

Prairie Sky School

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

School Council Meeting – October 21, 2024, 5:45 pm,

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Minutes – October 21 2024
5:45 PM @ Prairie Sky School
* indicates written report/attachment provided

1. Call to order meeting – 5:43pm – Britney calls meeting to order

Attendance

Executive:

Brittany - Chair

Incoming Chair - Harmet

Laura – Vice Chair

Melody – Vice Chair

Leslie – Treasurer

Nina – Treasurer

Don – Secretary

Staff:

Mona – Principal

Uroog - Assistant Principal

Mike - Assistant Principal

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) – Britney motions, Nina seconded
 - a. September minutes passed

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4. Teacher Share – 5:48 pm start

- This month we hear from the Wellness Team, Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 teams

Wellness Team

- a) Wellness Team – The Wellness Team delivers a presentation informing attendees of plans to welcome a professional native Hoop Dance performer to PSS by the name of James Jones aka Notorious Cree.
- b) This kind of event fosters our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation by showcasing unique and talented Native performers
- c) Cost for this event would be \$1500, which is a special reduced rate for our school made possible through the efforts of the Wellness Team, a request is made for PSSC for assistance in covering this cost, proposed amount of \$750
- d) A unique chance to utilize dance and the universal shared message of belonging it provides, kids can find personal connections in their cultures dance, art and music
- e) Will include a spoken motivational portion that can be catered towards areas of classroom curriculum, and James has a deserving reputation for delivering a strong, inspiring message of belonging and positive being
- f) Wellness Team is aiming to book a date in late November, so eager to find out answer to allow further planning
- g) Motion made by Britney to approve allocation of \$750 from council funds for this event, seconded by Jenna, motion passed
- h) The Wellness Team liked that

Grade 2 Team

- a) The Grade 2 Team shares exciting news that they have been organizing a field trip to participate in a weeklong series of events, put on through Campus Calgary / Open Minds. This is expected to include visits to Stampede School and Arts Commons.
- b) To achieve the required funding, a goal of \$6500 has been established, fundraising activities are in effect, with current being a Kernels Popcorn sale.
- c) Teachers make a request for volunteers to provide assistance with transportation and sorting, among other things that may be required, Council ran a successful Kernels Fundraiser last year and that experience will help with this one
- d) Positive response from attendees, many hands go up, when the time comes and the orders are ready in December, volunteers will be ready

Kindergarten Team

- a) Play based learning, a concept of learning through play directed by student choice, allowing exploration of their world environment and to explore the spaces around them
- b) A video is shown depicting daily classroom activities, wonderful moments captured showing how students have been learning since starting the school year
- c) Hands on with materials, students are given many ways to create and share allowing social interaction to develop alongside imagination and emotional skills, supported in the classroom group setting
- d) Many daily activities are role played in the classroom, examples like making the table for dinner and expand on things they are familiar with at home
- e) Social Skills, interactions like turn-taking and problem-solving collaboration, experiments with cars, how far they go and what can be changed to make them go further? Asking children questions and spurring curiosity

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Grade 1 Team

- a) Current classroom activities involve teaching phonemics awareness and techniques through the proven Heggerty curriculum
- b) Consistent daily lessons that chart a student's progress, lessons target various areas of Phonemics like segmenting, blending and rhyming
- c) Understanding how sounds work in a language is crucial to building understanding of decoding and fluent reading skills
- d) Teachers demonstrate different exercises and sound identification lessons, matching what letters make those sounds, videos of students participating in lessons shown to further illustrate the goals and execution of the Heggerty Method

5. Principal Report – 6:15pm start

- a) Administrative staff are currently composing and distributing surveys for gathering feedback on various aspects of students experiences with school and other areas of life
- c) These will be aimed at grades 4 and 7, with the goal of gaining a greater understanding of the current student environment at PSS
- d) School Development Plan- The SDP continues to be implemented and has had a new goal added this year to further foster school spirit and allow students opportunities to grow deeper connections to their school and be proud of the place they go to learn

6. General Discussion – 6:19 pm Start

- a) School Instagram accounts, these have been consolidated into one account, as opposed to the model from last year where each class made their own, things are now more concisely collected to one place, allowing all classes to participate

7. Next Meeting – November 18, 2024

8. Meeting adjourns – 6:20 pm – Britney adjourns meeting



Prairie Sky School Fundraising Society

Scheduled Meeting

October 21, 2024 @ 6:30 PM (Or following PSSC meeting)

1. Welcome, Call to Order @ 6:20 PM

A) Britney Bennet opens our second meeting of the year following the PSSC meeting

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes –

A) Minutes approved

3. General Discussion

- A) Fundraising - Table for upcoming conferences, can we assist the Grade 2 Team with their Kernels Fundraiser by including it at the table?
- B) Holiday / Winter fundraising ideas - Snow melt, may have supplier contact to assist and guide process
- C) Melody has collected survey feedback for what fundraiser ideas people would be most interested in, list as follows
 - 1- Healthy Hunger (Fun Lunch)
 - 2- Kernels Popcorn
 - 3- Coco Brooks Pizza
 - 4- Purdys Chocolate
- D) Ways to increase feedback responses? Maybe we can set up a computer at the upcoming conferences that parts can use to complete survey while at the school
- E) Decision made to assign 3 people to run consecutive fundraisers
 - 1. – Coco Brooks – Jenna
 - 2. – Purdys Chocolate – Britney
 - 3. – Cookie Dough – Melody
- F) Motion made to split the profits for the upcoming conference Snack Shack Table – 50/50 split between council and Grade 2's
- G) Class time Snack Shack – Discussions around feasibility of continuing in its current state, the concept of moving cart around to take it direct to students has been working out, but volunteer availability and the overall size of the school present challenges. Ideas like splitting over 3 days to comfortably accommodate the student population. Decision made to re-visit topic in January 2025, let's focus on 3 upcoming fundraisers

H) Casino update – 8 weeks process time has elapsed on our application, response pending

4. Meeting Adjourned

A) Meeting Adjourned – 6:45pm – Next meeting will be Nov 18, 2024 following School Council meeting