newsletter – can coordinate with Tracy to have submitted in time for release before Winter Break.
- Discussed possibility of inviting teachers to future council meetings as incentive for more parents to attend, make it clear that format is Town Hall style and all are welcome regardless of past attendance

6. Fundraising Topic – 6:07 start -

Possible areas for use of funds

- Playground planning and construction
- Field Trip support ex. Bussing
- Special Event Days ex. Mad Scientist
- Natural outdoor space for students to gather – ex. trees / boulders

Possible Methods of Fundraising

- Cookie dough sales
- Apple Sales
- Pizza Sales



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- Pledge donations collected – Walkathon example
- Silent Auction – Teacher buddy prize
- Kernels popcorn sales
- Utilizing existing programs like Healthy Hunger <https://healthyhunger.ca/>
- Tuck Shop – snack sales to classrooms – ex candy grams.
- Gift Cards – Mike passed around vendor flyer with details

Discussion of timelines, upcoming holiday season and if it's feasible to attempt any fundraising activities before then, considerations of how the current school within a school model will present challenges with food distribution and money collection.

- Decision made to look into Candy Cane grams – something simple that can include messages for students and can share with peers.

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7. Principal's Report - 6:25 pm start

- Nov 24 – 25 Patent Teacher Conference's were held in person, great feedback and exciting opportunity for parents to hear about student progress
- Continuing to work on finalized School Development Plan with anticipated release in January 2023
- Ms. Sanghera distributed handouts for details of Inclusive Ed Continuum of Supports program followed with a presentation of the categories and criteria for each.
- Staffing related news, Mona shares that there is a new hire in Administration to support Tracy – Welcome Sue
- Two new lunchroom monitors positions have been filled
- Medical Leave affecting some positions, teachers are doing a excellent job adapting to the unique situation our school is in as we wait for occupancy of new building. -Class size and structure will be reviewed once Prairie Sky School building is opened, considerations based on how much time left in school year.

8. New Business - 6:50 pm start

- Some new parent attendees, group takes this opportunity to introduce ourselves and our children who are students at Prairie Sky School, sharing their experiences so far



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9. Next Meeting

- 6:54 pm start - Deciding on if a meeting in December will be held – available days are Dec 5 or Dec 12 TBD
- January Meeting tentatively set for Jan 23 2023

10. Adjourn Meeting – 6:56 pm – Britney adjourns meeting

